


CLASSIC DRIVER



1951 David Brown Tractor

Lot sold	USD 10 292 - 12 865 GBP 8 000 - 10 000 (listed)	Lenkung	Links
Baujahr	1951	Zustand	Gebraucht
Chassisnummer	P37180	Standort	
Zahl der Sitze	2	Kraftstoff	Benzin
Antrieb	Zweirad	Außenfarbe	Sonstige
Losnummer	204		

Beschreibung

1951 David Brown T.V.O Cropmaster Tractor

Registration no. NTU 195 (believed to be original but not presently V5 registered or recorded on DVLA computer)

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Perhaps best known for his ownership of Aston Martin from 1947 to 1972, Sir David Brown had become managing director of the family firm, David Brown & Sons, in 1931. The company had been founded in 1860 by his grandfather, also called David, as pattern makers in Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, where it remains to this day. By the end of the 19th Century, the firm was specialising in the manufacture of machine-cut gears and other precision-engineered components. David Brown became Managing Director following his father Percy Brown's death in 1931.

Trading as David Brown Tractors Ltd, the company first turned to the manufacture of tractors in 1936 in collaboration with inventor Harry Ferguson, building the Ferguson-Brown tractor at a plant in Meltham Mills, West Yorkshire. However, Messrs Brown and Ferguson disagreed over design details and went their separate ways. Ferguson then entered into what would turn out to be an acrimonious

partnership with the Ford Motor Company, leaving Brown to design his own tractor, the VAK1 or 'Cropmaster', during WW2. Brown eventually sold over 7,700 of his new VAK1 heavy tractor and became a wealthy man.

In the post-war era, David Brown Ltd was one of the UK's largest tractor manufacturers. Following the acquisition of Aston Martin in 1947, these two elements of the family business became closely linked, sharing facilities and management; indeed, the manufacturing of Aston Martin cars was overseen by the tractor division's chief engineer, Bert Ashfield, while engine design and production was based at Meltham. But its owner's subsidisation of his beloved Aston Martin could not be sustained forever. When the sports car maker was sold in 1972, the tractor division was bought by Tenneco International, which eventually re-badged its products as 'Case', another tractor manufacturer it owned.

Definitely a cut above the average 'Fergie' and guaranteed to excite the more-knowledgeable enthusiasts at your local agricultural show, or even at Aston Martin gatherings, this David Brown Cropmaster is powered by a four-cylinder petrol engine driving via a three-speed gearbox. It can be switched to run on paraffin once the engine is hot. The Cropmaster was acquired by the current vendor in February 2014, having been restored by the previous owner immediately prior to purchase. Since acquisition it has been kept on display, seeing little use, and is presented in commensurately excellent condition. It should be noted that there is no V5 registration document with this Lot and that the registration 'NTU 195' (believed original) is not recorded on the DVLA computer.

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