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1973 Opel Manta

- Lot sold
USD 0
GBP 0 (listed)
Year of manufacture 1973
- **Mileage** 99 348 mi / 159 886 km
- **Gearbox** Manual
- **Lot number** 281
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- **Drive** RHD
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
- **Exterior colour** Other
- **Car type** Other
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Description

"The Manta A Series was released in September 1970, two months ahead of the new Opel Ascona on which it was based. A competitor to the Ford Capri, it was a two door 'three-box' coupé, and featured distinctive round tail lights, quite similar to those on the Opel GT and which, in fact, were used on the GT in 1973, its final model year. It took its name, and a few minor styling cues, from the Manta Ray concept car, which also famously influenced the 1968 Chevrolet Corvette C3. The Manta was normally equipped with 1.6 or 1.9 litre CIH engine, although in Europe a small, 1.2 litre, motor was also offered. It came with either a 4-speed manual or an optional 3-speed TH-180 automatic. Known to be one of the best handling cars in its class and went on to win a large number of rallies in Europe and the United States.

This 1973 1.6 Opel Manta 1600GT was sourced and imported from South Africa in March 2016 and as such is a very solid example borne out by the recent MoT certificate valid until April 2019. Presented in white with a contrasting black bonnet and interior, this A Series is certainly imposing and reminiscent of the Corvette the Manta concept car inspired. The history file contains all the necessary import documentation and Owner's Manual together with the MoT test certificate and V5 registration document. Sitting on period wheels with the twin round light rear lights and coming from a dry climate, this car is naturally desirable to collectors and enthusiasts alike and is offered at no reserve."

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