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1994 Aston Martin Vantage

Lot sold	USD 85 248 - 98 363 GBP 65 000 - 75 000 (listed)	Drive	LHD
Year of manufacture	1994	Condition	Used
Chassis number	SCFDAM2S9RBR700	Location	
Number of seats	2	Fuel type	Petrol
Drivetrain	2wd	Exterior colour	Other
Lot number	221	Engine number	590/70033/M

Description

1994 Aston Martin Vantage Coupé
Registration no. M676 JPB
Chassis no. SCFDAM2S9RBR70033
Engine no. 590/70033/M

'Brutal' was a word used more than once to describe the fastest Aston Martin ever on its introduction in 1992, but as the Vantage had no less than 550bhp available to propel its two tons, the choice can only be judged fair comment. After almost 20 years in production, Aston's well-liked V8 had been updated for the 1990s as the Virage. A consummate fast tourer, the Virage left room at the top of the range for an out-and-out sports car, hence the Vantage. Although the two models appeared superficially similar few panels were shared, and beneath the skin the Vantage chassis boasted the kind of extensive re-engineering required to cope with the massive increase in performance. The latter came courtesy of a blown version of Aston's 5,340cc V8, twin mechanically driven Eaton superchargers being preferred to turbo-charging on the grounds of superior throttle response. Quite apart from its stupendous maximum output, remarkable enough in itself, the engine is monstrously torquey, producing 550lb/ft at 4,000rpm, a figure that makes even the mighty Chrysler Viper V10's 450lb/ft seem puny by way of comparison and the ZF manual gearbox's six-speeds an un-necessary luxury.

On test with Autocar magazine, a development Vantage raced to 60mph in a Ferrari 512TR-

destroying 4.6 seconds, reaching the 'ton' just 5.5 seconds later. The standing kilometre was achieved in 23.1 seconds with the speedometer registering close to 150mph, and although a true top speed figure proved unobtainable, the car was reported as having already recorded 191mph while on test in France.

This early Vantage (the production sequence commenced with '70001') was supplied new via HWM to the preceding owner at his business address and effectively has had only two owners from new. The car comes with full service history consisting of 11 stamps in the service booklet to 41,000 miles, all bar one from the supplying dealer. Recent works, undertaken by HWM in 2012, include replacement of engine seals, bodywork restoration and a repaint.

The current vendor purchased the Vantage at Bonhams' sale at Aston Martin Works in April 2013 (Lot 235). Since then (in February 2014) the car has been to marque specialists Trinity Engineering of Cobham, Surrey to have all faults rectified including replacing the crown wheel/pinion and limited-slip differential unit, re-seating electrical switches, refurbishing the wheels, fitting new Pirelli tyres all round and general tidying. Now described as in generally excellent condition, 'M676 JPB' is only offered for sale because it is not to the owner's wife's taste. Finished in Sage Green with fawn leather upholstery, the car comes with the aforementioned service records, sundry invoices, current MoT/tax and V5C registration document.

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