



1956 Aston Martin DB2/4 Convertible Convertible

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Overview

Mileage	84,000 miles
Fuel Type	Petrol
Engine Size	2.9 l
Bodystyle	Convertible
Transmission	Manual
Exterior Colour	British Racing Green
Previous Owners	3
Registration	1ATC



Description

1956 Aston Martin DB2/4 Mark II Drophead Coupé

Coachwork by Tickford

Registration no. 1 ATC

Chassis no. AM300/1191

Engine no. VB6J/813

The rare Aston Martin offered here is one of only 15-or-so drophead coupés made on the DB2/4 Mark II chassis, of which nine were right-hand drive like this example. It was first owned by one W R Bullough Esq., who seems to have been the archetypal client for which Aston Martin catered in the 1950s: a gentleman of good taste, knowledgeable of the brand and with a well defined list of requirements that Aston Martin, then largely a bespoke manufacturer, was well positioned to meet.

In the case of chassis number '1191', Mr Bullough's requirements included that the car should be finished in Deep Carriage Green with a black interior, fitted with twin spotlights, and a hand-held Marchal spotlight for finding his way at night. He also required that the clutch pedal be built up by 2" (a modification that many DB2/4 owners would endorse) and clearly being a traditionalist, specified semaphore trafficators instead of indicators.

As a practical man he also required that the car be fitted with the Smiths 'Jackall', an innovative hydraulic system that allowed the owner to jack up the front, rear or whole car.

Though Mr Bullough's sporting aspirations can only be guessed at, it is worth noting that the factory chassis card lists the special requirements to include a 'Mod. Cylinder Head' and Alfin brake drums.

Examination of most Aston Martin chassis cards show that very few cars benefit from continued maintenance by the works, particularly when they fall into the hands of second or third owners or once the manufacturer's guarantee has expired. However, for the first nine years of its life, until the mileage reached 54,000 (a new speedometer was fitted in 1961 at 27,000 miles)

chassis '1191' was fully maintained at Aston Martin's Works Service Department.

With the odometer now showing 57,000 miles, the car's total mileage is approximately 84,000, which is consistent with its long period of storage (see below) and the third owner's recollection.

P R Southall Esq. is listed on the Aston Martin chassis card as the second owner, the third owner purchasing the car from him in 1975, an ownership that was to last 39 years until 2014.

As with many forays into Aston Martin ownership, the purchase in 1975 resulted from the encouragement of a close friend who was already an Aston owner. During a custodianship of almost four decades, the car was stored for 29 years and last taxed for the road in 1985. It emerged only in March 2014.

Location

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