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LOT NO. 221 - 1988 PORSCHE 911 SUPERSPORT (SSE) 3.2 CARRERA TARGA - 20,000 MILES

Sold for: £103,500



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A C16 G50 car in amazingly genuine condition, superb.

Details

Specification

Possibly the ultimate version of the 3.2 Carrera was the 'Option M491-Turbo-look' or 'Supersport' as it later became known in the UK. Initially, Option M491 was only available on a Coupé and had to be ordered through the "Special Wishes" program, but was later extended to include the Targa and Cabriolet in 1985, before becoming an official model available from dealers in 1986. From 1987 onwards these dramatic versions were officially known as SSE (Supersport Equipment), and the cars in this final three-year run up until 1989 were fitted with the more user-friendly G50 Getrag gearbox. 'M491' was not just a sop to the excesses of the 1980s, with flared arches evoking the appearance of some dramatic Porsche models from the past, but was a popular option offering the 'macho' good looks of the Turbo without the mechanical complexities. However, it was not cheap adding over £10,000 to the cost of a standard variant by the end of the model's life in 1989, possibly explaining the relatively small build numbers. The SSE spec also included a limited slip differential, the stiffer suspension and superior braking system.

from the 930 Turbo, a wrap-around deep chin-spoiler, the famous 'tea-tray' rear spoiler, and wider Fuchs alloy wheels. The rarity of Supersport models is undeniable, especially in right-hand drive, but official figures are hard to come by. A respected source quotes that just 651 C16 (UK-supplied) M491 cars (including all Coupés, Targas and Cabriolets) were manufactured between 1984 and 1989. The sparkling Porsche presented here has to be seen to be believed. It is a privilege to be able to offer for sale a car of this standard - it is simply one of the most well-preserved cars we have ever seen. It's an original C16, right-hand drive, 1988 Porsche 911 Sportsport (SSE) 3.2 Carrera Targa, which has remarkably accrued just 20,000 genuine and verifiable miles. It's believed to be one of just 33 C16 RHD Targas produced in 1988 and possibly the only one in Grand Prix White paintwork with a corresponding white leather interior, including the option of the desirable 'Sport' seats. This striking combination would appear to be all original (apart from the bonnet which has been professionally repainted), and the car's condition is commensurate with its very low mileage and meticulous upkeep over almost 30 years. The indicated mileage is supported by the fully stamped service book and an impressive history file including many MOT certificates and a wealth of invoices. The car has been enjoyed by three previous keepers and has not been offered for sale in almost 10 years. During his tenure, our fastidious vendor has kept and maintained the 911 to an exacting standard, entrusting it to his local Porsche Centre for regular servicing, with the technicians there regularly pointing out that they have never seen a better example! Indeed, the car is so good, it won a Porsche Club GB Concours d'Elegance event without even trying, merely being parked in the car-park. Our vendor attended the event as a spectator, returning to his car to find a trophy adorning it! He was accordingly invited back into the event where the car was universally revered. This car presents, both mechanically and cosmetically, in simply superb condition. It has never required any major work due to its regular servicing, low mileage, and garage storage. Rarely have these true classic 1980's 911s lived such a pampered life in the hands of so few owners – let alone a rare Supersport model. Small details like two sets of keys, factory and supplying dealer stickers still in place, a complete Porsche tool-roll (still in its bag!), jack and inflation kit, help support this dutiful ownership. This is simply a lovely and genuine example of one of the most sought-after models from a classic period in the history of the 911.

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