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RM to Sell James Bond DB5

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This will bring out the little boy in *everyone*, of any age and either gender. Who wouldn't secretly love to own this genuine James Bond car from Goldfinger and Thunderball, complete with 'Q-Branch' gadgets such as machine guns, bullet-proof shield, revolving number plates, tracking device, removable roof panel, oil-slick sprayer, nail-spreader and smokescreen, all controlled from factory installed toggles and switches hidden in the centre arm-rest. Oh yes.

Known around the world by its original UK registration number, **FMP 7B**, this **1964 Aston Martin** is one of the two original '007' DB5s as featured on screen with **Sean Connery** - and it's the only one remaining.

When **RM** (in association with **Sotheby's**) puts the car under the hammer on 27 October, at its

annual **'Automobiles of London'** event at the **Battersea Evolution** venue, it will be the first time in history that this car has come to market. And I think we can confidently predict a packed auction hall, with plenty of less-usual buyers keen to get their hands on this ultimate boys' toy.



The auction house expects the sale price to top \$5 million - which, given the wide appeal of this unique car, certainly isn't laughable. "Like 'Q', we never joke about our work," confirms **Max Girardo, Managing Director, RM Europe**.

Originally loaned to **EON Productions** for the filming of the two Bond movies, the **DB5** was returned to the **Aston Martin Lagonda** factory and then, in 1969, sold to **Mr. Jerry Lee**, an American radio broadcaster based in **Philadelphia**, for \$12,000. It has remained in his possession and has rarely been seen publicly over the past 40+ years.



Today, we're told that **FMP 7B** is presented in 'highly original condition', having recently undergone a careful re-commissioning programme by **RM Auto Restoration**, after the many years of static display in **Mr. Lee's** home. Mr. Lee plans to use the proceeds from the sale of **FMP 7B** to further the charitable work of **The Jerry Lee Foundation**, a multi-national initiative dedicated to solving social problems associated with poverty, and crime prevention in particular.



The car is set to make its first 21st Century public appearance at the Bond-themed **Midsummer Classic/Thunderball** concours and black-tie reception scheduled for **26 June** at the **Stoke Park Club, near London**.



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