
1989 BMW E30 M3 Johnny Cecotto Ltd Edition

Lot sold	USD 94 982 - 115 335 GBP 70 000 - 85 000 (listed)	Drive	LHD
Year of manufacture	1989	Condition	Used
Gearbox	Manual	Location	
Chassis number	WBSAK05090AE405	Fuel type	Petrol
Number of seats	2	Exterior colour	Other
Drivetrain	2wd	Car type	Other
Lot number	324	Exterior brand colour	Sliver grey
		Interior brand colour	Grey cloth

Description

Guide price: £70000 - £85000.

- Property of pop legend and Jamiroquai frontman - Jay Kay
 - Owned by him for a decade and very well maintained. Less than 18,000 miles from new
 - A 'Johnny Cecotto' Limited Edition, with 215bhp, factory Evo II spoilers and thinner glass etc
 - All finished in the same shade of Nogaro Silver, black centred wheels, unique trim, and with appropriate badging
 - Extremely rare with just 505 versions ever built worldwide so highly collectable and sought after
- The BMW M3 was introduced in 1986 as an "Homologation Special" to allow BMW to compete Internationally in Touring Car races and International rallies around the globe. It was designed on the drawing board exclusively with competition in mind and was the first BMW built with the sole aim of winning races. Its global success made BMW a highly credible entrant in races throughout the world and undoubtedly directly contributed to BMW becoming a global brand, recognised for engineering excellence and driver-focused cars. Only ever available in left-hand drive form, the E30 M3 was refined during its 7-year production life with numerous variants allowing more and more specific components to be homologated and subsequently able to appear on their race and rally cars. One of these variants was a strictly limited edition M3 known as the "Johnny Cecotto", launched in 1989,

which celebrated his (and the BMW M3's) victory in the 1988 European Touring Car Championship. Externally all were finished in the same darker version of Nogaro Silver with larger black centred wheels and a unique trim with appropriate badging on the dashboard. In addition to their bespoke colour and trim, various other performance parts were added and the engine upgraded to 215 BHP. Just 505 versions were ever built worldwide. This, therefore, is a particularly rare example of a Johnny Cecotto edition and has covered just under 18,000 miles from new in total, with a full and comprehensive service and MoT history. Bought by Jay Kay around ten years ago, the car has been one of his 'pride and joy', long-term members of his private collection, having occasional use, but always stored in a temperature controlled professional environment. Imported in 1995 to the UK with just 7,000 km on the clock by Munich Legends, the speedo was professionally changed for a UK MPH clock which now shows just over 13,000 miles and naturally this change was fully documented. All prior MoTs are present in a comprehensive history file which includes details of the car's most recent major service and further attention in September 2017. This is a very rare and special car, in outstanding condition, and with exceptional provenance, that is ready to drive and enjoy today with an MoT until August 2019 and all its manuals and service history present.

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