

1960 DAIMLER SP250 "DART"

Daimler's superb 2.5 Litre V8 coupled to a 4-speed Manual Gearbox with working Overdrive.

Comes complete with Hardtop (requiring restoration).

MOT until March 2020.

History:

Purchased new on 2nd May 1960 by Mr Dennis N Alsop who owned it right up until 2009.

Then sold by Classic Automobiles of Armoury Way, London to Sr. Aldo Salvade to add to his small collection in Italy.

At some point prior to this, the car was subject to a restoration and remains (apart from the paintwork!) in excellent solid condition.

Re-imported by me in December 2018 and re-registered in the UK with its original number-plate.

Regretfully, there is no history available during the period of Mr Alsop's ownership, but the following was carried-out whilst in the care of Sr. Salvade:

- Gearbox overhaul with new Clutch
- New Brake Pads
- New Water Pump
- New Wire Wheels & Tyres

There is also a brand new Wiring Loom available for fitting - advisable, as the original is now nearly 60 years old and it's a glass-fibre car..!

My personal impressions of the car:

Although I have only driven the car for about 60 miles since it's importation from Italy (including driving to the NEC), I have to say she performs very well.

She starts fine, but needs full choke which needs progressive adjustment until she is warm, so an early tune-up would probably be in order.

She then idles smoothly and pulls well, needing only 'flicking' between overdrive top and 4th gear for most corners or roundabouts - such great torque! All gears engage well and the clutch bites firmly.

The steering is greatly improved since both front Wheel Bearings were changed for the MOT, but there is still slight play in the Steering Box/Drop Arm.

The brakes all work well, pulling-up straight and true. Good discs, with new pads being fitted in 2018.

Good strong chassis, giving no concerns at the MOT.

The hardtop obviously needs restoration, but the soft top is in good condition with only one small tear on the near-side between the first two 'poppers'.

She comes with a soft-top hood bag and also a full tonneau cover. There are also some assorted new & used spares in the boot (see list at the desk), along with a new window rubber for the hard-top.

So, a really good example ready to use and enjoy just as she is, or re-paint to concours standards as you see fit.