



The Pavilion Gardens (102)

Wed, 22nd Jul 2009, The Pavilion Gardens

Lot 77

Estimate: £9000 - £11000 + Fees

1972 Aston Martin V8

Registration No: MPB941K

Chassis No: V810521ROA

Mot Expiry: July 2010

Introduced in April 1972 not long after the marque had been taken over by Company Developments, the new Aston Martin V8 was visually distinguished from its DBS V8 predecessor by a black mesh grille and twin (rather than quad) headlights. Under the skin, the two shared the same steel platform chassis equipped with a DeDion rear axle, independent front suspension, power steering and four-wheel disc brakes. Another carry over was the mighty all-alloy 5340cc V8 engine which could be had with a choice of five-speed manual or three-speed automatic transmission. Credited with developing some 310bhp and 360lbft of torque - thanks in part to its Bosch mechanical fuel-injection system - the model was reputedly capable of 0-60mph in 6 seconds and almost 160mph (figures which would not be properly eclipsed until the arrival of the fearsome Vantage). Only in production between April 1972 and July 1973, just 288 of the first generation 'twin headlight' V8s are thought to have been made.

Finished in Champagne Silver with black hide upholstery, this particular example is variously described by the vendor as being in "good" (five-speed manual ZF gearbox, electrical equipment), "average" (bodywork, interior trim) or "resprayed" (paintwork) condition; while, he also notes that (a) the engine "runs well" and (b) the air-conditioning "does not work". Showing a warranted 82,818 miles to its odometer, 'MPB 941K' is understood to have had "four previous owners" and to have been with its "last registered keeper since 1996". Reportedly treated to "a bodywork restoration by Prestige in 1992 (circa 9,000 miles ago)", the car is also said to have had its "sills done during November 1986". Riding on correct type GKN alloy wheels, this rare fuel-injected, manual version of Aston Martin's iconic V8 is offered for sale with "extensive history (including bills on file for over £26,000)", handbook and current MOT certificate valid until July 2010.