



Donnington Priory (127)

Wed, 8th Aug 2012, Donnington Priory

Lot 3

Estimate: £22000 - £25000 + Fees

1967 Ford Mustang 289 Fastback

Registration No: XBL335E

Chassis No: 7F02A153795

Mot Expiry: July 2013

Launched in 1964, the Mustang was originally offered in Notchback Coupe or Convertible guise, based on the underpinnings of the Falcon and powered by a range of six- and eight-cylinder engines of up to 289ci (4.7-litre) capacity. The Fastback option appeared a year later with the model's first significant facelift occurring during 1967.

This beautifully presented left-hand drive 'pony' car is a Fastback Mustang dating from January 1967. It came powered by a 225hp 'A' specification 289ci V8 engine coupled to the optional three-speed Cruise-O-Matic automatic gearbox. It is resplendent in Wimbledon White bodywork and Red interior trim. Whoever placed the original order with Wilmes of Altus Oklahoma ticked pretty much all the boxes, and the factory specification included: servo-assisted brakes (discs on the front); Selectaire air conditioning; tinted windows; remote control exterior mirror; centre console; GT front fog lights; 'turn-signal' bonnet.

The vendor imported the fast Ford from North Charleston, South Carolina in 2005. It has been lovingly restored while retaining as many original parts as possible. Apparently over 220 hours were lavished on the body, plus 8 litres of paint. A further 400 plus hours were expended on restoring the rest of the beast. Subtle tweaks to improve performance and reliability were made along the way, including: Mallory electronic ignition; slightly uprated camshaft; Edelbrock 650CFM four-barrel carburettor; Edelbrock Performer II dual plane inlet manifold; four branch exhaust headers; 10 percent stiffer springs; 1.5-inch lower ride height; polyurethane suspension bushes; gas dampers; wood-rim steering wheel; rev counter; 15-inch Torque Thrust II polished alloy five-spoke period style wheels.

Apparently the air conditioning unit is not currently installed, but everything except the compressor comes with the car; as does a detailed service history file, receipts and a CD of photographs relating to the restoration and an MOT valid into July 2013. A real head-turner.