
1998 BMW 323 - Ti

Ti

Lot sold	USD 8 013 - 13 736 EUR 7 000 - 12 000 (listed)	Drive	LHD
Year of manufacture	1998	Condition	Original condition
Gearbox	Manual	Location	
Chassis number	WBACG31010AW90	Fuel type	Petrol
Drivetrain	2wd	Exterior colour	Black
		Car type	Coupé

Description

Registration : French papers

- High performance engine with pleasing sonority
- Numerous options
- Sporting character

With the BMW 3 Series (E36), launched in 1994, the Bavarian constructor entered a new market segment, that of compact hatchback saloons. At the bottom of the range BMW offered the 316i and the 318i, both with 4 cylinder engines. It was only in 1997 that the 3 Series would be extended with the 323 ti, fitted with an entirely new, all-aluminium, straight-6 engine. In the "super GTI" category, buyers were more accustomed to 4 cylinder models. With 170 bhp and 245 Nm torque, this compact saloon showed high temperament but also good flexibility. The platform was a hybrid, with an E36 generation structure at the front and the rear end from the previous E30 generation. The 50-50 front/rear weight distribution gives an ideal balance and the 323 ti would acquire a reputation as a well balanced car with a reliable engine and a handsome interior with excellent build quality.

The BMW 323 ti in our sale was delivered new in Switzerland on 12th June 1998 by the concessionaire BMW Jan-Autos in Lausanne. The original service records show that the car was regularly maintained by BMW concessionaires and all the available documents appear to confirm that the odometer reading of 159 000 km is genuine. The original paintwork in Cosmosschwarz metallic is

beautifully shiny and the bodywork does not show any trace of damage or repaired accidents. This car is particularly well equipped with options, including the M Technic aerodynamic kit, the Chrome-Line pack, heated full leather sports seats. The latter are in very good condition. When we road tested the vehicle, we appreciated the smoothness of the 6 cylinder engine and the easy gear-changing of the 5-speed box. With handling prioritizing driver pleasure while remaining sure-footed and predictable, combined with the 170 bhp output, this 323 ti is a leading contender in the "super GTI" category and certainly deserves close consideration.

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