



ECURIE BERTELLI

PRE-WAR ASTON-MARTINS

Price £POA

1938 Aston Martin 15/98 Short Chassis



Chassis No: A8/850/SO | Registration: ETO 32

Introduction

Ecurie Bertelli is proud to offer this rare 1938 Aston Martin 15/98 Short Chassis, one of only 74 examples ever produced. This motorcar presents a unique opportunity for a discerning enthusiast to commission a bespoke pre-war Aston Martin, currently prepared as a high-specification rolling chassis with significant mechanical upgrades already completed in our works.





Provenance & History

Supplied new to a Mr. Truman, chassis **A8/850/SO** boasts a well-documented continuous history. Following the war, it was owned by several dedicated enthusiasts, including Mr. Ian Sievwright (1946) and G.H. Dixon (1949), before being noted in the 1959 AMOC register. After a period in West Germany with Dr. R. Brandt beginning in 1976, the car returned to the UK in 2000. Under its current ownership—a serial 15/98 connoisseur—the car has undergone a focused mechanical transformation aimed at elevating it to the pinnacle of pre-war performance.

Technical Specification & Upgrades

The mechanical heart of this Aston Martin has been significantly enhanced by the Ecurie Bertelli team:

- **Engine:** Upgraded to full **Speed Model specification**, featuring a dry-sump lubrication system and an uprated exhaust for superior power and reliability.
- **Chassis:** A significant chassis rebuild has been completed, providing a perfect foundation for road or competition use.
- **Braking:** Fitted with the legendary **Lockheed hydraulic braking system**. Originally reserved for the 23 factory Speed Models, this system is the only hydraulic setup fitted to pre-war Aston Martins, offering exceptional stopping performance.

A Bespoke Opportunity

The car is currently at a pivotal stage, allowing its next custodian to choose one of two distinct paths:

1. **The Ultimate Sporting Tourer:** Restore the original 15/98 body (requiring wooden frame and aluminium skin repairs) to create a refined, high-specification road car.
2. **The Competition Specialist:** Fit a Speed Model racing body to obtain **FIA HTP papers**. This would allow the car to compete at prestigious world-class events, such as the **Le Mans Classic**, while remaining an excellent road-going machine.

Enquiries

We would be delighted to help a customer finish this car to their exact specification. For further information, or to arrange a viewing at our showroom, please contact us.





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