

**1962 ASTON MARTIN
DB4 SERIES V VANTAGE**



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A RARE ASTON MARTIN IN A TIMELESS SPECIFICATION

Aston Workshop are delighted to present for sale this 1962 Aston Martin DB4 Series V Vantage, one of only 55 Series V cars produced between September 1962 and June 1963. A matching numbers car in exceptional condition following a recent full restoration, this Aston Green over Burgundy DB4 Vantage surely represents one of the finest available today.

A restoration was carried out on this car in 2017/18, with the work shared between a number of renowned marque specialists (more detail on the restoration is provided below). The car has been subtly modernised and updated, with various upgrades fitted including:

- High Power Ignition System
- High Power Alternator and Starter Motor
- Period Style Radio with Bluetooth
- High Power Headlights
- Aluminium Radiator
- Aluminium Fuel Tank
- Kenlowe Fan
- Upgraded HBE Handling Kit
- Stainless Steel Exhaust System
- Fully Upgraded Sound Deadening
- Central Locking System
- RSW Hose Set
- RSW Oil Cooler Pipe in Stainless Steel

An extensive history file (see page 5) documents various mechanical and cosmetic works carried out over the cars 61-year lifetime. No expense has been

spared maintaining the car, with all 80,370 miles covered before restoration, as well as the 982 covered since, fully documented, and warranted.



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A FULLY RESTORED ICON

Despite a history of thorough and careful maintenance, the decision was made in 2017 to carry out a full restoration on the car in order to bring it to an as-new condition. The original Vantage specification engine was despatched to renowned specialists RS Williams for a full rebuild costing in excess of £40,000. The rebuild is documented in the car's history file, complete with power and torque read outs from its dyno testing.

Fully stripped down to a bare shell, the car was rebuilt to the finest possible condition. The gearbox, overdrive and

electrical system were fully rebuilt, while the chassis and body were fully stripped back and re-painted. Brightwork and glass was restored to as-new and refitted to the car, with new 16" Borrani wheels fitted with 3-ear Borrani spinners. New Michelin Pilote X tyres were also fitted. As detailed above, the opportunity was taken at this stage to tastefully and sympathetically modernise the DB4 with a range of performance and reliability upgrades. The interior was fully retrimmed in Connolly Vaumol leather (VM 3086 Burgundy), finishing off the extensive restoration.



EXCEPTIONAL HISTORY FILE

Originally delivered to Mr G. Scarth of Aberfoyle, Perthshire in November 1962, this car wore an original specification of Desert White with a Black leather interior. Optional extras documented on the original build sheet include an oil cooler, 3.77:1 Powr Lok differential, overdrive, heated rear screen and a Bray block heater. The original distributors, Callanders Garages, sought a guarantee from the Aston Martin factory that this particular car would be moved up the production line; our records show that the delivery date for this car precedes the dates for earlier chassis numbers in the Series V production run suggesting Aston kept their promise.

The original owner kept the car from new until ownership transferred to Mr C. Scarth, presumably a relative. From this initial ownership period every single invoice and correspondence has been kept, providing an in-depth history of the car's early history.

After its initial Scottish ownership, the car moved to Purley in South London beginning a period of London-based residency. Over the 26-year period between 1985 and 2011, the car had four owners in the London area, one of whom commissioned some major recommissioning work including a mechanical overhaul, engine rebuild and bodywork refresh.

In 2011, and again in 2015, this DB4 was sold by an Aston Martin specialist in the UK who spent a total of £20,000 on sales preparation work. After this, in 2017/18, the cars full restoration commenced. That brought the car to its current state, in excellent condition and with an extensive list of modern reliability and performance upgrades. Only 982 miles have been covered since the completion of the restoration, as evidenced in the cars MoT history and by the odometer reading.



THE ASTON MARTIN DB4 VANTAGE SERIES V: THE ULTIMATE DB4

DB4 production is split into five Series, with distinct differences between each one. The Series V cars, introduced in September 1962, incorporated all of the improvements each Series before introduced as well as some final extra changes to improve the experience for rear-seat passengers. While the wheelbase stayed the same, the overall length grew by 9cm to increase rear legroom.

The roofline also raised a small amount, to assist in expanding the available cabin space. The rear light cluster changed a small amount, with individual indicator, stop/taillight, and reversing light; the rear reflector was relocated to within the rear bumper, a feature which was carried over to the soon-to-be-introduced DB5.



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Vantage, a term first introduced in 1950 to identify high-performance engine tunes, became a model in its own right with the DB4 Vantage. The Vantage specification differed from the standard Series V in two key areas. Firstly, fitment of the Special Series engine (identifiable by the /SS engine suffix) was standard on a DB4 Vantage, whereas it was a cost option on the normal Series V cars. Secondly, the Vantage cars came with faired-in headlights from the DB4 GT with the addition of a chrome headlight rim.

Only 55 Series V cars were produced, making the Series V cars the rarest of all DB4 saloons. A majority of the 55 were built to full Vantage specification, with the Series V Vantage going down as the ultimate regular production DB4 available. Indeed, the DB4 Series V Vantage was such an accomplished Grand Tourer that Aston Martin barely made any changes to it when developing the DB5, which would go on to not only be Astons most desirable and sought after model, but an international automotive and silver-screen icon.



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