


CLASSIC DRIVER



1987 Aston Martin V8

Lot sold	USD 416 400 - 485 800 GBP 300 000 - 350 000 (listed)	Lenkung	Links
Baujahr	1987	Zustand	Gebraucht
Chassisnummer	15569	Standort	
Zahl der Sitze	2	Kraftstoff	Benzin
Antrieb	Zweirad	Außenfarbe	Sonstige
Losnummer	231		

Beschreibung

1987 Aston Martin V8 Vantage 'X-Pack' Volante

Registration no. D266 FFL

Chassis no. 15569

'Anyone wondering why Aston Martin bother to make their own vee-8 when so many big American ones are so cheaply available need take only one look at the performance data... for the best explanation in the world. Whatever the undisclosed output of the Aston V8, it is enough to rocket this heavy car to 60mph from rest in exactly six seconds and to 100mph in only 14.7 seconds. Much more than this, we were able to reach 138 mph from rest in a mile and on the Continent record a mean maximum speed of 161.5 mph.' - Autocar, 8 July 1971.

With the resurrection of the 'Vantage' name in 1977, Aston Martin enthusiasts everywhere breathed a sigh of relief; previously applied to high-power versions of the DB six-cylinder cars, it had been dormant since the V8's arrival back in 1969. A heavier car than its six-cylinder predecessor, the V8 had suffered as emissions legislation became ever more strangulating, leading to concern that Aston Martin's traditional performance image might be lost. The arrival of the Vantage dispelled any such worries.

Propelling Aston's V8 back into the supercar league was a tuned version of the existing 5,340cc engine breathing through a quartet of 48mm Weber carburettors rather than the standard 42mm units. Valves and ports were enlarged and the camshafts changed, the end result being an estimated maximum output of around 375bhp. Chassis changes were minimal apart from the adoption of bigger ventilated discs all round and low-profile Pirelli tyres. The Vantage was, nevertheless, readily distinguishable from the standard product by virtue of its blocked-off bonnet scoop, blanked air

intake, front chin spoiler, and lip on the boot lid.

Produced to satisfy demands from the USA, the Volante debuted in 1978 but it was not until 1986 that it became available to Vantage specification, which by this time meant around 400bhp. Along with the Vantage engine and bonnet came flared wheelarches, a boot spoiler (a feature the Volante had previously lacked) and an extended front spoiler, while glassfibre extensions replaced the model's hitherto characteristic chromed sill covers. The result was a muscular, aggressive-looking car that could justifiably claim to be the world's fastest convertible, all the more so when it came with the optional 432bhp X-Pack engine like this example. A total of 166 Vantage Volantes had been completed by the end of production in December 1989.

First registered on 21st May 1987, this rare X-Pack equipped Vantage Volante has had three former keepers; the first two, though, were same person, so '15569' is effectively a two-owner car from new. Stratton Motor Company arranged the Aston's sale when new and sold it to the current owner in 1993. Finished in Chichester Blue with blue-piped Parchment hide interior, the car comes with full service history, initially with Marshall's followed by Aston Martin Lagonda and since 1990 with Stratton Motor Company, whose bills detailing the works carried out are on file. Stratton knows the Volante very well and can vouch for the fact that everything is original and as it should be.

Described by the vendor as a very good car in very nice order - good paintwork, driving well, etc this beautiful Vantage Volante X-Pack comes complete with fresh MoT, a V5C document, and all its original books, tool kit, jack, and spare wheel.

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