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Bonhams Aston Martin Sale at Newport Pagnell - 13th May 2006 - Review



Six-cylinder 'DB' Aston Martins set new levels at Bonhams latest sale at Newport Pagnell. The much talked-about DB 4 'Garage Find' setting the saleroom gasping with an almost quadruple estimate £78,500.

Amid much speculation of what the car would sell for (most people picking a figure between £30 - 40,000) it was clearly several determined bidders that pushed the price to an eventual hammer of £70,000 (that equates to £78,500 with buyer's premium). A nice complete car it will nevertheless require at least another £100,000 spending on it to bring it back to 'as-new' condition. So in this context, the £144,500 achieved for the California Sage green **1960 DB4 Series 2** that was in absolutely mint (if not exactly original - and there is a difference) condition was spot-on.

The **1963 DB4 Convertible** looked good in its silver paint and sold well for £166,500, while the other restoration project, a partly incomplete **1965 DB5** sold for double its estimate, £58,700. Of the convertible **DB6s**, the green **1967 Vantage Volante** went abroad for a reasonable £117,000 while the red **1966 Mk I Vantage Volante** was bid to £100,000 but failed to sell.

1965 Aston Martin DB5
Sold for £122,500

1952 Aston Martin DB2 3.0 Litre
Sold for £46,050

And neither did (as we write, although a post-sale is always possible) the utterly gorgeous **1961 DB4GT with later Coachwork by Carrozzeria Zagato**. Bid to £650,000, it was probably a (very expensive) whisker away from its reserve - and still £200,000 over the value of a conventionally bodied 4GT. The **Zagato-bodied 2003 DB7** did sell for £95,000, and now sets a benchmark price for these underrated cars. The **1987 V8 Zagato 7.0 Litre** also sold, at £82,900.

Of the other **V8s**, nice **Volantes** are always popular, as shown by the **1987** car selling for £58,700 while the **1989 V8 Vantage Volante** sold for £84,000. Another (late entry LHD) **Vantage Volante** failed to find a buyer, although bid to £68,000.

1965 Aston Martin DB5 'Sports'
Sold for £79,600

1997 Aston Martin DB7 Volante
Sold for £41,100

The three **DB2s** did well, the **1952 DB2 3.0 Litre** selling for £46,050, the **1954 DB2/4** for £39,450 and the **1952 DB2/4 DHC** for £63,100. The 1954 car being particularly nice having had just one owner from new and carrying the UK registration plate 'OXO 13'.

Finally, in our preview we mentioned the awesome **1994 Virage 7.0 Litre Turbo**. Someone was indeed 'brave enough' to put their hand up and buy the car that has had a multi-six-figure-sum spent on it for

£44,400. Well done that man (or woman).



Prior to the Motor Car Sale, Toby Wilson auctioned over 100 lots of Automobilia, a highlight of which must be the **'Three signed Sean Connery and Aston Martin DB5 Photographs'** , estimated at £350 - 450 going for £9,200.

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