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1979 ASTON MARTIN V8 Vantage ‘Oscar India’

Sebring Blue with Magnolia

£325,000

Mileage	84,970 miles	Engine Capacity	5700cc
Body Style	Coupe	Fuel	Petrol
Transmission	Manual	Chassis No.	12178

This car has unbroken provenance from new, which is fully documented since its purchase by the first owner in October 1979.

It’s 1 of only 40 Aston Martin V8 Vantage V540 ‘Oscar Indias’ ever produced. In all, there were 134 V8 Vantage ‘Oscar Indias’ produced, 40 V540s and 94 V580s. The V540 utilised the upgraded Vantage-spec pistons, before Aston Martin reverted back to using standard-spec pistons for the V580, meaning this car can be considered as one of the very few ‘pure’ Vantages.

In 2014, the car commenced a two year complete nut and bolt restoration by a top Aston Martin restoration specialist.Â Following this, an engine upgrade was carried out by world-renowned experts R.S. Williams from 5.3 to 5.7 Litres; the engine now produces 433bhp and 420lbft of torque, making it more powerful than a period X-Pack example. Although the bodywork and running gear were all totally restored to better than new condition, it was decided to leave the interior as it benefits from a very nice patina. During the work the car was finished in a traditional Aston Martin green and not the original

Sebring Blue. We have since returned it to its original colour which means it is presented today the same as it left the factory in 1979.

Very few examples benefit from the comprehensive restoration this particular car has had. Most are re-painted, re-trimmed and serviced yet are described as restored, this car should certainly not be confused with any of those. ItÂ is accompanied by a well-documented history file that contains copies of the car production sheet and new ownership certificate, original service invoices from 1985, MOTs from 1986, detailed restoration images plus invoices and images from the R.S. Williams engine upgrade. It also comes complete with a tool roll and jack.

We have no doubt it is the finest presented example on the market today and would satisfy any discerning collector.