



The Pavilion Gardens Buxton (202)

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Estimate: £18000 - £22000 + Fees

1997 BMW 840 Ci Sport Understood to be 1 of just 38 finished in Dakar Yellow II

Registration No: V374 GAW

Chassis No: WBAEF82050CC66774

MOT: April 2022

- One of just 38 E31's understood to have been finished in special order Dakar Yellow II along with a special-order interior
- 90,633 miles from new at time of consignment
- UK-supplied when new and first registered to Sytner Nottingham
- Offered with a history file including the BMW book pack and a stamped service book

When the Klaus Kapitzka designed 8 Series was launched at the Frankfurt Motor Show in 1989, it felt like a glimpse into the future with its angular styling. An upmarket range with superior performance and price tag to match, the 8 Series was designed to be a standalone premium model although seen to be the successor to the 6 Series. The 8 Series was offered in 830i, 840Ci and 850i/Ci form and, when introduced in mid-1993, it was fitted with a 4 litre, V8 engine mated to either a five-speed automatic or a six-speed manual transmission. Producing a very healthy 282bhp, this version could achieve the 0-62mph sprint in an impressive 6.9 seconds; importantly with the naturally aspirated V8, acceleration was effortless and refined. Over \$1 billion dollars are said to have been spent on the car's design with CAD design and wind tunnel technology. From mid-1995, production phased in the newer 4.4 litre M62B44 engine, the 4.4 Sport offered a better driving experience with considerably more torque.

Manufactured in 1997, this 840 Ci Sport was UK-supplied when new having been ordered for 'Dealer Own-Use' by Sytner Nottingham. Fitted with the aforementioned 4398cc V8 engine mated to the automatic transmission, 'V374 GAW' was ordered new in the special-order colour of Dakar Yellow II (one of just 38 E31's understood to have been finished in this colour) with matching special-order Black with Yellow piped interior upholstery. Having covered a total of 90,633 miles (atoc), the BMW has spent a short period of time (approximately 36 months) in Holland before returning to the United Kingdom in 2019. Fitted with the 17-inch 'Throwing Star' wheels which have recently have been refurbished the BMW was fitted with Nurburgring suspension and the highly sought after M Sports Package from new.

The subject of remediation work upon return to the UK including air-conditioning overhaul, a new water pump, new trailing arm bushes at the rear along with other repairs. 'V374 GAW' is accompanied by the original book pack including the handbook and a duplicate stamped service book (including Sytner Nottingham pre-delivery inspection stamp and ten subsequent stamps with many from main dealers); a small collection of invoices; MOTs and MOT history and current V5C document.