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Bespoke Rolls-Royce Drophead Coupé at Masterpiece London 2011



This highly bespoke Phantom Drophead Coupé was made by Rolls-Royce craftspeople in Goodwood, with the aim of providing perfect transport for a weekend get-away.

On display at Masterpiece London 2011 (held in the South Grounds of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea from 30 June - 5 July), the Phantom has, as you might have guessed, bespoke luggage; but there is far more besides.

There is, for example, a one-off Asprey jewellery box, housed discreetly in the glove compartment. The box took two working days to finish, using a hide of softest grade-one suede cut into 15 separate pieces, with an embossed silver foil Asprey stamp adding the final touch. "Designed for rings, cufflinks and earrings, it presents stylish and secure storage for these essential valuables before drivers and their passengers sink back into sumptuous leather seats, set the roof down and head out of town," says Rolls-Royce.



Other bespoke design details include teak decking, engraved tread plates and a Spirit of Ecstasy with an inscription that marks the centenary of the world's most famous bonnet icon.

The Masterpiece 2011 Drophead Coupé is in Mazarine Blue, the first Rolls-Royce to be finished in this shade – yet another of the 44,000 choices on the Phantom palette. The colour takes inspiration from the Mazarine Blue butterfly, occasionally seen in the South of England but more at home in continental Europe.

Meanwhile, the bespoke luggage set, nestling in the picnic boot of the Masterpiece London 2011 Drophead Coupé, is in deep Navy Blue leather, and inside the car you'll find luxurious Seashell leather, with Navy Blue contrast for floor and door panels. When the roof is lowered, the yacht-inspired teak decking is revealed, with mother-of-pearl inlays throughout cross-banded Santos Palissander wood veneers. White instrument dials, rotary controllers and clock finished in mother-of-pearl complete the design.



For further details on the Masterpiece London 2011 event, see www.masterpiecefair.com.

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