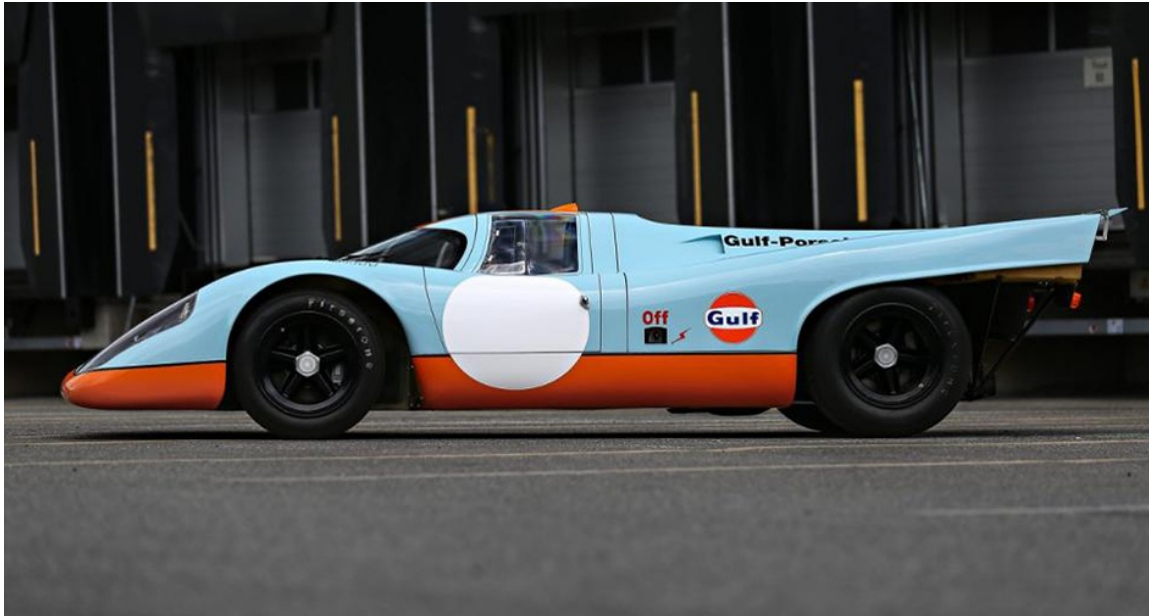


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Gooding & Co. and RM Sotheby's weigh in for Monterey 2017

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No sooner had Gooding & Co. announced that it would be offering the very Porsche 917K that starred in the legendary Steve McQueen racing thriller 'Le Mans' at its Pebble Beach sale, than RM Sotheby's threw its hat into the ring with arguably the most important Aston Martin ever produced, DBR1/1...

With Monterey Car Week just over one month away, it's that time of year when the major auction houses start to lay down their cards and reveal the blue-chip metal they've consigned for the biggest collector car sales of the year.

Green is the colour





RM's DBR1 — which was driven in period by such legends as Stirling Moss, Carroll Shelby, Roy Salvadori, and Jack Brabham, and is considered the most 'correct' of the five examples built — will be accompanied by another significant Aston: the DB4GT chassis DP199, the prototype upon which all the other DB4GTs were built. The former is expected to surpass 20m US dollars when it crosses the block, while the latter is estimated at 6–8m dollars.

Provenance in spades

The Gulf-liveried Porsche 917K offered by Gooding & Company is chassis number 024, and in 1971, it was loaned by its then-owner Jo Siffert to Solar Productions, for use in the making of *Le Mans*, in which it stars extensively. Exquisitely restored, yet wonderfully original, it's estimated to fetch between 13 and 16m US dollars when it roars across the block at Pebble Beach in August.

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