


CLASSIC DRIVER



2003 Aston Martin DB7 - DB AR1

DB AR1

Lot sold	USD 0	Condition	Used
Year of manufacture	2003	Location	
Lot number	192	Exterior colour	Other
		Car type	Other

Description

- One of the most attractive examples of Zagato coachwork
- Under 350 miles from new
- The 88th of only 99 examples built
- The only DB AR1 clad in Ferrari Titanium Gray over Claret Red Leather and Charcoal/Claret carpets

Looking to reinvigorate sales and interest in the Aston Martin brand, Ford teamed up with the legendary Italian coachbuilder Zagato. In 2002 they endeavored to create a limited-production grand touring car in the spirit of the DB4 GT Zagato of the 1960s and the V8 Vantage Zagato of the 1980s.

In designing a car more alluring than the current model DB7, already considered to be one of the most attractive of its era, Zagato certainly had their work cut out for them. The Italian design house did not disappoint, and the resulting cars, the DB7 Zagato and DB AR1, are considered by many to be two of the most attractive Aston Martins ever produced. Although the DB7 Zagato coupes were only available in the European and Asian markets, the roadster was produced especially for the American market—hence the “American Roadster 1” designation.

First shown at the 2003 Los Angeles Auto Show, the DB AR1 remained true to the design of its closed sibling, albeit in an exciting fully open format. It offered time-honored Zagato design cues with a modern flair combined with exceptional performance. Thanks to the 435 horsepower, 6.0-liter V-12 engine borrowed from the contemporaneous Vanquish, the DB AR1 accelerates from 0-60 mph in just 4.9 seconds; its top speed is 186 mph. The active sports exhaust system provides the DB AR1 with a very distinctive, thoroughly exciting exhaust note befitting such an automobile. The DB AR1 is also

fitted with the DB7 GT quick-shift gear lever and special multi-spoke 19-inch alloy wheels with low-profile tires for excellent road-holding performance.

This DB AR1 is the 88th of just 99 examples produced by the Aston Martin and Zagato partnership in 2003. It is presented in the stunning, one-of-one color combination of Ferrari Titanium Gray over Claret Red Leather with charcoal carpets trimmed in matching Claret Red piping. Since acquisition by the consignor this exclusive roadster has been carefully stored and presents "like new." It is accompanied by all of its factory accoutrements including serialized manuals, tools, seat covers, and pair of factory-provided umbrellas.

A highly desirable variant of Aston Martin's iconic DB7, and a beautiful representative of that lasting partnership between the British marque and Italian design house, this DB AR1 will surely delight its next lucky custodian. Offered in a unique color combination with fewer than 350 miles on its odometer, this example checks all the right boxes.

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