
1961 Aston Martin DB4

Lot sold	USD 0 EUR 0 (listed)	Drive	LHD
Year of manufacture	1961	Condition	Restored
Lot number	156	Location	
		Exterior colour	Other
		Car type	Coupé

Description

French title

Chassis n° DB4/679/L

Engine n° 370/689

- Sold new in France
- Original engine, upgraded by the factory in 1962
- Rare and desirable specification
- Ordered with dashboard instruments of the DB4 GT

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. Derived from the six-cylinder Lagonda engine designed under the authority of W O Bentley, this engine was completely rebuilt by Tadek Marek for the DB4 : it retained the overhead twin cam but replaced the cast iron with aluminium and increased the capacity to 3.7-litres. Aston Martin turned to Carrozzeria Touring for the body, opting for the "superleggera" build, with alloy panels fitted to a lightweight tubular structure. 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. Following the DB2/4, which still had a strong sense of competition in its genes, the DB4 established a new benchmark for touring cars, at a time when drivers were discovering the delights of long-distance travel. The DB4 served as a base for the future DB5 and DB6 models, while itself enjoying various upgrades and developed racing versions such as the DB4 GT.

As recorded on the factory sheet, the Aston Martin DB4 on offer was delivered by the Mirabeau Garage on 16 May 1961 to its first owner, Mr. J. Quoirez, resident of the 16th arrondissement of Paris. These same records tell us that this car was ordered with several desirable optional extras such as overdrive, chrome wheels, oil cooler, high compression engine and of particular interest, the dashboard instruments of a DB4 GT, including a speedometer graduated up to 300 km/h ! To complete this enviable list, records show that on 26 February 1962, the engine was converted to a triple-carburettor specification, as on the Vantage models at that time. This is therefore a car with a specification and performance well above that of the standard DB4. With regards to aesthetics and comfort, it was kitted out with a Motorola radio with rear electric aerial, midnight blue Connolly leather upholstery, and painted " Caribbean Pearl ". During the 1980s, the car changed hands at an auction held by Mtre Poulain, passing to a certain Monsieur F.X. Poylo. His name is the only one appearing on the records under the heading " other owners ", so we presume him to be the second owner. He had the car repainted its current colour " Goodwood Green " and the original leather interior dyed black.

In 1996, he sold the Aston to its current owner, making this in all probability a three-owner car. When it changed hands in 1996, the odometer recorded 8 000 km and it displays 13 000 today, reflecting its careful use. In 1997 - 1998, it was entrusted to the workshop of marque specialist Pierre Lamy, for an engine service. In 2015, as the car had been driven so sparingly, it underwent another mechanical check. Today, the car is in a well-preserved condition, with a lovely patinated interior. Here is a rare opportunity to acquire an example that has been French from new, with a limited number of owners, and which, of particular note, remains in its original and non-standard specification.

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