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Alvis Speed 4.3 Vanden Plas

1938

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I am very proud to present this very rare original Vandenplas short chassis Tourer. Initially, a total of only 12 were built by Vanden Plas. This well respected coachbuilder considered this Alvis short chassis as one of their most attractive creations. This very tourer (job 3643) was exhibited on their 1938 Earls Court London Motorshow stand. Comments were : "The real eyecatcher was the 4,3 Alvis short chassis sports tourer with 2-door body (3643), with sliding front bucket seats, with hinged backs for easy access, finished in dark cream and green" (see Vanden Plas book by Brian Smith page 215-217-224). Due to severe accident damage which occurred in 1947, this original Vanden Plas tourer body had to be transferred onto another correct 4,3 replacement chassis. Chassis 14845 was swapped for chassis 13637 : the ex-Lord Carrington 4,3. The transformation happened in the immediate after WWII period in "tempore non suspecto". So, this 4,3 Vanden Plas Tourer has been in this configuration for the longest part of her life now (more than 50 years !). A thorough inspection reveals all the proper Vanden Plas numbers clearly visible on the inside of the body panels. The history is also confirmed in a very detailed 3-page follow up, by the Alvis Owners' Club 4.3 model archivist, Wayne Brooks. From presentation, I can only describe this 4.3 Tourer as very striking and absolutely charming. The attractive 2-tone green colour scheme is based on the original colours, discovered on the original panels, when the car was new. The dark green leather upholstery matches perfectly with the exterior body colour. Also the beige full weather equipment in double duck canvas, is in an "as new" condition. Driving this Alvis Tourer is a sensational experience. Phenomenal power (engine just totally rebuilt in our specialised workshop) superb gearchange thanks to the full synchromesh gearbox, excellent assisted brakes, precise and light steering thanks to the independent front suspension, etc... This ultra rare and well documented 4.3 Vanden Plas short chassis tourer is a unique opportunity for a discerning Alvis enthusiast who wants an exclusive prewar sports tourer. A chance not to be missed !

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