

CLASSIC DRIVER

1929 Rolls-Royce 20 H.P. - Landaulette by Hooper

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- Lot sold
USD 37 722 - 50 296
GBP 30 000 - 40 000 (listed)
Year of manufacture 1929
- **Gearbox** Manual
- **Drivetrain** 2wd
- **Drive** RHD
- **Interior colour** Other
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
- **Fuel type** Petrol
- **Exterior colour** Other
- **Car type** Convertible / Roadster
- **Exterior brand colour** White/Black
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Description

In the years of the Depression immediately after the First World War, it was inevitable that there would be a drop in demand for luxury cars at the top end of the market. Rolls-Royce knew it could not rely purely on such prestige models as its Silver Ghost for survival and thus decided to produce a smaller and more affordable model. The resultant 20HP was indeed considerably smaller than its previous cars and was powered by an all new six cylinder engine of 3,127cc mated to a three speed transmission with centrally mounted gear lever. This sturdy chassis was leaf-sprung at both ends while brakes were fitted to the rear axle only, on which the centrally-mounted handbrake also operated. Introduced in 1922, and quickly nicknamed "The Baby Rolls", the 20HP was warmly received and soon became a popular model. Coachwork could be sourced from a wide variety of specialist concerns in closed, open *or* touring forms. The centrally-mounted gear lever and handbrake, however, did lead to some c

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