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Mighty modern machinery set to make its mark in Battersea

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Capitalising on the recent surge in demand for limited-production modern supercars, RM Sotheby's has consigned a significant line-up of latter-day poster pin-ups to its annual London sale next week...

Limited-production modern supercars have enjoyed immense interest in the salerooms in the last 12 months, as evidenced by the fact a LaFerrari sold in Monterey for a staggering 4.7m US dollars – that's more than a genuine Ford GT40 that starred in the same sale. As a result, we've seen an increased amount of auction catalogue print space dedicated to these cars, and the annual RM Sotheby's bash in Battersea, London, is no different.





Particularly notable are the private collections of both air-cooled Porsches and special-series Mercedes-Benzes, which comprise a number of very desirable cars including an <u>ultra-rare road-going 993 GT2</u> (est. £750,000-850,000) and a <u>one-owner SLS AMG 'Black Series'</u> (£320,000-415,000) with fewer than 1,000 miles on the clock. A slightly more specialised choice is the <u>Audi A4 Quattro Super Touring car</u>, which was built for and raced by five-times Le Mans winner Emanuele Pirro in the late 1990s. It's estimated to garner £130,000-160,000 – good value for a car that's said to be as competitive now in historic series' as when it was racing in its heyday?





Given their relative rarity, we imagine the special-edition Lamborghinis from the past few decades will head the same way as their Italian rivals from Maranello in the long run. At Battersea, the sixth of just 80 Diablo GTs and a single-owner Murciélago LP670-4 Super Veloce will cross the block, estimated at £375,000-425,00 and £325,000-375,000, respectively. Much like the F50, the Enzo seems to be another darling of collectors and investors at the moment – the red example in the sale is showing just 1,500 miles on the clock, and is estimated at £1.2-1.4m. Though not as extreme as the aforementioned supercars, the Verde Zeltweg Ferrari 575M with the desirable Fiorano Handling Package (£80,000-100,000) is, in our opinion, as elegant and tasteful as modern cars come. You can find the full catalogue for the sale, taking place on 7 September in Battersea Park, listed in the Classic Driver Market.

Our 10 favourite modern supercars

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