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## 1985 Chrysler Le Baron

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Lot sold	<b>USD 20 700 - 27 600</b> GBP 15 000 - 20 000 (listed)	Drive	LHD
Year of manufacture	1985	Condition	Used
Chassis number	1C3BC59E7FF19089	Location	
Number of seats	2	Fuel type	Petrol
Drivetrain	2wd	Exterior colour	Other
Lot number	302		

### Description

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First owned by Frank Sinatra

1985 Chrysler LeBaron Town & Country Station Wagon

Registration no. to be advised

Chassis no. 1C3BC59E7FF190899

This Chrysler LeBaron 'woody' station wagon is ranked among the ten most important cars owned by Frank Sinatra alongside his Lamborghini Miura, Lincoln Continental, and Dual Ghia. Indeed, Sinatra had a lifelong affection for Chrysler cars and reputedly got his first break in the music industry not because of his voice but because his potential band-mates were impressed by the fact that he owned a Chrysler!

One of his favourites, this Town & Country station wagon was used by Frank Sinatra and his family accountant, Nathan 'Sonny' Golden, for the first six years of its life, and Frank got a real kick out of cruising around with his friends Sammy Davis Jnr and Dean Martin in such an unassuming car. This car is rumoured to be the last vehicle Sinatra owned, and it offers a fascinating insight into the costs of fame; Frank reportedly spent the last ten years of his life being driven around Palm Springs in this undistinguished and unashamedly domestic Town & Country station wagon in order to avoid recognition.

The smallest Chrysler ever at the time of its introduction in mid-1977, the Le Baron was intended to

rival Cadillac's Seville and the Lincoln Versailles, as well as imported European makes such as Mercedes-Benz. This example is powered by Chrysler Corporation's 2.2-litre overhead-camshaft four-cylinder engine, which in turbocharged form (as seen here) produced a maximum of 146bhp at 5,200rpm. As one would expect of a car ordered by an 'A-List' celebrity, this particular LeBaron is very well specified, boasting automatic transmission, air conditioning, two-tone leather interior trim, power assisted steering, cruise control, stainless steel roof rack, heavily tinted privacy glass, and electric operation of the windows, mirrors, and seat.

Accompanying paperwork includes copies of the US Certificate of Title with Sinatra's signature, also stating his name together with 'c/o Nathan Golden' (family accountant) with the address of 70855 Sinatra Drive, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270. Also on file are warranty documents in Sinatra's name and previous UK MoT certificates, the most recent of which expired in May 2018.

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