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[Dorotheum Auction, 2 June 2012: Famous ex-owners' cars lead the way](#)

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Cars formerly belonging to Microsoft founder Bill Gates and the 'other' Norman Foster, the American opera singer and TV personality, star in Dorotheum's 2 June, Vienna sale.

The 1979 Porsche 911 Turbo originally ordered by Gates comes complete with a stack of original paperwork from the Washington State authorities. Beautifully finished in petrol blue, the now highly collectible Turbo also benefits from an engine overhaul. Estimate: 39,000 – 50,000 euros.

For 68,000 - 82,000 euros, Ferrari enthusiasts can buy the 1964 Ferrari 330 GT 2+2 Series I. This originally *oro chiaro* car has been repainted a deep burgundy and was first ordered by Norman Foster. No, it's not the famous British architect, this Norman Foster was born in Boston, MA but spent much of his life in Vienna, Berlin and Hamburg during his career in films and on TV. In the last two years, over 30,000 euros of work has been carried out on the desirable GT.





The amphibious VW *Schwimmwagen* is always highly sought-after. Dorotheum's Type 166 is in very original condition, with 'sand' military paintwork and a long history of single-ownership.

Other rarities include three pre-War Rolls-Royces: a 1934 20/25 HP Sport Saloon for 26,000 - 36,000; a 1939 Wraith Sedan De Ville (42,000 - 54,000); and a 39,000 - 46,000 euros, 1933 20/25 HP Sport Saloon by Barker.

And later-series Rolls and Bentleys include two Rolls-Royce Corniche Drophead Coupés (a fine, metallic grey 1986 example for 38,000 - 48,000 and an earlier, green 1973 car at 39,000 - 46,000 euros). On the Bentley

front, aficionados of the Crewe marque will appreciate the 1967 T1 at 16,000 - 24,000 euros and the 1951 Mk VI saloon that carries an estimate of 29,000 - 38,000 euros.





Other British cars in the sale include an 'as new' Triumph TR6 and a 'wide body' Aston Martin Virage Volante.

Of interest to local buyers, though, must be the 1956 Steyr 2000 Luxus. A 'barn-find' discovery, the car has been in storage since 1964. And the price for this rare piece of Austrian motoring history? Just 3,000 – 5,000 euros.

Other entries include the single-owner Ford Taunus P6 with just 22,000km 'on the clock', a 1938 Chevrolet ½ Ton Pick-Up, several classic Mercedes and unusual cars such as the 1963 Tatra 603-2.

And it's not all motor cars on 2 June. The sale includes 38 motorcycles, some of which have come from the collection of the late Austrian champion Karl Waldmann. These include a lovingly restored 1923 Zundapp Z22 (9,000 – 12,000 euros), a Puch 350 GS (9,000 – 14,000 euros) and a Puch 125 Sport, at 5,000 - 7,000 euros, of which only 975 were produced.

There are also nearly 250 lots of automobilia: anything from pens to radiator mascots and even the first Porsche sales brochure, with a starting bid of 500 euros.

The sale will take place on 2 June at the Fahrzeug - Technik Zentrum Wien, Doktor-Robert-Firneisstr. 6-8, A-2331 Vösendorf, Vienna, Austria. Automobilia: 13:00, motor cars and motorcycles: 16:00.

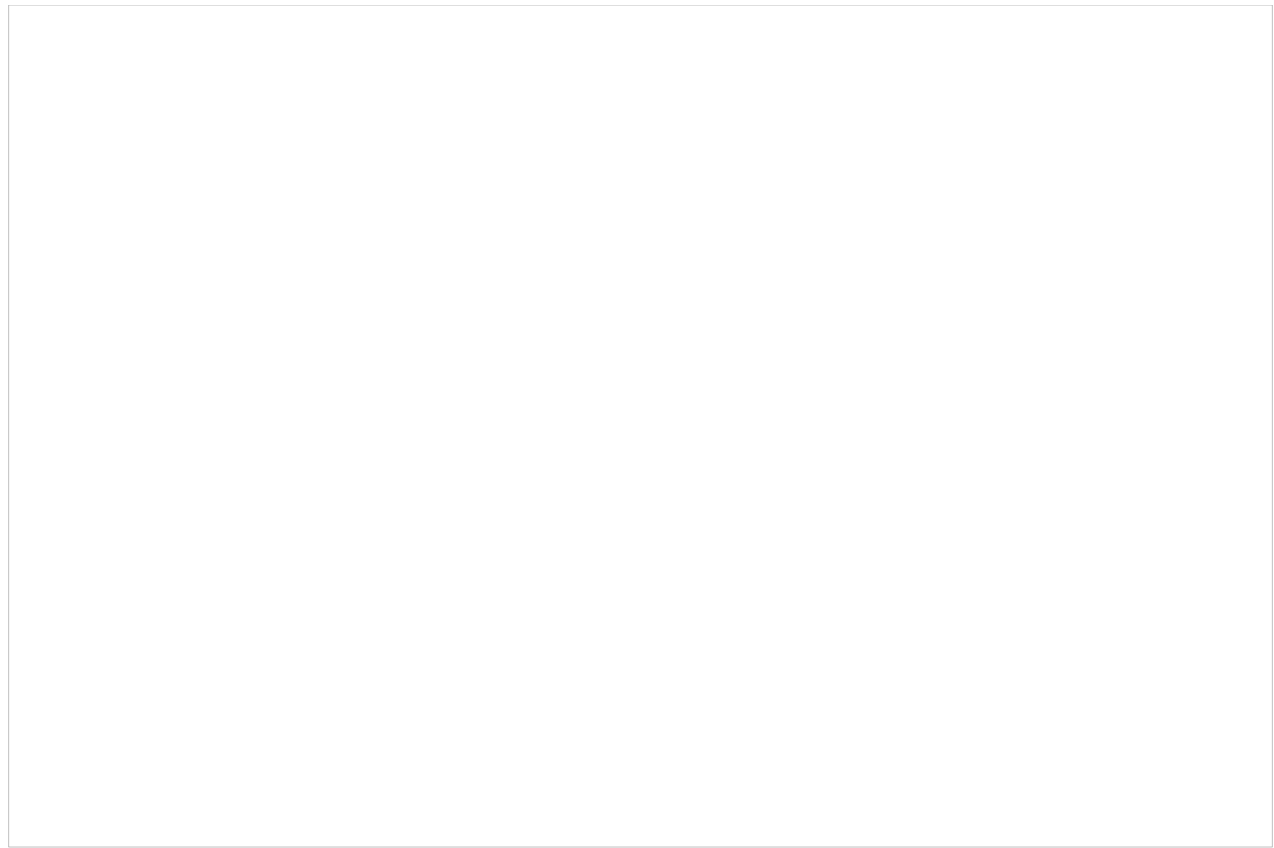
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