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## [Bonhams Aston Martin Sale at Newport Pagnell 13th May 2006 - Preview](#)



**Restored to its traditional mid-May date, the annual Bonhams all-Aston Martin Sale is upon us once again. Star entry is the much-publicised 1961 Aston Martin DB4GT, with later coachwork by Zagato, at £700.000 - 800.000, but it's just part a varied catalogue that includes many convertible cars, including this 1963 DB4 estimated at £130.000 - 150.000.**

With the appearance of several 'projects', this could well be the last time to buy a DB six-cylinder car for restoration (full, or just back to running order depending on condition - and size of wallet of course). The **1961 DB4 'Barn Find' Series 3** (£15.000 - 20.000) has the distinction of being discovered bricked-up in a garage! Bonhams describe the car as 'perhaps the last ever and, crucially, original and untouched Aston Martin DB4 for restoration'. Factor in a no-expense-spared figure and it's going to be dear, but a tremendously satisfying experience and an opportunity for a new owner to really do it 'their' way.

There's also a **1965 DB5 Restoration Project** at £20.000 - 25.000, the higher price reflecting worldwide preference for the '5 over '4 rather than condition. Also on the **DB5** front there are three other entries, the most interesting being the rare **1965 DB5 Vantage**, perhaps not in the finest of fettle, but estimated at a reasonable £45.000 - 50.000 as a result. A car worth watching.

And if the traditional 2+2 bodywork is a bit 'everyday', why not bid on the **1965 Aston Martin DB5 Sports** at £70.000 - 90.000? It's an original Aston Martin chassis that carries faux-DBR2 sports-racer bodywork.

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The garage walls are knocked out...

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...to reveal the 1961 DB4 'Barn Find' Series 3

Of the convertible DBs, the aforementioned **DB4** looks nice in silver, and there's also a green **1967 DB6 Vantage Volante**, £120.000 - 140.000, and a red **1967 DB6 Volante** at £110.000 - 120.000. Those at the [2006 sale](#) will remember not only the price of the short-chassis **DB6 Vantage Volante** (£282,000 including buyer's premium) but also the **DB5 hardtop** selling for £29.900! This year there's a **DB6 Volante hardtop** for £5.000 - 10.000.

The **1961 Aston Martin DB4GT**, restored by RS Williams and re-bodied by Zagato from 2001 - 2003 is estimated at £700.000 - 800.000. The fascinating story of the car is best left to [its catalogue description](#), and the estimate? Spot-on in your author's opinion - a 'proper' period-chassis DB4GT with superb restoration by one the marque's worldwide leaders and genuine Zagato bodywork. Let's see what it goes for.



1952 Aston Martin DB2 3.0 Litre    1970 Aston Martin DBS V8 ex-Robin Hamilton, Le Mans 24  
 - £30.000 - 35.000                      Hours 'Muncher' - £85.000 - 135.000

More recent cars include several **V8s**, including a **1983 V8 Vantage** with various modifications for track-day use, £33.000 - 36.000, and a **1989 V8 Vantage Volante** at £80.000 - 90.000. There's also the unbelievable **1994 Aston Martin Virage 7.0 Litre Turbo**, estimated at £50.000 - 70.000. This car has **No Reserve** - go on if you're brave enough!

Finally, amongst four **DB7s**, there's a very attractively-priced **2003 DB7 Zagato**. At £85.000 - 95.000 the car is a little over half its original price, yet has only covered some 1,300 miles. Number '47' out of 99, this might be the chance to buy one of the last bespoke special-bodied Astons.

11988 Aston Martin Lagonda Series 4 ex-British Motor    1987 Aston Martin V8 Zagato 7.0 Litre -  
 Show - £28.000 - 32.000                      £60.000 - 70.000

The Sale commences with an extensive selection of Automobilia - always popular - at 1.00 pm, the Motor Car Sale starting at 2.30 pm sharp.

Always more than just an auction, the Sale is not only a chance to buy into the history of the marque, but also an opportunity to see the latest cars from the Factory at the home of Works Service.

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