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Year: 1923

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Price: £65,000

VEHICLE DETAILS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / SERVICE HISTORY

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Utterly Charming with very period upright coachwork: This Sleeve valve (Now fully Electric) Daimler was purchased by the Duke of Hamilton From London Dealers Stratton Instone of Pall Mall for the use of a Miss Louise Lind-af-Hageby whom was the Duchess of Hamilton's "Lady's Companion." This was a role usually filled by single middle class ladies & involved everything from acting as a personal assistant to a travelling companion, - a position that in Royal terms would be referred to as a "Lady in Waiting." The Hamilton's must have thought a great deal of her as they not only provided her with a car, but a Daimler no less!

The car was in regular use around London including appearing in the 1926 Lord Mayors parade upon which date it carried the Swedish Ambassador, no doubt due to Miss Lind-af-Hageby's Swedish ancestry. It was put in storage in 1929 & remained so up to the second world war.

In 1959 the Daimler was purchased by a garage owner who kept it stored but never got around to his intention of restoring it. 1999 found it passing into the hands of a Mr Simon Barringer who took the body off prior to attending to & restoring the mechanics of the car. The body was then re-united with the chassis & a full re-trim

undertaken using the original foxed & moth-eaten fabrics as a template for the new interior. The car was also beautifully painted in an arresting colour of blue over traditional black. This was a five year process & clearly a job well done as the car presents beautifully today & is to show standards. Interior seating is of buttoned cloth trimmed with silk rope edge work.

We believe this to be the only Daimler D16 extant & on the road making a rare bird indeed. The car must look much as it did when it resided at Regents Park in the 1920's/ The car abounds in delightful period details from the supplying dealers plaque to a full set of original instrumentation. The rear Landalette roof opens easily allowing for alfresco motoring for the rear seated occupants. Stately rather than sporting, this is a car in which to make a progress at a leisurely pace in complete silence whilst allowing those with a bent for "furious driving" (a motoring offence up to the 1890's) to pass by on their travels. The coach work has no division & is thus commodious in the extreme for both front & rear occupants.

This lovely little daimler has recently been converted to Battery Power by conversion experts Silent Classics. Lifting the bonnet one finds instead of the original sleeve valve engine, an expertly done conversion to electric power with a really good range of 150 or so miles. Driving it is slightly uncanny as it is needless to say completely silent. Twin electric fold out button operated steps have been fitted to the car for ease of ingress & egress. The car is also fitted with regenerative charging to the batteries when the brakes are applied.

The Electric conversion makes this daimler a very rare & unusual car well suited to town use or country jaunts. Its extremely vintage appearance seems at odds with the electrical conversion but in fact in reality the two work hand in hand very well together.

Operation is very simple: Turn on the battery master toggle switch. Flip the dash mounted lever switch down if you wish to proceed in a forward manner & up for backwards. Then simply press the accelerator or brake as in a normal automatic car.

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