


CLASSIC DRIVER

1963 Daimler SP 250

- Lot sold
USD 0
GBP 0 (listed)
Year of manufacture 1963
- **Mileage** 82 225 mi / 132 329 km
- **Gearbox** Manual
- **Lot number** 168
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- **Drive** RHD
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
- **Exterior colour** Other
- **Car type** Other
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Description

"The controversially styled Daimler Dart was introduced at the New York Motor Show in 1959 and had its European debut at the 1959 Earls Court Motor Show; the Dart name was soon dropped after the threat of legal action from Chrysler who had a car of that name within their Dodge division. Thereafter this new sports car was known as the Daimler SP250. Power was provided by the 2.5 litre, Edward Turner designed, V8 that soon became revered for the smoothness in its power delivery with 140bhp on tap. Independent double wishbone front suspension at the front and half elliptical springs at the rear with a live rear axle kept the car on the road with stopping power supplied by hydraulic disc brakes on all four corners. The coachwork was constructed with glass reinforced plastic providing a tough, strong and lightweight shape that enhanced performance with exciting and non-traditional looks. The 120mph plus capability was recognised by the police and they were soon being used as high-speed chase cars.

This very good Daimler SP250 'B' Specification was first registered on Valentine's day 1963 and was restored in the 1980's. In the late 1980's, after the restoration, it was purchased by Mr. John Hill who kept the car for 18 years before selling it to the current owner in 2007. Over the next few years, the car has had various specialist work carried out, mostly by John Kemply historic sports and race car specialists of Sussex. This work included a full engine rebuild which involved it been fully balanced and using original 'old stock' Hepworth pistons and crankshaft, the gearbox fully rebuilt and fitting a diaphragm clutch with a thrust bearing conversion, Spax shock absorbers with replacement rear springs, a fast flow radiator and additional electric fan, a complete stainless steel exhaust system, electronic ignition, a new fuel tank with

integral reserve fuel solenoid, Coopercraft front brake calipers and brake discs and new tyres. Finished in red with black interior, this SP250 is supplied with the complete original front bumper, a V5 registration document and a file containing invoices for the work carried out over recent years. The MoT history shows that this car has covered less than 10,000 miles whilst in the current owner's possession. This car comes from a private collection of a discerning collector and enthusiast, which can be seen in the care taken with this car. This is a great opportunity to own a rare 'B' Specification SP250 which is very usable and appreciating car."

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