



## Imperial War Museum Duxford (197)

Wed, 8th Sep 2021

### Lot 67

**Estimate:** £50000 - £60000 + Fees

**1973 Datsun 240 Z Super Samuri**

**Registration No:** GAW 105M

**Chassis No:** HS30102499

**MOT:** Exempt

- 1 of just 74 Spike Anderson cars
- 84,700 credible miles recorded
- Offered with a large collection of invoices
- Subject to an extensive restoration in 2009

Responsible for building several highly successful Z-based racers during the 1970s including Win Percy's famous 'Big Sam', Spike Anderson soon became a legend in Datsun circles. Indeed, so coveted are the limited number of road cars he converted to 'Super Samuri' specification that they have spawned numerous imitators. Their gas flowed cylinder heads, GDS flamespray six-branch exhaust manifolds, uprated suspension, vented front disc brakes with four-pot callipers and stainless-steel sill covers etc are all easy enough to copy. However, the fact remains that there were only ever 74 genuine 'Super Samuris' with the sale car being one of them.

Fed by triple Dellorto carburettors and exhaling via a stainless-steel exhaust, the engine was stripped and overhauled not long before 'GAW 105M' entered the current ownership in 2009. Covering some 2,000 miles since then, the straight-six is said to be in 'excellent shape with great oil pressure and no leaks or rattles'. Treated to an oil and filter change during 2019, its carburettors were tuned and electronic ignition added at the same time. The vendor has gone through the mechanics and currently rates the five-speed gearbox as 'excellent', the brakes as 'very strong' and the steering as 'pin sharp'. Having commissioned Carisma Body Tech Ltd of Colechester to cosmetically restore the Datsun, he considers its bodywork and paintwork to be 'excellent' too. Believed but not warranted to have covered some 84,000 miles from new (with old MOTs on file dating back to 2000 at 80,642 miles), this fabulous Super Samuri is accompanied by a letter from Spike Anderson confirming its authenticity, original sales brochure, V5C Registration Document and collection of invoices.