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Mike 'The Bike' Hailwood's Heuer quadruples estimate at auction

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An 18-carat gold Heuer Carrera that was gifted by Jack Heuer to the late, great motorcycle champion Mike Hailwood has quadrupled its estimate at auction, fetching £56,312 (incl. premium) at Bonhams' Autumn Stafford Sale...

Mike 'The Bike' Hailwood forged an extraordinary career on two wheels, amassing nine world championships, 76 Grand Prix victories and 13 Isle of Man TT wins. Though not as impressive, his four-wheel record was pretty good, too. But beyond all the trophies, he was a thoroughly likeable man and always among the most popular people in the paddock.



In 1973, when Hailwood was racing in Formula 1 for fellow motorcycle world champion John Surtees' eponymous outfit, Jack Heuer personally gave him a rare gold Camaro chronograph, reference 1158.

Engraved on the caseback was the message 'To Mike Hailwood - for a successful 1973', likely a reference to his heroic actions in saving Clay Regazzoni from a fiery inferno during the South African Grand Prix in that season.



The watch starred at Bonhams' recent Autumn Stafford motorcycle sale, where it was estimated to sell for £10,000-15,000. It in fact quadrupled that, garnering an impressive £56,312 including buyer's premium.

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