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## 1978 Aston Martin V8

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Lot sold	<b>USD 76 091 - 89 926</b> GBP 55 000 - 65 000 (listed)	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	1978	Condition	Used
Gearbox	Automatic	Location	
Chassis number	V8/11942/RCAS	Fuel type	Petrol
Number of seats	2	Exterior colour	Other
Drivetrain	2wd	Car type	Other
Lot number	420	Engine number	V/540/1942/S
		Exterior brand colour	Green

### Description

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Guide price: ??55000 - ??65000.

- A UK-supplied, right-hand drive Series III - one of only 967 produced
- Supplied with a UK V5c, an MOT until October 2019 and its original service book
- The history file contains old invoices and a host of previous MOT certificates
- A very useable British 'muscle car' now showing 78,400 miles on the odometer

Aston Martin's customers had been clamouring for an eight-cylinder car for years, so eventually the design team at Newport Pagnell succumbed to pressure from the marketing department and a larger two-door saloon for V8 applications was on the drawing board. However, in 1967 when the DBS first saw the light of day, the V8 engine was nowhere near ready so the new car was put into production with the straight-six Vantage engine from the DB6. Two years later, Tadek Marek's V8 was production ready and Aston released the DBS V8. With the demise of the straight-six Vantage in 1973, the DBS V8, now restyled and called simply the Aston Martin V8, became the company's mainstream car for nearly two decades. It took a well-earned retirement in favour of the Virage in 1989. Offered here is a 1978 V8 Series III automatic supplied through County Motor Garages of Johnstone, to a Mr D. D. Smith of Wishaw, North Lanarkshire. Thought to have been originally supplied in silver, the car is now presented in Buckingham Green with a red leather interior. Our vendor purchased the Aston in 2016 and has used it frequently as his 'daily driver' to work. During his ownership, the wheels have been

refurbished, the underside of the car cleaned and checked, and the car MOT tested. The file contains the original service book, which has been stamped up to July 1986, a workshop manual, original warranty, a host of old MOTs and invoices and its Certificate of Ownership. Supplied with a UK V5c and an MOT until October 2019, this British muscle car, now showing 78,400 miles on the odometer would benefit from a little detailing here and there but is an eminently usable and attractive car. With its DB predecessors commanding challenging amounts, these V8s are now getting the attention they've so richly deserved for many years.

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