

2001 Aston Martin DB7 Vantage Coupe GTS II Coupe **POA**

Overview

Mileage	28,500 miles
Fuel Type	Petrol
Engine Size	5.9
Bodystyle	2+2 COUPE
Transmission	Manual
Exterior Colour	Ferrari Grigio Titanium Silver
Previous Owners	4
Registration	Y1AMV



Description

The Aston Martin DB7 Vantage GTS is a special, limited-edition model from Aston Martin Specialist, representing the pinnacle of the DB7 series. To understand its significance, we need to take a look at the history and context surrounding its creation.

1. The DB7 Series: The Birth of a Legend

The Aston Martin DB7 was introduced in 1994, marking a crucial turning point in the company's history. Aston Martin, known for its luxury sports cars, had been struggling financially in the late 1980s and early 1990s. The DB7 was a model that helped revitalize the brand, offering a more affordable and accessible entry into the world of Aston Martin while still maintaining the company's signature luxury, elegance, and performance.

Designed by the renowned coachbuilder Carrozzeria Touring in Milan (the same company that designed the iconic Aston Martin DB4 and DB5), the DB7 was built around a 6-cylinder engine and was initially powered by a 3.2-liter, supercharged engine. The car was an instant success, praised for its styling, craftsmanship, and performance, becoming the best-selling Aston Martin of its time.

However, as Aston Martin sought to elevate its performance further and keep up with the competition, it introduced more powerful variants over the years, including the DB7 Vantage, which was powered by a V12 engine.

2. The DB7 Vantage (1999-2003)

The DB7 Vantage was introduced in 1999 and represented a significant step forward in terms of performance. The 5.9-liter V12 engine, developed by Aston Martin in collaboration with Ford (who owned the brand at the time), produced around 420 hp and 400 lb-ft of torque, allowing the car to go from 0 to 60 mph in about 5.0 seconds.

The V12 engine's smoothness and power were a perfect complement to the car's sleek design, and the DB7 Vantage was praised for its refined driving experience, which combined power with a comfortable, high-end interior. The car remained in

production until 2003, and it cemented Aston Martin's reputation as a producer of luxurious yet highly capable sports cars.

3. The DB7 Vantage GT: The Ultimate DB7 (2003)

The DB7 Vantage GT, introduced in 2003, was the final, and most exclusive, iteration of the DB7. Aston Martin made this limited-edition model as a response to customers who wanted even more performance and luxury than the standard V12-powered DB7 Vantage could provide.

The GTS was a special edition—produced in limited numbers and was designed to be the ultimate expression of the DB7's potential. The key differences that set the GT apart were both in its performance upgrades and aesthetic refinements:

Performance Upgrades:

The V12 engine was given a significant power boost to produce 435 horsepower, improving the car's acceleration and top speed.

The suspension was further refined for a sportier driving experience, with stiffer dampers and revised spring rates. It also featured upgraded brakes to improve handling and performance on the track or open road.

Design and Features:

The GT had a more aggressive and distinctive exterior design, with unique front and rear bumpers, a wider front grille, and additional chrome accents that gave the car a more muscular presence.

Inside, the cabin received more luxurious and exclusive materials, such as two-tone leather interiors, aluminum trim, and bespoke options for a more personalized touch.

The car was available with a choice of bespoke exterior colors and interior finishes, giving customers the opportunity to create a highly customized car to their tastes.

Transmission:

The DB7 Vantage GT was available with both a manual gearbox and the automatic transmission, catering to different driver preferences. The manual option provided a more connected, engaged driving experience, while the automatic offered more convenience.

4. Legacy and Impact

The DB7 Vantage GT is widely regarded as one of the best-looking and best-performing versions of the DB7 lineup. The car's combination of luxury, performance, and rarity has made it a sought-after collector's item. While the DB7 itself was the first true commercial success for Aston Martin in the modern era, the DB7 Vantage GTS helped to seal its reputation as a manufacturer of high-performance luxury cars capable of competing with the likes of Ferrari and Porsche.

As the last variant of the DB7 family, the GT holds an important place in Aston Martin's history. It was the car that bridged the gap between the DB7 and the DB9, which would become the company's flagship model starting in 2004. The DB9's debut represented a new era for Aston Martin, as the company fully embraced its future direction, and the DB7 Vantage GTS played a crucial role in that transition.

In terms of value, the DB7 Vantage GT has seen its market price steadily rise due to its limited production and status as a final iteration of a classic model. Well-maintained examples are now coveted by enthusiasts and collectors alike.

Conclusion

The Aston Martin DB7 Vantage GT is a limited-edition masterpiece that combined the best of British engineering, design, and luxury. With its powerful V12 engine, sporty enhancements, and elegant styling, it represents the culmination of the DB7's legacy as the car that saved Aston Martin. It remains a highly respected and collectible car to this day.

Location

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