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From Dusty to Lusty: Our pick of Bonhams' 2013 Aston Martin sale

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The beast from the deep? No – just one of 48 extraordinary Aston Martins set to cross the block at Bonhams' forthcoming Aston sale at Newport Pagnell on 18 May. Here we select our personal favourites.

Beach Find? Aston Martin DB6 Vantage Sports Saloon Project (1966)







While the photoshoot location might suggest the first-ever beach-find, this seen-better-days DB6 has in fact been laid up in a shed for the last 30 years. If sold within estimate, this Vantage-engined example would represent an entry-level outlay for $\underline{\mathsf{DB6}}$ ownership – but the $\underline{\mathsf{barn-finds}}$ of the Bonhams Aston sales are known for swiftly surpassing expectations.

Estimate: GBP 20,000 - 30,000

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Daddy's Girl: Aston Martin V8 Vantage Sports Saloon (1980)







Probably the archetypal example of British muscle, the V8 Vantage would put paid to any straight-line challenge from a Countach or 911 Turbo – much to the delight of its driver. In the case of this fetching Sebring Blue example, said driver was none other than Victor Gauntlett, who had the car built to his unique specification.

Estimate: GBP 60,000 - 80,000

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Skyfall Reloaded: Aston Martin DB5 Sports Saloon (1965)







The latest Bond film saw 'BMT 216A' make a comeback as Bond's trusted mount; roaring through the Scottish highlands, we were once again reminded of the <u>DB5</u>'s desirability as an elegant GT. Keep your paddle held high and this fully restored example will be yours – then all you'll need is the number for Mr Craig's personal trainer.

Estimate: GBP 280,000 - 320,000

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Rapide, but not for the 'Ring: Lagonda Rapide Sports Saloon (1963)







This year's centenary celebrations saw an Aston Rapide become the first hydrogen-powered racing car to lap the 'Ring; it's come a long way since its (Lagonda-badged) namesake, which at the time was considered an alternative to a Rolls-Royce or Bentley.

Estimate: GBP 60,000 - 80,000

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