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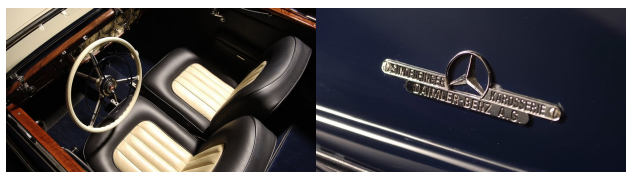
## [Magnificent Mercedes-Benz 540K to star at Bonhams' single-marque sale](#)

### Lead

Bonhams' inaugural Mercedes-Benz auction will see a 540K Cabriolet "with a swinging Parisian past" go under the hammer, heading up a roster of 40 other important cars from the marque...

The majestic pre-War Mercedes-Benz 540K Cabriolet A is a rare delight, and this example is confirmed to be one of only 10 made to this particular specification (more powerful 5.4-litre engine twinned with traditional bodywork).

### Unique Parisian provenance



Its first owner, the proprietor of Parisian nightclub 'La Roulotte', would proudly park it at the venue entrance while A-listers such as Edith Piaf and Django Reinhardt unwound inside. Employed in such a role, the car's undoubted touring abilities appear to remain untested: the car has never left French soil since its delivery to Mercedes-Benz Paris in 1936. The original owner (who kept the car for 70 years) completed a full restoration, albeit retaining the original engine and bodywork, and it is now expected to achieve €1.8m - €2.4m when it crosses the block at [Bonhams' single-marque auction on 12 July at the Mercedes Benz Museum, Stuttgart](#).

*Photos: Simon Clay for Bonhams*

### Gallery









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