



## Imperial War Museum Duxford (194)

Wed, 26th May 2021

**Estimate:** £15000 - £20000 + Fees

### 1998 Aston Martin DB7 Volante Extensive AML service history

**Registration No:** M1 VTG

**Chassis No:** SCFAAWK202090

**MOT:** Feb 2022

- 64,080 miles from new and current ownership since 2016
- Extensive AML service history with stamped service book
- Offered with 2 keys, tool kit, handbook and recently shod with new front tyres
- Cherished registration number 'M1 VTG' included in the sale

Although Victor Gauntlett had long mooted the idea, it took the arrival of Ford money and TWR Group know-how for a new generation, 'small' Aston Martin to become a reality. Introduced at the March 1993 Geneva Salon - albeit deliveries did not start until late the following year - the newcomer had been subjected to more testing and development work than any of the marque's previous models. Indeed under the watchful eye of Engineering Director Rod Mansfield Project NPX (as the nascent DB7 was labelled) got through some thirty prototypes. Based around a steel semi-monocoque chassis the production version was equipped with all-round independent suspension, four-wheel disc brakes and power assisted rack and pinion steering. Derived from a proven Jaguar unit, the DB7's 3239cc DOHC straight-six engine boasted four valves per cylinder, Zytec multi-point fuel injection and an Eaton supercharger. Credited with developing 335bhp and 360lbft, it was allied to five-speed manual transmission as standard and reputedly enabled the Aston Martin to sprint from 0-60mph in 5.8 seconds and reach 161mph. Styled by Ian Callum just 879 straight-six powered DB7 Volantes were reputedly made like the sale car including several limited edition models.

Finished in Mendip Blue matched to a Cream leather interior with Blue piping, 'M1 VTG' has covered just 64,080 miles from new and has been in current ownership since 2016. Offered with extensive AML service history and its original handbook / service book, the Aston also comes with 2 keys, tool kit and has recently been shod with new front tyres. The cherished registration number 'M1 VTG' is included in the sale. Said to have been maintained with no expense spared for the last 10 years, it is no surprise the vendor currently grades the DB7's engine, transmission, electrical equipment, interior trim, bodywork and paintwork all as 'excellent'. Offered with an MOT certificate into February 2022.