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### Lot 613

**2005 Subaru Impreza WRX 300 One owner car with impressive history file**

**Registration No:** VK55 CUW

**Chassis No:** JF1GDAKD35G057626

**MOT:** March 2023

**Estimate:** £10,000 - £12,000

**Motor Car Location:** Essex

- Rare Subaru Impreza WRX 300 fitted with factory optional WR Sport rear spoiler
- Offered with 94,558 miles from new and zero previous keepers
- Impressive history file containing original purchase invoice, Prodrive Certificate and more

In 2001 Richard Burns and his co-driver Robert Reid won their first World Rally Championship title driving a Prodrive Subaru Impreza. In celebration of this achievement, Subaru worked with Prodrive's Peter Stevens to create a special edition Impreza for the UK market, limited to just 300 cars – the UK300. In 2005, Subaru continued its tradition of introducing coveted special editions with the launch of what we have here...the Impreza WRX300. On sale from late May the WRX 300 featured a Prodrive Performance Pack boosting power to 265 PS and torque to 257 lb.ft for a 0-60 mph time of 4.8 seconds and top speed in excess of 145 mph. Finished only in WR Blue, the all-wheel drive saloon boasted special 17" alloy wheels with 215/45 tyres, an aluminium gear knob, WRX-branded carpet mats and a 'Subaru World Rally Team' logo on the front seats and front lamp covers.

This was in addition to a raft of improvements for the '05 Model Year WRX such as a totally revised chassis with inverted suspension struts and sharper-feeling steering for even more precise handling response. Other changes for this year included enhanced interiors with plushier - and extended - cloth door trim, softer-feeling roof linings and a flush-fit centre console with new air-conditioning controls and new, quality-feeling switchgear.

Of course presented in WR Blue with gold wheels and complemented by a blue and grey interior with embossed sports seats, this WRX 300 stands out from the others with it having had just one registered keeper from new. Along with the standard WRX 300 extras, 'VK55 CUW' benefits from being specified with the factory optional WR Sport boot spoiler, a £632 + VAT option at that time.

Luckily the owner of this vehicle was one to keep records; and this shows with a history file containing the original purchase invoice, Prodrive Certificate, service booklet containing 10 stamps with accompanying invoices for later services nearly every year from 2011 to 2019, MOT certificates nearly every year from 2008 through to present, an original WRX 300 brochure and more. The history file also shows that in 2014 'VK55 CUW' benefited from an engine overhaul including 2 head skims, the exhaust valves being re-ground and replacement gaskets at a cost of £1,323.71.

More recently, this particular example has been subject to significant further works including servicing, replacement rear shock absorbers, timing belt and water pump including seals, gasket and thermostat, replacement rear anti roll bar with bushes, front anti roll bar links, rover cover gaskets and CV gaiters at a total cost of over £2,000. Now showing 94,558 miles on the odometer, this Impreza also comes with an MOT valid until 15 March 2023. The vendor rates the condition of the bodywork, engine, electrical equipment, paintwork, transmission and interior trim all as 'Very Good'.