

1952 Standard Vanguard Phase I

The Vanguard Phase I was a completely new design from Standard Vanguard, its exterior styling being reminiscent of many contemporary US saloons. The bold four-door body featured a distinctive, sloping rear boot lid and an attractive "wrap-around" grille. Production began in 1947 and ceased in 1952 after 184,799 vehicles had rolled off the lines. It was superseded by the Phase II and Phase III models.



In line with the post war British export drive, virtually all of the total output during the first two years of production was exported with significant deliveries to the home market really only starting in 1950.

The car used a conventional, separate chassis on which was mounted the American inspired and semi-streamlined four-door body. The mechanical specification was thoroughly modern for the time and included all-synchromesh gears, front coil suspension and hydraulic brakes. Beneath the Vanguard's bonnet sat an all new four cylinder engine of 2088cc, complete with overhead valves, which was capable of reaching 80 MPH with a 0-60 MPH time of 25 seconds.

This particular Standard Vanguard was manufactured in 1952 and acquired by the BK Museum in 1996. Restoration to the present pristine condition was completed in 1998 by the late John Hayward.