



1973 Lamborghini Espada Coupe

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Overview

Mileage 50,330 miles

Fuel Type Petrol

Engine Size 3.9 l

Bodystyle 2+2 COUPE

Transmission Manual

Exterior Colour Orange

Previous Owners 5

Registration 5335RH



Description

The Lamborghini Espada Series III (S3) is a fascinating piece of automotive history, especially in its right-hand drive (RHD) configuration. Here's a comprehensive look into the story, history, and significance of this unique grand tourer:

Overview: Lamborghini Espada

Production Years: 1968–1978

Total Produced: ~1,217 units

Series III Production: 1972–1978 (~456 units)

Designer: Marcello Gandini at Bertone

Name Origin: "Espada" means "sword" in Spanish, referring to the sword of a matador.

The Espada was Lamborghini's answer to a luxurious 2+2 GT that could comfortably carry four adults, making it a more practical offering compared to the exotic Miura.

The Series III (S3): 1972–1978

The S3 Espada was the final and most refined version. Improvements included:

Updated interior: More modern and luxurious, with a better dashboard layout and enhanced trim.

Power steering standard

Optional automatic transmission (Chrysler TorqueFlite 3-speed)

Engine: 3.9L V12 producing around 350 hp

Brakes: Upgraded to larger Girling disc brakes

Wheels: Often fitted with Campagnolo alloy wheels

Right-Hand Drive (RHD) Espadas

Rarity: Of the 1,217 Espadas made, only a small number were factory-produced in RHD, specifically for markets like the UK, Australia, Japan, and South Africa.

Estimated RHD production for the S3: Fewer than 120 cars.

Special Features: UK-market cars often had specific trim details, and RHD conversions were factory-built, not aftermarket in most cases.

Historical Significance

One of the few practical V12 Lamborghinis: The Espada was Lamborghini's flagship GT of the 1970s, offering everyday usability with exotic performance.

Influenced other models: Its front-engine, 4-seat layout influenced later Lambos like the Jarama and LM002, and even modern 4-seaters like the Urus SUV.

Owned by celebrities: It attracted notable owners like Sir Paul McCartney and Rod Stewart.

Interesting Facts

Interior Space: Despite its low profile, the Espada was remarkably spacious inside due to its long wheelbase and clever packaging.

Unique Sound: The carbureted V12 has a distinctive roar, especially when uncorked with aftermarket exhausts.

Collector's Value Today

RHD Espadas, especially Series III, are very desirable due to their rarity and usability.

Condition, originality, and provenance (e.g., celebrity ownership or matching numbers) significantly affect value.

Prices (as of 2025): RHD S3 Espadas in top condition can fetch between £100,000–£180,000, with concours examples exceeding that.

In Summary

The RHD Lamborghini Espada S3 is a rare and elegant grand tourer that marked Lamborghini's commitment to producing more than just mid-engine supercars. As one of the few practical V12s from the era—and in RHD—it holds a special place in the brand's history and the hearts of collectors who appreciate 1970s design, innovation, and road presence.

Location

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