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8 tips for buying a BMW Isetta:

- DIY:** The Isetta is pretty much the perfect car for DIY fans. The technology is not too complicated and you don't need a lot of space to take it apart.
- Make sure the parts are original:** Isetta drivers can get spare parts directly or from the BMW Group Classic [Online Shop](#), from [Certified BMW Classic Partners](#) and model specialists, such as the [Isetta Club](#). You can purchase less common parts from [Isettas R Us](#), a partner of BMW Group Classic based in the U.S. Unfortunately, restorers don't always use original materials. For example, the chassis number might not always match the installed engine. In this case, you should get help from an expert.
- Check the engine and gearbox:** Because of their low horsepower, Isettats were mostly driven at full throttle. So the engine often needs a complete overhaul. You should pay particular attention to the crankshaft, the crankshaft bearings, the pistons and the cylinder head. The gearbox probably also needs an inspection, along with the shifter box, drive chain and brake system.
- Check the chassis and the surrounding parts:** You should always take a look at the kingpins. And check the pedal block and the steering system.
- Track down rust:** Pay special attention to folds in the body. Check chassis members thoroughly as well, plus the floor pan, battery compartment and wheel wells.
- Be realistic with your calculations:** You would have to invest (in 2019) between 45,000 and 55,000 US-dollars (34,000 – 42,000 pounds sterling) for an Isetta in top condition, restored to its original glory. For around 28,000 dollars (21,000 pounds), you will get a fairly well maintained Isetta. If you only have about 17,000 dollars (12,900 pounds) to spend, you will have a lot of work on your plate.
- Buying for love:** If an Isetta is your heart's desire, go for it. But don't speculate on its value increasing. Prices are already relatively high, and restoring it will use up a lot of cash.
- Ask an expert:** [BMW Group Classic](#) and the official Isetta Club can help you with any questions about the bubble car.

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