



## Imperial War Museum Duxford (197)

Wed, 8th Sep 2021

### Lot 61

**Estimate:** £14000 - £18000 + Fees

**1969 Jensen Interceptor MKI**

**Registration No:** BBY 81G

**Chassis No:** 115 3366

**MOT:** Exempt

- 1 of just 923 RHD, Automatic MKIs manufactured
- Displays a credible but unwarranted 61,500 miles
- Finished in Cherry Red with contrasting Chocolate upholstery
- Current keeper of 27 years and benefitting dry storage for the latter 20 years
- Vendor confirms running engine, a very worthwhile and rewarding restoration opportunity

Introduced in 1966, the Interceptor was built in West Bromwich for a period of 10 years evolving from the original MkI through to the final MkIV a decade later in 1976. The MkI is the rarest version as only 923 were built and we believe just 30 or so survive today. The all steel bodyshell was styled by Carrozzeria Touring in Italy and built by Vignale, arriving in the Midlands to then be paired with the inimitable 6.3-litre Chrysler V8 allied to automatic transmission. When new it cost substantially more than an Aston Martin and was double the price of an E-Type Jaguar.

This particular example is the rarest and most desirable MkI and a late production model, built just prior to the launch of the MkII in 1969. Finished in bright Cherry Red with contrasting chocolate leather upholstery, with exception to light wear to the driver's seat bolster the overall condition of the upholstery remains in good order. The vendor reports the chassis remains in good order along with the engine running and showing good oil pressure albeit with a misfire (prospective bidders are encouraged to satisfy themselves on this point). Discovered following 20 years of dry storage in the hands of the fifth owner and current keeper of some 27 years, this rare and collectable MkI registers c.61,500 recorded miles which we understand could well be correct.

BBY 81G is certainly a rare opportunity to acquire such a collectable MkI Interceptor, also offering the rewarding opportunity to return this glorious 6.3 V8 back to its former status. Surely given its rarity, this must be an appreciating classic!