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1964 Aston Martin DB5 'The real James Bond movie car' - 'On Request'

Yes, a certain Silver Birch DB5 with one rather famous previous 'owner' is getting much pre-sale publicity. But look beyond the 'Bond Aston' and the 105-car catalogue is packed with many other interesting entries.

Such as a further 17, yes, SEVENTEEN, **Aston Martins** ranging in price from a **1979 V8 Vantage** (£50,000 - 60,000) to a **1964 DB5 Convertible** (£320,000 - 375,000). Many of these are 'DB era' machines, all clearly wishing to hang onto the coat-tails of one of the world's most desirable cars, an icon in its own right, which could sell for, what... two, three or four million pounds?

For the hermits out there, 'FMP 7B' is the **very** car that featured in the fast driving scenes in *Goldfinger* and as a fully functioning '007 specification' **DB5** in *Thunderball*. It's on-screen appearance forever linked the **Aston Martin** marque with **007** and it soon became top of every schoolboy's wish-list.



There were other cars prepared for publicity work and stills (and one actually used in the films, which was stolen in 1997, then believed to be destroyed) but, in addition to its starring role in celluloid, the car's value is further enhanced by having just one owner since its release by the factory in 1969: American radio station owner **Mr Jerry Lee**.

"Enough, enough," I hear the non-Bondomaniacs among you cry. Let me simply suggest that you invest £50.00 in the beautiful catalogue, with its wonderful, separately printed and bound '**FMP 7B Mission Dossier**', and I defy you to resist the magic. It will also allow two of you entry to the 27 October London sale and a ringside seat as **Lot 197** comes onto the stage.

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1960 Hillier 12E4 - £200,000 - 400,000

Oh, and don't forget Lot 201, the actual **1960 Hillier 12E4 helicopter** as piloted by **Pussy Galore** in *Goldfinger*, complete with a Certificate of Airworthiness and yours for £200,000 - 400,000.

Right, that's that covered, then.

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1931 Bentley 8 Litre Open Tourer Coachwork by Harrison - £770,000 - 1,000,000 1962 Aston Martin DB4 Convertible - £210,000 - 270,000

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1930 Rolls-Royce Phantom II Coachwork by Brockman - £150,000 - 180,000 1961 Ferguson P99 Climax P99 Four-Wheel-Drive F1 Racing Car - £475,000 - 575,000

Looking elsewhere, there are superb entries - top-billing at any other sale - which include the **ex-Masten Gregory 1952 Jaguar C-type** for £1,900,000 - 2,400,000, the **1938 Talbot Lago T23 Teardrop Coupé, Coachwork by Figoni et Falaschi** (£1,100,000 - 1,400,000) and the fabulous **1931 Bentley 8 Litre Open Tourer, Coachwork by Harrison** at £770,000 - 1,000,000.

The latter, magnificent, pre-War tourer is one of several **Bentley** and **Rolls-Royce** motor cars in the sale, which also number another **1931 Bentley 8 Litre Open Tourer** (£415,000 - 545,000, the lower estimate

reflecting a 1960s re-body from saloon to Vanden Plas-style tourer coachwork), a sporting **1934 Rolls-Royce Phantom II Continental Sports Saloon by Thrupp & Maberly** (£95,000 - 125,000) and, from the **Hooper Corporate Collection**, a **1930 Rolls-Royce Phantom II with Coachwork by Brockman**.

1971 Lamborghini Miura SVJ - £800,000 - 1,100,000 2004 Ferrari Enzo - £640,000 - 720,000

For £150,000 - 180,000, an enthusiast for the truly unique will appreciate the latter's all-copper, unpainted bodywork – believed to be the only **Rolls** so produced. Other **Hooper** cars include the gold-plated **1926 Pierce-Arrow Opera Coupé** (£70,000 - 100,000), the **1989 Rolls-Royce Silver Spirit Emperor State Landaulet by Hooper** (£80,000 - 120,000) and, something a little more sporty, a **1955 Mercedes-Benz 300SL 'Gullwing'** competitively estimated at £350,000 - 400,000.

Ferrari, as a marque, has always done well at RM sales. Who can forget the **Chris Evans Cal' Spider**, and the record-breaking **'pontoon' TR250** in its **Maranello** sales? For this year's London event, the catalogue lists nine, carefully chosen examples – and you wouldn't say 'no' to any of them.

1965 Ferrari 275 GTB - £500,000 - 600,000

From the £640,000 - 720,000 **2004 Enzo**, to the £75,000 - 95,000 **1974 365 GT4 BB**, there's something for any well-heeled collector. My money would go on the **LHD 1965 275 GTB**, a £500,000 - 600,000, matching numbers car, beautifully finished in its original colour scheme of *Azzuro* and black hide.

From arch-rival **Lamborghini** come two **Miuras** (a **1971 SVJ** for £800,000 - 1,100,000 and a **1972 SV** at £500,000 - 560,000), a **1975 Countach LP 400 'Periscopo'** (£190,000 - 240,000) and one of the most intriguing cars in the sale, the **1969 Islero GTS** that was driven by **Roger Moore** in the film *The Man Who Haunted Himself*. £95,000 - 135,000 is the estimate on this one – a nice, underappreciated car. And **Moore**, **Roger Moore**, now where have I...

1957 Ferrari 250 GT Ellena - £230,000 - 260,000

1954 Lancia B 20 GT - £50,000 - 60,000

1956 Maserati A6 A6G/2000 Competition *Berlinetta* - £590,000 - 650,000

1972 BMW 3.0 CSL - £35,000 - 45,000

In addition to the **C-type**, historic racers will appreciate the **1961 Ferguson P99 Four-Wheel-Drive F1 car** which always does so well at the **Revival** in **Barrie Williams's** hands (£475,000 - 575,000), and the **1954 Tojeiro Bristol** for £160,000 - 225,000.

Finally, a more unusual – and bang up-to-date – entry is **Lot 178**, the **2010 Pagani Zonda R**. Its all-carbonfibre bodywork and up-and-over-garage-door wing attests to the fact that this 750bhp supercar is colossally fast. So quick, apparently, that professional driver **Marc Basseng** has set a new lap record (6min 47sec) around the **Nürburgring Nordschleife** in a similar example.

2010 Pagani Zonda R - £1,300,000 - 1,400,000

£1,300,000 - 1,400,000 will buy you a car that's quicker (by 11 seconds round the 'Ring) than an **FXF Ferrari**.

Or maybe 50%, or less, of the sole surviving **James Bond Aston Martin DB5**. See you in **Battersea**: it should be memorable.

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SALE:

October 27, 2010

4:00 PM

PREVIEW:

October 26, 2010
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
October 27, 2010
10:00 AM - 04:00 PM

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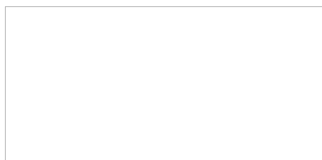
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