


# CLASSIC DRIVER



## 1973 Aston Martin V8

Lot sold	<b>USD 0</b> GBP 0 (listed)	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	1973	Condition	Used
Mileage	102 980 mi / 165 731 km	Location	
Gearbox	Manual	Exterior colour	Other
Lot number	214	Car type	Other

### Description

"The six cylinder William Towns styled DBS had been around for a couple of years anxiously awaiting the V8 engine that had been especially designed for it. In early 1970, the DBS V8 was finally ready to become one of the fastest cars available at the time. The 5.3 litre Tadek Marek-designed engine was able to develop around 320bhp, which gave the ability to reach 160mph; all this with space for four people. Demand for the car was great with production reaching 402 examples within just two years. From April 1972, the DBS V8 received a mild restyle and a new name. The 'DB' was dropped as David Brown had sold the company and the car became known simply as the 'Aston Martin V8'. The most visible change was the adoption of two 7 quartz iodine headlamps and black mesh grill, the design of which was the work of the original designer, William Towns.

This Aston Martin V8 was first registered on the 19th October 1973 and, importantly, is a manual gearbox example and one of just 258 made. Offered in Mendip Blue with blue leather upholstery, this example is in fabulous condition and has had just three owners from new. In 2016, the current vendor decided to commission Trinity Engineering of Chobham, Surrey, to undergo a full shakedown on the glorious V8 engine. What started as a shakedown swiftly developed into a minor restoration resulting in a final bill just shy of £22,000. Invoices in the history file from Trinity show works including; to the

engine, an updated viscous fan, refurbished radiator and a full engine service including synchronising the throttle butterflies and setting the throttle position. A new clutch master cylinder was also fitted, the differential assembly was removed, new drive shaft bearings fitted together with new wheel bearings and prop shaft. The steering rack was replaced and the brake system completely overhauled. All electrics were checked for operation before a few minor cosmetic works were carried out and then returned to the vendor. With recent work to such a high standard and fitted with its original engine, this Aston Martin V8 is a particularly attractive proposition and epitomises everything about a British built grand tourer of the seventies.

A current MoT test certificate, valid until September 2018 with no advisories, can be found in the history file as well as a new service invoice from Trinity Engineering, All give confidence to the gorgeous sound of the V8 engine. The armchair like seats and the tactile switchgear all contribute to the effortless power and style of this beautiful motor car."

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