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## Bonhams Aston Martin Sale at Newport Pagnell 12th May 2007 - Preview



**It's that time of the year again - mid-May, and Works Service will be opening its doors to Bonhams and Aston Martin aficionados worldwide for the annual Sale of marque-related automobilia and motor cars.**

This year's event mixes a selection of post-War cars - predominantly **David Brown 6-cylinders** and **V8s** - together with part of a significant collection of Aston Martin memorabilia from one of the world's leading collectors, **Ulrich Schödel**. Top billing will probably go to one of the DB convertibles or the **2000 Aston Martin Short Chassis Vantage Volante Special Edition**, although there's also a **2005 Aston Martin DBR9** for the ultimate 'impulse purchase'.

The **1970 Aston Martin DB6 Mk2 Volante Convertible**, estimated at £220,000 - 250,000, carries what the catalogue describes as "every Aston enthusiast's 'dream provenance'", it having been the subject of a total restoration at Works Service, and comes equipped with an 80-page report by the **Aston Martin Heritage Centre** detailing each phase of the work completed. It is therefore, virtually 'as-new'. A lot of money but (LHD apart) with these credentials and a classy Goodwood Green/Warm Beige/Black Hood specification, who could want more?

1984 Aston Martin Lagonda Saloon - £7,000 - 9,000

1978 Aston Martin V8 Vantage - £30,000 - 35,000

The other convertible, the **1965 Aston Martin DB5**, is estimated a touch lower (£200,000 - 220,000), but looks another classy (and rarer) entry that will no doubt do well right now on the wave of DB-era Aston enthusiasm. Soft-tops apart, the auction features many **DB6s** - the most practical and well-sorted of the 4/5/6 line - with cars ranging from £28,000 - 32,000 for a workmanlike **1967 Aston Martin DB6**, to £72,000 - 75,000 for a **1966 Aston Martin DB6 Vantage** that has clearly had a lot of care and loving attention over its life.

There is only one **DB5 Coupé**, a 1965 car for £95,000 - 115,000, while **DB4s** number two; a **1960 Series 2** in cosmetically poor condition for £48,000 - 52,000, and a very nice **1962 Series IV Vantage** for £90,000 - 110,000, the latter benefiting from an R S Williams 4.2 litre engine.

Previously the property of Simon Le Bon, 1989 Aston Martin V8 Zagato Volante - £60,000 - 70,000

1990 Aston Martin Virage Coupé - £22,000 - 25,000



Add a couple of cylinders and you get to Aston Martin’s most popular model of the 70s and 80s, the V8 in its many forms. Top-of-the-tree in collectors’ circles is the **‘Prince of Wales’** variation, so-called after a one-off for His Royal Highness became a limited edition run of 25 Volantes with Vantage engines and boot spoiler but no wide wheel arches and side skirts. Bonhams have one such in the sale, a **1989 Aston Martin Vantage Volante ‘Prince of Wales’** for £90,000 - 100,000, and by way of a contrast, a regular **1988 Aston Martin V8 Vantage Volante** at £55,000 - 60,000, red in tooth, claw and coachwork.

1966 Aston Martin DB6 Vantage - £50,000 - 55,000	The ex-Earls Court Motor Show,1996 Aston Martin Vantage Coupé - £65,000 - 70,000
1988 Aston Martin V8 Vantage Volante - £55,000 - 60,000	2000 Aston Martin SWB Vantage Volante Special Edition - Refer Dept.

Just before the launch of the Vanquish, Astons produced a final ‘end of the line’ **V8 SWB Volante** based on the supercharged Vantage coupé but retaining the hard-top’s wheelbase rather than using an extended one as was the norm with convertible cars of this series. Just eight cars were built, and Bonhams is offering one of these - a one-owner car from new - although you’ll have to ‘Refer Dept.’ for the price on the 2000 Antrim Blue machine.



Other cars of note? There’s an opportunity to buy a piece of current Aston Martin Racing history by bidding on the **2005 Aston Martin DBR9** (‘Refer Dept.’ again for the estimate), while we like the ‘offered for restoration and sold strictly as viewed’ **1952 Aston Martin DB2 Drophead Coupé** for £15,000 - 18,000.

**Automobilia and the Ulrich J. Schödel Aston Martin Collection**



There can be few collectors with a greater passion for the marque than Ulrich Schödel. Having amassed a quite extraordinary number of items over the years, the German Aston aficionado has decided to place a selected number in this year's Works Service sale.

<b>A rare Aston Martin DB 5 1:12 scale model -</b>	<b>Original 1994 Aston Martin bicycle -</b>
<b>£400 - 500</b>	<b>2,200</b>

Catalogued separately (lots 135 - 185), it's difficult to pick out highlights but how about lot 135, **An Original 1994 Aston Martin Bicycle** (bearing chassis number "1L", and coming complete with unused AM-branded cycle clothing) for £1,600 - 2,200? Or Lot 142, **Aston Martin DB4GT Zagato 180L: 20 used spark plugs** (£300 - 400), and Lot 178, **An Aston Martin 1989 V8 Vantage wall telephone** for £200 - 300.

Of the other items of automobilia - always a popular part of the Sale - there are 134 lots including many James Bond-related, such as the **James Bond, Aston Martin gear lever knob with ejector seat button**, 1960s for £1,500 - 1,800, and for those with original cars looking for mechanical guidance, **An Aston Martin DB3S Instruction Manual** at £200 - 300.

The Sale takes place at Aston Martin Lagonda Works Service, Tickford St, Newport Pagnell, Bucks, with Automobilia starting at 13.00, Motor Cars at 15.30.

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