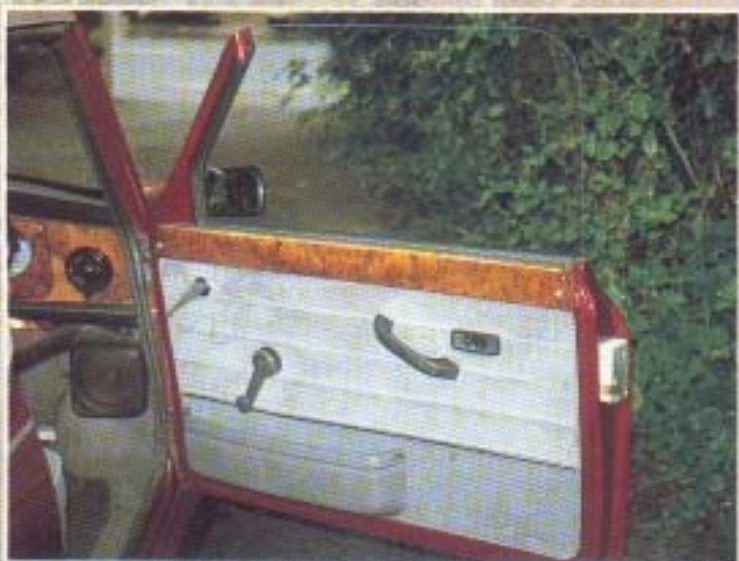
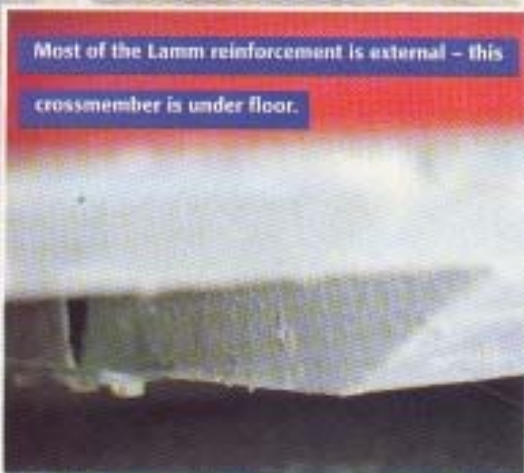




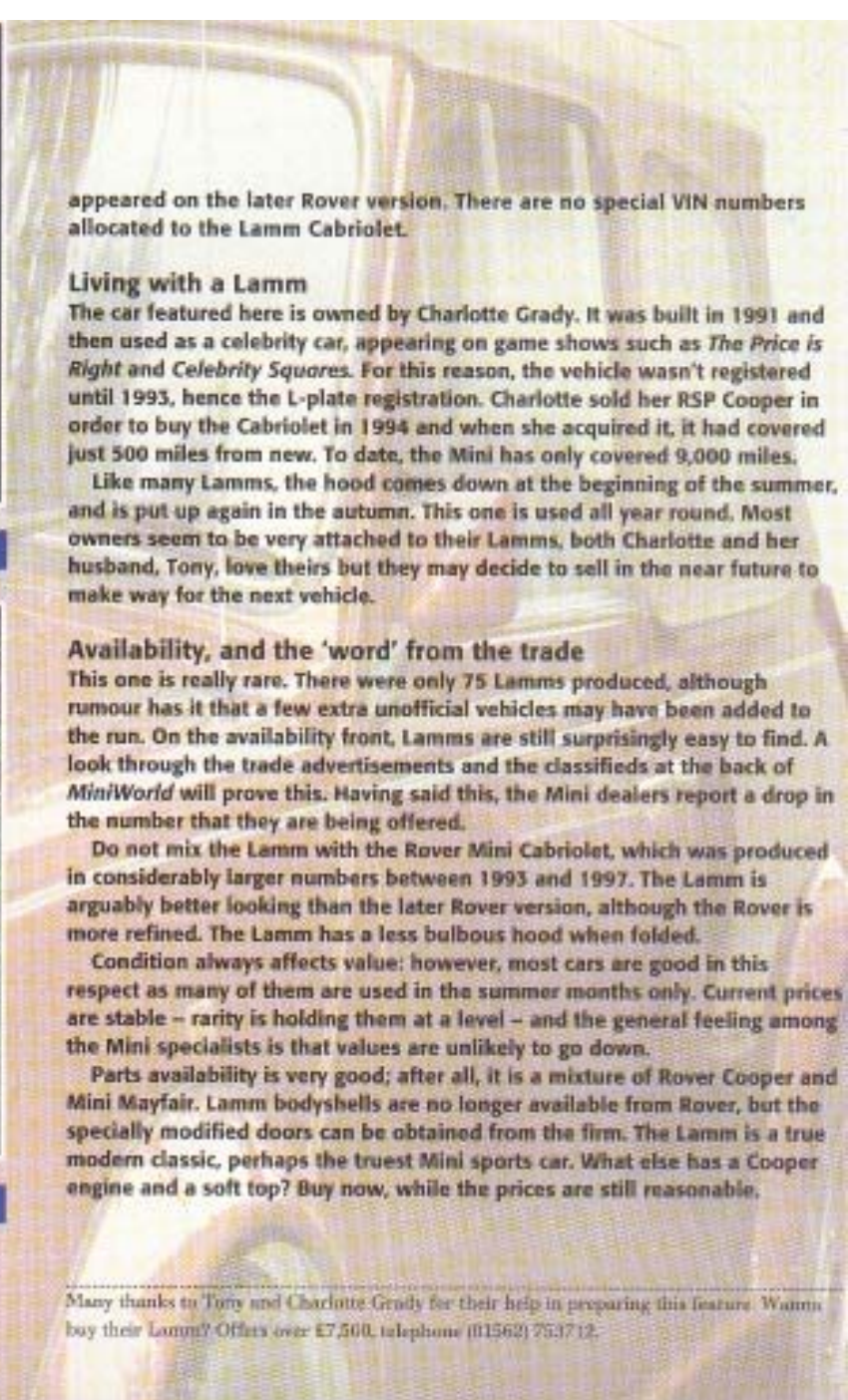
Clever tidying at windscreen top corners. Cabrios often let down here.



Doors 'nearly' pillarless but aesthetically worth the extra work.



Corners of front spoiler are particularly vulnerable.



appeared on the later Rover version. There are no special VIN numbers allocated to the Lamm Cabriolet.

Living with a Lamm

The car featured here is owned by Charlotte Grady. It was built in 1991 and then used as a celebrity car, appearing on game shows such as *The Price is Right* and *Celebrity Squares*. For this reason, the vehicle wasn't registered until 1993, hence the L-plate registration. Charlotte sold her RSP Cooper in order to buy the Cabriolet in 1994 and when she acquired it, it had covered just 500 miles from new. To date, the Mini has only covered 9,000 miles.

Like many Lamms, the hood comes down at the beginning of the summer, and is put up again in the autumn. This one is used all year round. Most owners seem to be very attached to their Lamms, both Charlotte and her husband, Tony, love theirs but they may decide to sell in the near future to make way for the next vehicle.

Availability, and the 'word' from the trade

This one is really rare. There were only 75 Lamms produced, although rumour has it that a few extra unofficial vehicles may have been added to the run. On the availability front, Lamms are still surprisingly easy to find. A look through the trade advertisements and the classifieds at the back of *MiniWorld* will prove this. Having said this, the Mini dealers report a drop in the number that they are being offered.

Do not mix the Lamm with the Rover Mini Cabriolet, which was produced in considerably larger numbers between 1993 and 1997. The Lamm is arguably better looking than the later Rover version, although the Rover is more refined. The Lamm has a less bulbous hood when folded.

Condition always affects value: however, most cars are good in this respect as many of them are used in the summer months only. Current prices are stable – rarity is holding them at a level – and the general feeling among the Mini specialists is that values are unlikely to go down.

Parts availability is very good; after all, it is a mixture of Rover Cooper and Mini Mayfair. Lamm bodyshells are no longer available from Rover, but the specially modified doors can be obtained from the firm. The Lamm is a true modern classic, perhaps the truest Mini sports car. What else has a Cooper engine and a soft top? Buy now, while the prices are still reasonable.

Many thanks to Tony and Charlotte Grady for their help in preparing this feature. Want to buy their Lamm? Offers over £7,500, telephone (01562) 753712.



Make the usual checks for rust around the seams. Lamms still mostly too young for bad rust problems.