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Aston Martin DB MkIII Saloon

Registration No: VBT 512

Chassis Number: AM300/3/1542

Engine Number: DBA/1192

Number of cylinders: 6

CC: 2922

Year of Manufacture: 1958

Estimate (£): 150,000 - 170,000

Sold for (£): 220,800 by Silverstone Auctions at the NEC Classic Car Show 16th November 2013

The DB 2/4 Mk III (normally simply called DB Mk III, even at the time of its introduction) was a 'sports saloon, DHC or FHC' sold by Aston Martin from 1957 through 1959.

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After the 1st 100 cars optional Girling front disc brakes became STD, a highly desirable Laycock-de Normanville overdrive attached to the STD 4 speed gearbox or very rare Close Ratio gearbox was listed.

The front & rear suspension, liver rear axle & Marles worm-and-roller steering box were carry overs from the DB2

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A total of 550 cars were produced, inc 5 Fixed Head Coupe's & 72 or 74 Drop Head Coupe's, the body style with a rear hatch was called a saloon.

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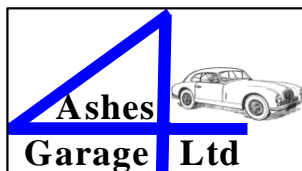
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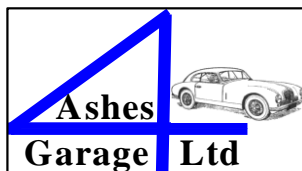
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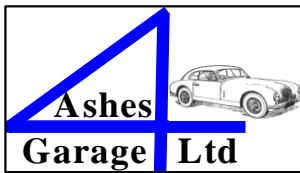
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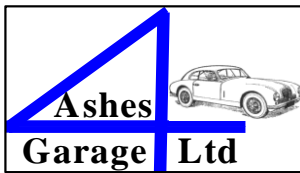
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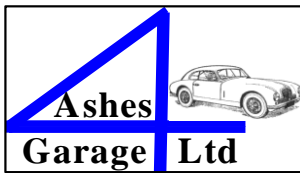
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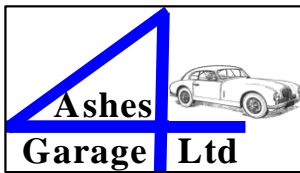
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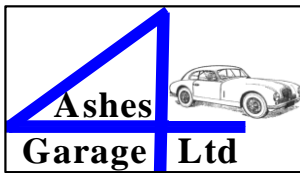
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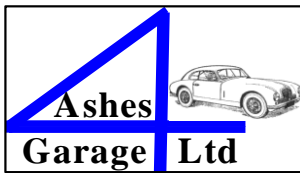
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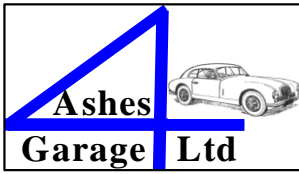
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DATE May 21st, 1958

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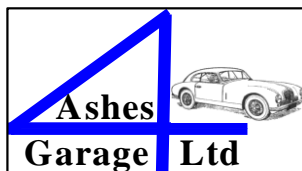
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