



Imperial War Museum Duxford (91)

Wed, 10th Oct 2007, Imperial War Museum Duxford

Lot 36

Estimate: £15000 - £17000 + Fees

1977 Chevrolet Corvette L82

Registration No: UWW725R

Chassis No: 00012375446336

Mot Expiry: Sept 2008

Introduced three years after Chevrolet's wonderfully dramatic 1965 Mako Shark II show car, the so-called 'C3' Corvette borrowed heavily from its design exercise sibling's 'coke bottle' silhouette. Underpinned by a perimeter frame chassis featuring all-round independent suspension, recirculating ball steering and four-wheel disc brakes, the newcomer's beautifully moulded fibreglass skin was renowned for its quality and durability. Powered by a series of rumbling V8 engines culminating in a 350ci (5.7litre) unit, the 'C3' enjoyed an impressive fourteen year lifespan. Only available between the 1975 and 1980 model years, the high-performance 'L82' derivative enjoyed a sizeable horsepower advantage over its lesser brethren.

Finished in metallic maroon with red vinyl upholstery, this particular example is described by the vendor as being in "very good" condition with regard to its engine, automatic transmission, electrical equipment, interior trim, chassis, bodywork, paintwork and wheels / tyres. Reportedly "restored to original specification", 'UWW 725R' is said to have had just "three owners from new" and to have been "a UK concours winner on several occasions". Benefiting from a gleaming engine bay, 'targa' roof and rear luggage grid, this rare 'L82' Corvette is offered for sale with MOT certificate valid until September 2008.