
1974 Holden Monaro - HQ GTS 308

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Lot sold	USD 31 766 - 39 140 EUR 28 000 - 34 500 (listed)	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	1974	Condition	Used
Gearbox	Automatic	Location	
Chassis number	DHQ05432S	Fuel type	Petrol
Number of seats	2	Exterior colour	White
Number of doors	4	Car type	Other
Drivetrain	2wd	Engine number	QT455288
Lot number	52	Exterior brand colour	Glacier White
		Interior brand colour	Black

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Introduced in July 1971, Holden's all-new HQ series was a milestone car for General Motors, boasting fresh styling, unitary construction, redesigned suspension, improved brakes and modern interior. Conceived with Australian conditions in mind from the outset, the model range was greatly expanded and performance enthusiasts were catered for with the Monaro, available in either two or four-door (from early 1973 on) guise for the first time. With a variety of trim levels and several different engine/transmission combinations available, Holden built a Monaro to suit just about every type of buyer, from those looking for a stylish cruiser to out and out muscle cars. A number of trim options were available for the HQ Monaro, including the LS (which stood for Luxury Sport) and more performance oriented GTS. Boasting steel sports wheels, a well-equipped interior and revised exterior styling, the Monaro GTS package came with GM-H's 253-cid V8 as standard (with either the 308-cid or 350-cid V8s optional) along with a choice of either four-speed manual or the Trimatic automatic transmission. Inside the GTS's cabin there were bucket seats (with houndstooth check seat trim an option), a gunmetal-finish dash with full instrumentation, including a tacho. The exterior came with

blacked-out grille and headlamp surrounds, bonnet black-outs, triple vents behind the front wheel arches and unique wheel trims. The HQ Monaro GTS certainly looked the business and Holden's advertising pitch summed it up nicely with the line "Where's the action? Right here." The Monaro proved to be a great success with the press and public alike and is still held in high regard by enthusiasts today, with prices rising fast in recent years.

HISTORY

- Desirable two-owner HQ Monaro GTS
- Optioned with power windows, power steering and air
- Offered at No Reserve by long-term owner

Nicely optioned with factory air conditioning, power steering and electric windows, this very original HQ Monaro left Holdens's Pagewood, Sydney factory in January 1974 finished in Glacier White (1821) with black vinyl (30X) trim, with a 308-cid V8 mated to the Tri-Matic auto under the bonnet. As documented by the original sales receipt, the current owner purchased the Monaro from Automobiles of Distinction on Parramatta Road, Summer Hill in 1978 and has cherished it for the past forty years. Reading approximately 40,000 kms at the time of purchase, the odometer is now showing 63,500 kms but we are advised the car has been round the clock once. Always garaged and regularly serviced (with a good history file), the Holden was never daily driven, reserved primarily for weekend trips. A very honest and original Monaro GTS that drives well, the car has a few modern upgrades including electronic ignition, Aunger Hotwire mag wheels (shod with fresh rubber), Koni shock absorbers and ceramic-coated headers with stainless steel tail pipes. The car presents well, the tidy interior showing wear commensurate with age, a split on the driver's seat the only obvious repair needed, while the duco has some issues evident in the rear quarter panels and above the wheelarches. Registered in NSW until February 2019, the Holden comes with an aftermarket stereo but the original push- button radio is supplied.

Note: Shannons advise that all potential buyers research all vehicles before purchase to authenticate originality.

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