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1992 Aston Martin Virage

Lot sold	USD 0 GBP 0 (listed)	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	1992	Condition	Used
Mileage	27 500 mi / 44 257 km	Location	
Gearbox	Manual	Exterior colour	Other
Lot number	172	Car type	Other

Description

"The Virage was Aston Martin's replacement for the decades old V8 models and introduced at the Birmingham Motor Show in 1988. This V8 powered car was intended as the company's top model with their 6 cylinder 1994 DB7 slotted below it but this V8 model (by then in Vantage form) remained the exclusive, expensive and hand built king of Astons. The Virage was a large, heavy car in spite of its all aluminium body, but the 32-valve 5.3 litre V8 engines elevated its performance to sports car levels. Acceleration just never seems to run out, claimed Sports Car International on a first test. They also praised the eager and quicker revving nature of the engine with its Callaway designed heads and Weber Marelli fuel injection. Nothing sounds quite like an Aston V8", they concluded. The Virage Volante convertible debuted at the 1990 Birmingham Motor Show with production examples beginning in 1992 featuring 2+2 seating. Sources claim that between 224 and 233 examples had been produced when the series ended in 1996.

Registered on 25th September 1992 this example is presented in an extremely rare finish of Suffolk red with cream leather and boasts just two previous owners. This collectable Aston Martin Virage Volante has undergone a full body restoration to an extremely high level and the results are extremely satisfying. Mechanically the car is described by the vendor as perfect, having received a

top end rebuild and the interior is as new. The restoration process importantly retained all factory specifications and thus the car has the original matching numbers engine and gearbox.

The vendor describes the comprehensive body restoration as a better than the factory finish and adds that the full onboard computer has been rebuilt at an extraordinary cost with all electrics comprehensively checked, as the modern (at the time) electronic systems were a weakness that Virage's suffered from. Within the history file this example has all the original manuals, wallets and two keys.

This car, with four brand new original tyres and with a tonneau cover is ready to drive and enjoy. Only 233 Virage Volantes were manufactured and sold by Aston Martin and with later examples creeping up in price, any Volante looks to be a sound future investment proposition. In particular, this vehicle, with its outstanding condition, is a wonderful opportunity for the serious investor or collector to acquire one of the last hand built cars made by Aston Martin."

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