



Imperial War Museum Duxford (152)

Wed, 14th Oct 2015, Imperial War Museum Duxford

Lot 95

Estimate: £38000 - £42000 + Fees

2000 Rolls-Royce Silver Seraph

Registration No: W801VGO

Chassis No: SCALA61E2YCH04051

Mot Expiry: Sept 2016

- 1 of just 1,570 Silver Seraphs made

- Three previous keepers and 31,000 miles from new

- Offered with original book pack, numerous invoices and MOT'd into Sep 2016

An undisputedly fine motorcar, the Graham Hull-penned Silver Seraph marked Rolls-Royce's intention to reclaim its reputation as producer of 'the best car in the world'. Following a long gestation period that dated back to the late '80s, the model was actually only made for four years - 1998 to 2002 - as a result of which just 1,570 examples ultimately vacated the factory in Crewe, making it a relatively rare breed. The company claimed the monocoque chassis to be 65 percent stiffer than that of the Silver Spirit it replaced. Power came from a BMW-derived all-alloy V12 engine of 5.4-litres, making it the first 12-cylinder car to transport the Silver Lady since the mighty Phantom III of 1939. The Seraph shared its platform, bodyshell and much else with the Bentley Arnage of the period. But while the twin-turbo V8-powered and more stiffly-suspended Arnage was aimed at the enthusiast driver, the Seraph was all about comfort and luxury.

'W801 VGO' was supplied new in 2000 by Jack Barclay. Its bodywork is resplendent in Silver that's matched to Black hide interior trim. The Rolls boasts a comprehensive and continuous service record, all the maintenance for which has been carried out by franchised Rolls-Royce agents, with the most recent attention having been supplied by Jack Barclay. The records evidently support the Seraph's currently displayed total mileage of just 31,000. The motorcar's impressive specification includes: burr walnut interior cappings; electrically-controlled sunroof; heated front and rear seats; lambs-wool over rugs; and a brand new set of White-walled tyres. The vendor makes no hesitation in branding the bodywork, paintwork, interior trim, V8 engine and automatic transmission as all being 'immaculate', and is doubtless correct in saying that really good examples of the breed are rapidly becoming harder to find. This one comes complete with the aforementioned service books, receipts etc.