

CLASSIC DRIVER

Christie's at Jack Barclay, London June 26th 2006 - Preview



BMW only made 167 of them, and of these only around a third are believed to have survived, yet Christie's has a 1973 BMW 3.0 CSL 'Batmobile' in its next London sale with just three owners from new.

Estimated at £55,000 - 75,000, the Chamonix white car must be one of the most original around exhibiting only subtle modifications (that include period VDO additional instruments, a Halda Twinmaster and a BMW Getrag 5-speed 'box to replace the original 4-speed that comes with the car anyway) from the day it was produced. It also has many items that would have 'gone missing' over the years such as the original bucket seats and steering wheel. A nice period piece eminently suitable for some classic events.

A description that can also be applied to the **1938 Aston Martin 15/98 Short Chassis 2/4 Seater Sports**, estimated at £80,000 - 100,000. This vehicle was the last Aston Martin built prior to WW2 and the catalogue carries an unsubstantiated story that the car had been exported in 1942 on a westbound 'Liberty' ship to the US, where it resided for many years before a complete restoration to the most exacting standards in the 1990s, producing a wonderful car in superb condition yet retaining an original patina. It has won many concours prizes including a first in the 'Step on it Bertie' category at the 2004 Louis Vuitton Classic.



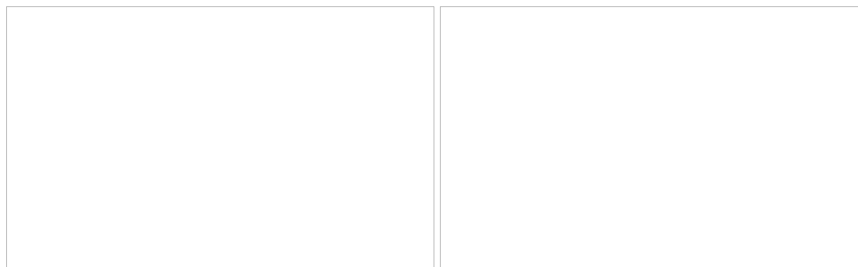
**1938 ASTON MARTIN 15/98 SHORT CHASSIS
2/4 SEATER SPORTS COACHWORK BY ABBEY -
£80,000 - 100,000**

**1953 ALFA ROMEO 1900 SPRINT COUPE
COACHWORK 'SUPERLEGGERA' BY TOURING -
£20,000 - 30,000**

There are two other **Astons** in the sale, a **1998 V8 Volante** at £55,000 - 65,000 and a **1953 DB2/4 Mk I Coupé**, the first DB2/4 and subsequent DB2/4 Mk III development car at £35,000 - 45,000.

Historic rally fans will like the ex-Sobieslaw Zasada, ex-Anne Hall, **1965 Rover P6 Rally Car** at £5,000 - 8,000, as well as the nicely presented 'works replica' **1964 Morris Mini Cooper S** , for £9,000 - 12,000.

Pre-war cars are well represented and pick of the bunch (apart from the Aston) must either be the **1931 Rolls-Royce Phantom II Continental Close-Coupled Four Light Sports Saloon** for restoration, £40,000 - 50,000, the **1934 Delage D6 11 Cabriolet**, £30,000 - 40,000, or the **1930 Alfa Romeo 6c 1750 Turismo Drophead Coupe by James Young** at £40,000 - 55,000.



1983 FERRARI MONDIAL QUATTROVALVOLE -
£10,000 - 20,000

1930 ALFA ROMEO 6C 1750 TURISMO
DROPHEAD COUPE COACHWORK BY JAMES
YOUNG OF BROMLEY - £40,000 - 55,000

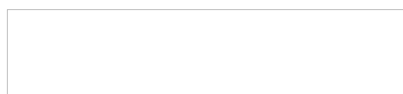
For Alfa aficionados of a slightly later era there's a delightful **1953 Alfa Romeo 1900 Sprint Coupe Coachwork 'Superleggera' by Touring** at £20,000 - 30,000. Finished in pewter metallic paintwork with blue and grey interior this car looks fabulous and despite needing a little work doing (and not having its original engine installed - although this does come with the car), it would make a very nice car for Italian semi-competitive touring events.

Prior to the motor cars Christie's will auction several motorcycles as well as automobilia that includes many properties from the **Sharpe Family Collection** and photography and memorabilia from the **John Reeve Collection**.

The Auction will be held at The Jack Barclay Showroom, 2 -4 Ponton Road, London SW8 5BA on Monday 26th June 2006. Automobilia to start at 17.00, motor cars at 19.00.

To view the complete Lotlist, please click [HERE](#).

Christie's next Sale of Exceptional Motor Cars will be at this year's (biennial) Le Mans Classic in France happening on 8th July.



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