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Owners Name: Eric Clark

Address: Rt 5, Box 578

City: Keyser

State: WV

Zip Code: 26726

Phone: 301-697-9498

Vehicle Make: Chevrolet Camaro

Model: SS396

Year: 1968

VIN Number: 124378N430758

Trim Plate Data:

BUILD DATE: 05B

PAINT CODE: U-U

OPTION CODES: N/A

NOR #130418

TRIM CODE: 712

Drive Train Numbers:

Engine: T0502MQ assm stamping, #440 casting, dated D268, vin on deck 18N430758, original L78 396-375 hp engine to car

Transmission: P8D26 assm date, 4-spd M21 transmission, "660" trans case, vin stamped 18N430758, original to vehicle

Rear Axle: BW0430G1 assm date, 12-bolt rear axle, 4.56 positraction, #860N casting dated I227, original to vehicle

Documentation: All paperwork, protect-o-plate, window sticker, dealer invoice and more, purchased new at McIntyre Chevrolet, 219 N. Mechanic Street, Cumberland, MD, original owner: Larry Arbogast, Route #1, Ridgeley, WV 26753, in service date: 5-23-68

Paint Condition: Very good original paint but has rust issues due to being stored in a damp and non climate controlled garage, LeMans blue with white Super Sport hockey stripes

Interior Condition: Excellent, original interior, will have to be cleaned due to the storage issues but this interior should come back like new once it's cleaned and detailed, black standard buckets w/console and gauges

Engine Bay: Good, very original, needs a lot of work due to storage issues, set up as a "Day Two" car when it was new

Under Carriage: Very good, solid original floors, no rust, dealer undercoated

Comments: This 1968 Camaro, vin #124378N430758 has been certified by Camaro Hi-Performance. According to our data base and historical Chevrolet records, this car is an original L78 396-375 horsepower V-8 with Muncie 4-speed transmission and factory 12-bolt rear axle. This Super Sport Camaro, drive train and trim tag have been certified as real and authentic. The exterior and interior colors are correct and match the trim tag on the firewall. This SS396 Camaro is unique in the fact that it's a one owner car driven until 1973 and then parked the car in a garage. Summary; car falls into the original unrestored category. Page two will address any issues found during my inspection. Only 4,575 L78 Camaros were produced in 1968 making this car very desirable in the Camaro market place. Original drive train L78s are extremely rare and hard to find. I have approximately 7 original 1968 L78 engine Camaros in my Camaro Hi-Performance data base. Mileage: 9,977.

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Jerry MacNeish, Certified Appraiser, IAAA ID#1007319906
 Certified Diamond Judge, American Camaro Association
 Technical Advisor, International Camaro Club

Estimated Value: \$45,000.00-\$60,000.00 current condition

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Vehicle Component Issues:

● All component issues are due to the fact that this car was set up as a "Day Two" car for performance when it was new. The exhaust manifolds, Muncie shifter, smog equipment, distributor, carburetor, bell housing, valve covers, plug wires and coil were removed from the car by the original owner. The original owner kept most of the take off components that were removed. Most of these items have been documented during my inspection and are listed below. The only items that could not be found were the original fan blade, fan clutch, rear shocks and smog equipment.

Original Components:

- Holley carburetor, #4053, dated 843
- distributor #1111170, dated 8D17
- alternator #1100814, dated 8D30
- #9078 brake booster, dated 64th day of 1968
- voltage regulator, dated 8E
- "CG" broadcast tag on brake booster hose
- cylinder head, #840, dated D238
- right side exhaust manifold, dated D288
- left side exhaust manifold, dated D198
- "OL" radiator tank, dated D of 1968
- Goodyear F70 x 14" tire date code, "TS03C04"
- tire pressure sticker #3934883
- upper radiator hose, #3909866KA

Options:

- D55 center console
- G80 positraction, 4.56 ratio
- J50 power brakes
- L78 SS equipment, 375 hp V-8
- M21 close ratio 4-speed transmission
- U17 special instrumentation
- U63 AM radio
- U80 rear seat speaker
- Z21 exterior style trim group

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Final Summary:

It is my professional opinion that this 1968 SS396 Camaro is a factory built L78 Super Sport. The engine, transmission and rear axle stampings match all original drive train stampings in my Camaro Hi-Performance data base. This is a very honest original car with an extraordinary history and integrity.

Mr. Larry Arbogast ordered this car new, drove it for five years and then parked it until his death earlier this year. Aside from a few modifications that Mr. Arbogast added to this car, it's one of the most original 1968 L78 survivors that I've seen in many years. The dealer documentation folder that accompanies this vehicle is excellent. Purchased new at McIntyre Chevrolet in Cumberland, Maryland, this car has never left the area in its 44 year history.

The only down fall with this car is Mr. Arbogast did not take care of this vehicle after it was parked in 1973. A garage was built to store this Camaro but due to the fact that the building was not insulated or properly sealed, the years took a toll on the overall condition of this car. Little rust pockets are literally all over the vehicle along with many other issues such as mildew, mold and rodents. If this car had been stored in a nice sealed garage when it was parked 39 years ago, this SS396 Camaro could have been one of the nicest low mileage survivor L78's in the country. However, there is a lot of potential with this car and it will be a very easy car to restore. None of the body surface rust is severe. The interior should clean up to brand new mint condition. Most of the parts that were taken off the car are still with the car making any parts hunting unnecessary.

I recommend that the car be completely dismantled, cleaned and restored to new condition. Due to the fact that so few original drive train 1968 L78's exist (especially with a factory installed 4.56 rear axle), this car deserves a good home and a total frame off restoration.

Credentials:

Jerry MacNeish of Camaro Hi-Performance is a Maryland-state licensed and nationally-certified International Automobile Appraisers Association (IAAA) appraiser. He has written and published two best-selling Camaro fact books and many articles about the first-generation Camaro for various industry magazines. He has been the Vice President of "Concours" judging at the American Camaro Association Camaro Nationals since 1998, and currently is a Core member of the Camaro Research Group (CRG), which is one of the premier Camaro research groups on the Internet. He also holds a certified national and world record with the National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) in the D/Stock competition class, 2010, 2011 and 2012. In years past, he has been an expert witness in Camaro related court cases, a certified "Diamond" master judge with the International Camaro Club, The United States Camaro Club, and The Maryland Camaro Club.

Inspection Location: Mr. Clark's garage, Fort Ashby, WV