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VEHICLE DETAILS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / SERVICE HISTORY

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Vintage and Prestige Fine Motor Cars are proud to be offering this 1924 Lanchester 21hp Doctors Coupe for sale. One of just two examples remaining. The quality of this Lanchester simply has to be seen to be believed and is every bit on a par with a Rolls Royce 20hp, if not considerably better. It was shipped new to Australia as one of a pair where the dry climate may well be responsible for its remarkable state of preservation.

The Lanchester 21hp Doctors Coupe has, in recent years had a 'stem to stern' restoration taking three years by noted and meticulous specialist Arthur Archer of Great Dunmow. Recent bills with the Lanchester 21hp Doctors Coupe total over an eye watering £84,000. To drive this Lanchester is an absolute revelation. It is taut, tight and solid in a way rarely experienced in such older cars. Cruising at 50MPH all day long is attained up hill and down dale in an effortless manner. Indeed, on faster roads it encourages one to set the speed using the steering wheel mounted governor as a very effective cruise control.

The Lanchester 21hp Doctors Coupe is finished in a patinated greyish turquoise which has lost its original lustre and presents beautifully with the wings being black. Period details abound from the steps to the rear dickey seat with superb handles to assist with ingress and egress to the main compartment. Divers helmet style rear lights are fitted and twin spotlights above the scuttle.

To the interior is black leather to the seating surfaces augmented by original black leather to the doors. A useful storage hatch is located behind the driver's seats. The dash is equipped with a full coterie of the requisite instruments, the oiling gauge pointer going to the 'G' of "Oiling" when at full chat. All the pull down blinds are in place and fully functional.

Under the bonnet is the masterpiece for which Lanchester were so justifiably famous. The 3.0 litre six cylinder engine is a work of art festooned with machine turned parts giving the engine a gleaming Bugatti style finish. The engine starts instantly and settles down to a purring idle. Not lacking in power, it pulls strongly in all gears which are in turn easily engaged from the lovely gearbox. Everything about the Lanchester 21hp Doctors Coupe is well engineered and tactile. Indeed if we had to choose any car from the Vintage and Prestige showroom to do the 'Peking Paris' with no modifications, this would be our choice.

The doctor's coupé coachwork is Lanchester's own and reputed to be one of two known. The rear dickey makes a useful luggage storage area and there is an additional fold out luggage rack mounted to the rear. The windscreen takes the form of a sharply angled 'V' giving the car a very period appearance.

This is an exceptional rare car with the mechanics restored to as new condition at vast expense. After the rebuild the Lanchester 21hp Doctors Coupe was driven down to the Pyrenees by way of a running in trip. Since the rebuild the Lanchester has done less than 4,000 miles.

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