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Aston Martin DB4GT Zagato Continuation to make debut at Le Mans

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As Aston Martin prepares to do battle at Le Mans exactly 60 years after Roy Salvadori and Carroll Shelby triumphed in the French endurance classic driving a DBR1, the marque has revealed the DB4GT Zagato Continuation, of which 19 will be built...

Priced at an extraordinary £6m (excl. taxes) and sold together with a new Zagato-bodied DBS Superleggera, the Aston Martin DB4GT Zagato Continuation will make its public debut at this year's 24 Hours of Le Mans. Each of the 19 cars poised to be built at Aston's historic Newport Pagnell facility represents the culmination of some 4,500 hours of artisanal craftsmanship.

A centenary celebration





Utilising a blend of traditional techniques and modern technology, the new DB4GT Zagato is virtually indistinguishable from the original, an archetypal 1960s Grand Tourer that many deem to be among the most beautiful cars ever made.

Resplendent in period-correct Rosso Maja (the exact same shade as the very first Zagato in 1959) over Obsidian Black upholstery, the first finished Zagato continuation is fitted with a 4.7-litre straight-six kicking out around 390bhp, sent to the rear wheels via a four-speed gearbox and a limited-slip differential. Coupled with the fact its voluptuous body is handcrafted from aluminium sheets just 1.2mm thick and fitted to a lightweight tubular chassis, the car should be every bit as scintillating on the track as the original DB4GT Zagato. And that's handy because none of the 19 continuation cars will be road legal.

Rosso Maja





The first completed cars will be delivered to customers in the autumn, just in time to round out Zagato's centenary year in fitting style. Sadly, the DBS GT Zagato that forms the other half of <u>Aston's DBZ Centenary Collection</u> will not reach customers until early next year.

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