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**Lot No: 657****1954 Aston Martin DB2/4 3.0-Litre  
2-Door Coupé**

Registration no. DXG 650

Chassis no. LML766

Engine no. VB6J215

*Estimate: £20,000 - 25,000*

Footnote:

With the introduction of the '2+2' DB2/4 in October 1953, Aston Martin extended the DB2's appeal to the hitherto untapped yet increasingly important market comprised of 'sports car enthusiasts with a family.' By modifying the rear of the chassis and reducing fuel tank capacity from 19 to 17 gallons, sufficient space was found within the existing DB2 design for two child-sized occasional rear seats. Alternatively, the rear seat backs could be folded down, thus creating a load-carrying platform that more than doubled the luggage space. 'This transformation gives the Aston Martin DB2/4 an unrivalled luggage-carrying capacity in a car which should be capable in favourable circumstances of achieving two miles a minute,' reported The Motor. 'The DB2/4 can truthfully claim to be the fastest car in the world capable of carrying two people with a month's luggage.'

Otherwise, the DB2/4 remained much the same as the DB2, employing the latter's rectangular-tube chassis, trailing arm independent front suspension and well-located live rear axle. The 2.6-litre six-cylinder twin-cam power unit - designed under W O Bentley's auspices while the great man was at Lagonda - came in tuned (125bhp) Vantage specification as standard for the 2/4. Despite the Vantage engine, the DB2/4's inevitable weight gain was not fully compensated for until the arrival of the 3.0-litre 140bhp engine in 1954. DB2/4 production had amounted to 565 cars by the time of the MkII's introduction in October 1955.

A most exciting restoration project for the dedicated Aston Martin enthusiast, this original DB2/4 starts and runs well - registering good oil pressure and provides a unique opportunity to obtain an unmolested and original DB2/4. A three-owners-from-new example, the car is offered with Swansea V5 registration document and comes with an original instruction book and manual and spares catalogue. Although not illustrated, the bonnet has been refitted and comes with the car. Sold strictly as viewed.

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