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Three V8 Aussie icons are heading to auction

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If you're a fan of Australian touring cars, then it has never been more important that you pay attention to an auction, because three race-bred Holdens are crossing the auction block at Shannons' Spring Timed Online Auction on November 15th.



Aside from their rough and ready 'utes', if there's one automotive genre that springs to mind when we think of Australia, it's their fire-breathing V8 Supercars. Today, we represent three legendary Holdens with their roots in touring car racing, starting with this lean, green [1977 Holden Torana A9X SLR5000](#). As all those numbers and letters suggest, this isn't your casual Holden, but rather 5.0-litre V8 monster developed to help the marque win the Australian Touring Car Championship, in particular the Bathurst 1000. Racing driver Peter Brock debuted the A9X in style by winning the 1977 Hang Ten 400 at Sandown, and while it wouldn't win at Bathurst in its maiden season, it would dominate at Bathurst in 1978 and 1979, the latter which they won by a record six laps!





Next up we have a [1990 Holden Commodore Group A SS](#), which might just be our favourite of this trio. Number 73 of just 302 examples built to comply with homologation rules, this maroon missile boasts a 221hp 5.0-litre V8, unique SS alloys, a limited slip diff, and a special bodykit among a number of other choice upgrades. Currently showing just 10,676 km on the clock, its Durif Red paint remains in excellent condition, and the same can be said for its grey cloth trim and silver wheels. If you're looking for a 90s sleeper that doesn't come from Germany, then you can't do much better than this.



Last but certainly not least we have this brutish [2008 Holden Commodore HSV W427](#) finished in Nitrate Silver. Driven sparingly, this Holden has covered a mere 21,470 km. Built to celebrate 20 years of HSV homologation specials, the W427 boasts a 7.0-litre V8 from a Corvette Z06 pushing out a more-than-adequate 503hp. This example, number 58 of 427 cars made, has enjoyed a pampered life and has been carefully garaged when not tearing up the open road. So, if you're looking for a V8 Aussie super saloon of your own, be sure to check out [Shannons' Spring Timed Online Auction on November 15th](#). The real questions is, which of these three would you choose?

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