
1960 Aston Martin DB4

Lot sold	USD 0 GBP 0 (listed)	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	1960	Condition	Used
Mileage	31 538 mi / 50 756 km	Location	
Gearbox	Manual	Exterior colour	Other
Lot number	179	Car type	Other

Description

"Manufactured between October 1958 and June 1963, the Aston Martin DB4 developed no fewer than five series. However, it should be made clear that the cars were not thus designated by the factory, this nomenclature having been suggested subsequently by the Aston Martin Owners Club to aid identification as the model evolved. The first series had already undergone a number of improvements including the fitting of heavy-duty bumpers after the first 50 cars, before the second series arrived in January 1960. A front hinged bonnet, larger brake calipers and an enlarged sump were the major changes made on the Series II while the third series featured separate rear lights, two bonnet stays and a host of improvements to the interior fittings. Manufactured between September 1961 and October 1962, the fourth series was readily distinguishable by its shallower bonnet intake, recessed rear lights and new grille with seven vertical bars. The final, fifth series was built on a 3.5 inch longer wheelbase (allowing for increased legroom and a larger boot) and gained 15 wheels, an electric radiator fan and the DB4GT-type instrument panel. As 'Motors' declared in 1965, The Aston Martin DB4 was perhaps the finest compromise which the David Brown-owned company ever achieved between exceptionally high-quality, exceptionally high-performance, exceptionally lavish finishing and yet properly contained overall size and weight – a great British product, benefiting from the styling input of Touring of Milan.

This DB4 was originally sold to Mr. R. G. Lawrence in Norwich by Aston Martin dealers Brooklands of Bond Street, London on 17th August 1960. It was then sold to Mr. Hudson-Morley in Leeds who then sold it to Mr. Boxston in Bath. After that, records show that the car was bought by father and son, Mr.

Alain and Laurent De Clercq in France where it remained for a number of years. Whilst in Mr. De Clercq's ownership, much work was carried out by Atelier de L'Artisan, owned by Frederic DeLaere, between 2012 and 2015, invoices for which are included in the history file. It was subsequently registered in the UK on 22nd March 2016 with the registration number it bears today. The history file contains a record of invoices detailing all work carried out each year from 2016 to 2019 by Aston Martin Works in Newport Pagnell which totals £38,942. Copies of photos of some of the work are also included in the file. The wonderful red leather interior is original and in very good condition and the present owner had the 1960 rear windscreen removed and replaced with a bespoke new one to include a built in aerial for the original radio which is in 100% working order, complete with the words 'Aston Martin' lighting up in LEDs when on. He also had some modern internal work completed to bring it up to today's standard including converting the electrical system to negative earth at a cost in excess of £6,000, all whilst retaining the original aesthetics. The exterior paintwork, in iconic Aston Martin Metallic Green, is in exemplary condition. This fabulous example of the iconic British sports car is still stunningly beautiful and the sound of the straight six engine howling through the country roads is addictive. Without doubt this is a splendid example of one of Newport Pagnell's finest designs.

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