
1963 Bentley S3

Lot sold	USD 35 133 - 58 555 EUR 30 000 - 50 000 (listed)	Drive	LHD
Year of manufacture	1963	Condition	Restored
Chassis number	B318LCN	Location	
Number of seats	2	Fuel type	Petrol
Drivetrain	2wd	Exterior colour	Grey
Lot number	21	Car type	Saloon

Description

French registration documents

Rare French-market S3

Most developed version of the model

Only 1286 made

In October 1962 the Bentley S2 gave way to the S3. This last series of S-type is easily distinguished by its four-headlamp front, giving better lighting and belatedly fitting in with transatlantic styling fashions. But the differences don't stop there. The radiator is 38mm (1.5in) shorter, allowing a lower bonnet-line, the interior has more rear legroom and shoulder room, the engine is more powerful, and the steering improved. The brakes and suspension, on the other hand, remain unchanged. In fact Rolls-Royce, owner since 1931 of the Bentley marque, had been hesitating about a move to disc brakes, as testing had revealed them to be noisier than drums – unacceptable for this drawing-room on wheels! All in all, the S3 – produced until 1965 – was more than just a stop-gap pending the arrival of the T-type: it was a worthy high-point in the development of the S-type and Silver Cloud range. The car presented here was delivered new on 20 March 1963 by Levallois-based importer Franco-Britannic Autos, and is thus a genuine left-hand-drive car. It is in excellent bodily and mechanical order, with the engine and automatic gearbox having been rebuilt ten years ago by Rolls-Royce and Bentley specialist Americo Automobiles, and on test it drove perfectly. The two-tone grey coachwork was repainted a few years ago and the chrome is in good condition. The wood-trimmed interior in

grey leather with matching wool rugs is in an excellent state, including the headlining and of course the folding picnic tables that were once such a feature of British luxury cars. Over the coming years the new owner will thus have very little to concern himself with, as he enjoys this sculptural and elegant machine. Delightful to drive, even in today's traffic, this Bentley is truly a sumptuous vehicle that merits being rediscovered.

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