


CLASSIC DRIVER

1963 Aston Martin DB4

Lot sold	USD 0 EUR 0 (listed)	Lenkung	Links
Baujahr	1963	Zustand	Restauriert
Losnummer	157	Standort	
		Außenfarbe	Sonstige
		Automobiltyp	Cabriolet / Roadster

Beschreibung

French title

Chassis n° DB4C/1100/L

Engine n° 370/1141

- Extremely attractive and rare cabriolet
- Superb condition, coming from one of the biggest French collections
- Unique specification
- Comprehensive history file on the restoration and maintenance
- One of 19 left-hand drive examples

The DB series is legendary, made famous not just by James Bond, but also by its driving qualities, combining the refinement of a luxurious British interior, the charisma of an original Italian design and the brio of an imposing engine. With 240 bhp at its disposal, this superb automobile was capable of over 225 km/h and when it was presented in 1958 the DB4 was greeted with critical acclaim. It established a new benchmark for sports cars and served as a base for the future DB5 and DB6 models. It is worth remembering that there were just 70 examples of the DB4 cabriolet, all series combined, six less than the legendary DB4 GT.

This elegant cabriolet was sold new in the United States on 4 December 1963. The buyer, Harry Adler, lived in Baltimore, and the car stayed across the Atlantic until February 1991, registered AL 35209. It was subsequently exported from the US by William van Hove, of Classic Stars, and sold on 6 February 1991 to Ivan Ginioux, the major Citroën collector. Ginioux was known for his rigorous standards and the quality of his restorations, and he was attracted by the refined luxury of this Aston Martin. The car was then registered 8621 PB 94. He enjoyed the car for over a decade, commissioning a high-quality and well-documented restoration principally carried out by Aston Martin in the UK. On 6 November 2004 he sold the car to the Belgian Dany de Landsheer (registration DDL 666), who, in turn, sold it to its last owner on 8 June 2012, having repainted it the colour it is today. The current owner is a French connoisseur, whose collection is renowned for its authenticity and the standard of restoration, which has earned him several international concours awards. This magnificent Aston Martin is no exception; totally original mechanically, the chassis number is to be found on opening parts and even on some elements of the dashboard. It was the " Postwar Open Car " class winner at the concours d'élégance de Zoute, in Belgium in October 2013.

As recorded on the factory sheet, this car was liveried in " Caribbean Pearl " with " White Gold " Connolly leather upholstery. It came with the optional extras of chrome wire wheels, Motorola 808 radio and very rare electric windows. Between 2001 and 2004, maintenance and an engine rebuild have been carried out by Aston Martin France and in 2005, the paintwork and upholstery were re-done by the établissements Antonacci. The car has been maintained by Provost Automobiles since 2012 and GT Label were given the task of perfecting the paintwork and interior in 2015. It is

equipped with its original (matching numbers) engine and comes with a large file containing importation documentation, restoration and maintenance invoices between 1991 and 2004, interesting 'historical' letters concerning the first two European owners with their respective American and Belgian sellers ; photographs of the car in its original livery and an original instruction book for the DB4.

Presented today in deep blue, this Aston Martin cabriolet is in breathtaking condition, with faultless paintwork and rich leather upholstery that tempts one to sit inside and contemplate the beautiful dashboard, shaped to echo the radiator grille. However, this car has more to offer than good looks. Once behind the wheel, the car displays outstanding road-handling, with an irresistible engine note. One of just 19 left-hand drive examples of the series V DB4 cabriolets, this very rare car will provide its future owner with everything: aesthetic pleasure, distinction and a very comfortable drive. It is a unique opportunity in the current market.

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