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The Cars and the Company

With a marque like Aston Martin it is tempting to dwell in the past, such is its rich and evocative history.

Racing successes and a roll call of distinguished owners and drivers have been the inspiration behind the legend that is Aston Martin – creators of some of the most exciting sports cars ever made. The images not just of cars and drivers, but of the “Works” and the people – are powerful and enduring.

Without question, Aston Martin has been shaped by its long and distinguished heritage. The values which its famous wings have always stood for – flair, individuality, craftsmanship, performance, timeless engineering and a commitment to people – remain as important today as ever.

Perhaps even more so, because in an age when so many cars are mere transportation – designed to appeal to the many – Aston Martins are created for the few. For people who share the spirit of the open road, who understand and feel the passion.

Aston Martin commands as much enthusiasm and loyalty as any marque in the world because we provide service that goes beyond the traditional meaning of the word. Our reputation for uncompromising quality and flair remains a hallmark of distinction.

As Chairman, I am both proud and delighted to be able to introduce you to our cars and our company.

David Price



Aston Martin is the marque for motoring enthusiasts. Its cars have never been created as simply transportation but as driving machines with character and soul.

Those who have helped guide the company through its remarkable history have done so with deep personal conviction. Founders Lionel Martin and Robert Bamford built their first car in 1914 and all those that have followed them at Aston Martin have shared a common belief – that motor cars should be built to the highest standards, enjoy a distinctive, individual character and above all, be exhilarating to drive and own.

Throughout the years Aston Martin has continued to flourish because the belief and passion that exists within its people, its customers and followers, has ensured that the flame continues to burn brightly.

The name of Aston Martin and the ideals it stands for are bigger than the mere machinations of business and that reputation is now even more secure than ever.

This brief selection from the Aston Martin album of achievement, plots some of the highlights, on road and track, of a cherished heritage and an extraordinary marque.

"Mort" Morris-Goodall and "Bert" Bertelli in the 1933 team cars outside the factory at Feltham.

Aston Martins in build at Feltham in 1934.



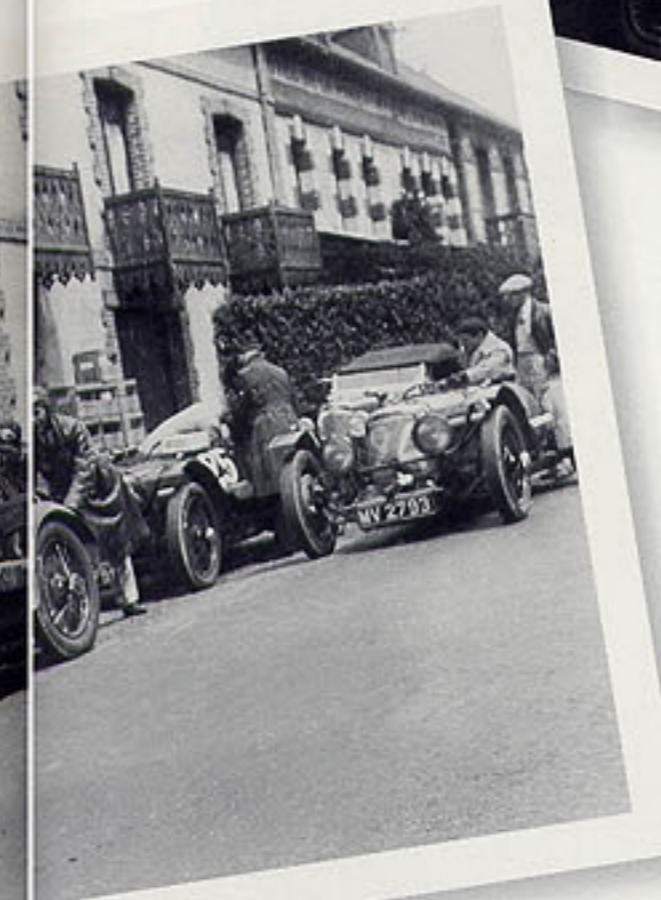
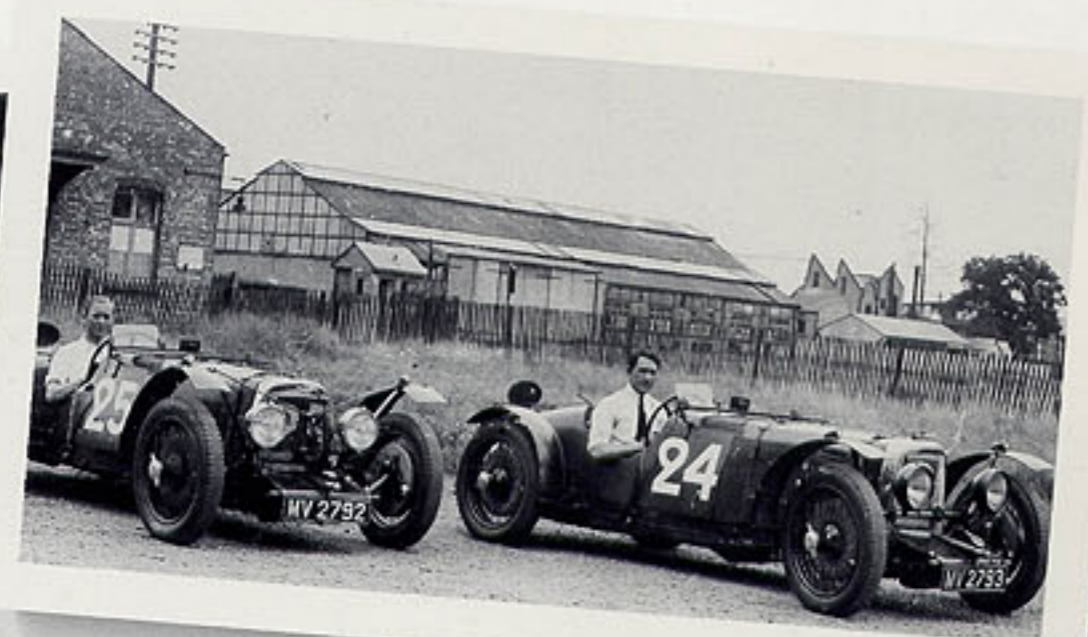
"Jock" Macfie after his remarkable single-handed 24 hour drive at Spa in 1949.

The Early Years

A Passion for Performance



Lionel Martin (with his wife Katherine) races up Aston Hill on May 16, 1914 – the start of the famous marque.



The "Works" team stop off for refreshment near Rouen en route to Le Mans in 1933.



The victorious DBR1 driven by Roy Salvadori and Carroll Shelby in the pits during the 1959 Le Mans 24 hour race. Onlookers include Reg Parnell, David Brown, Stirling Moss and John Wyer.



1950 - 1990

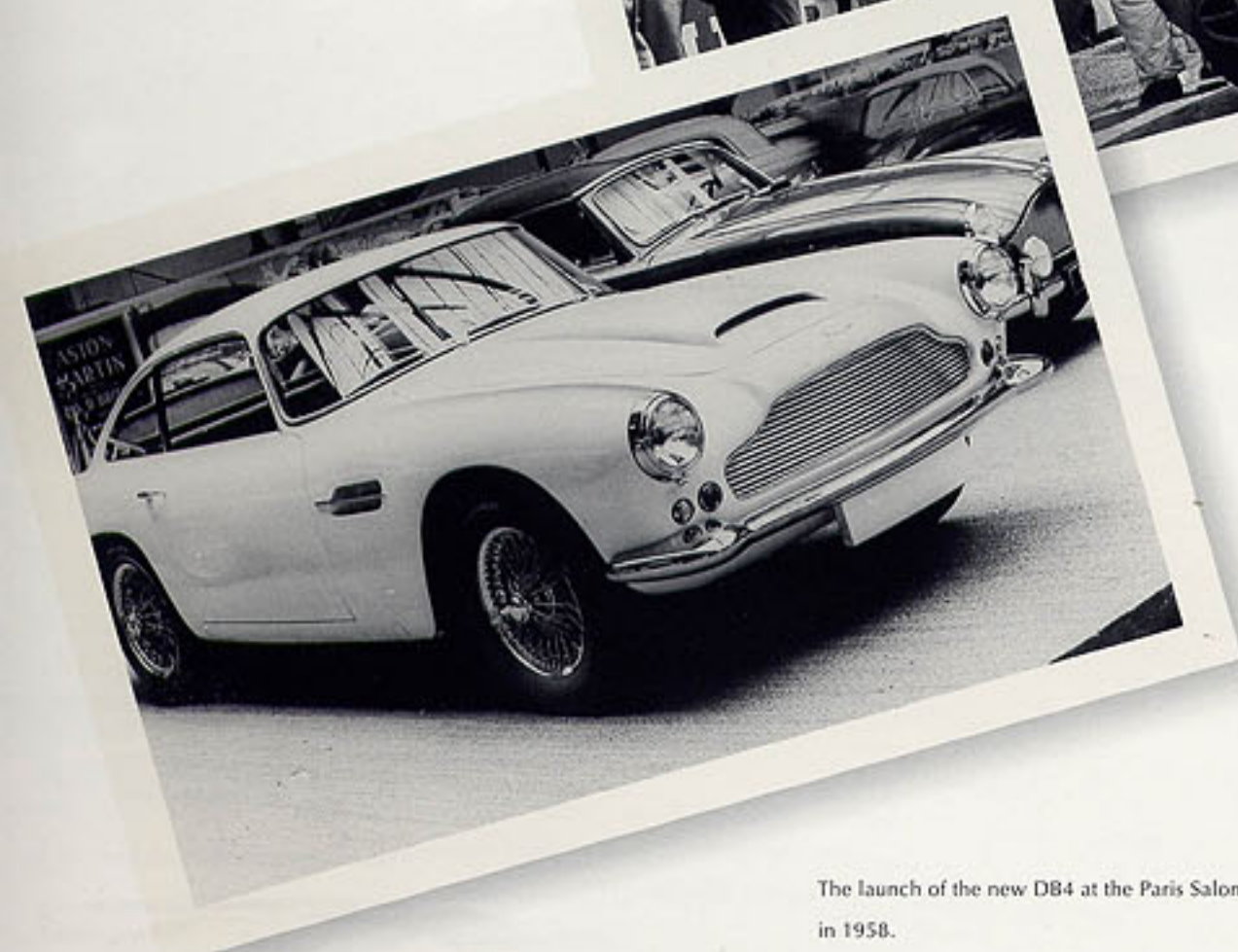
From Racetrack to Road

With the Early Years characterised by outstanding individual achievement and the spirit of pioneering endeavour, the post war period culminated in racing success at the highest level and the translation of those experiences into production of some of the most beautiful road cars ever built.

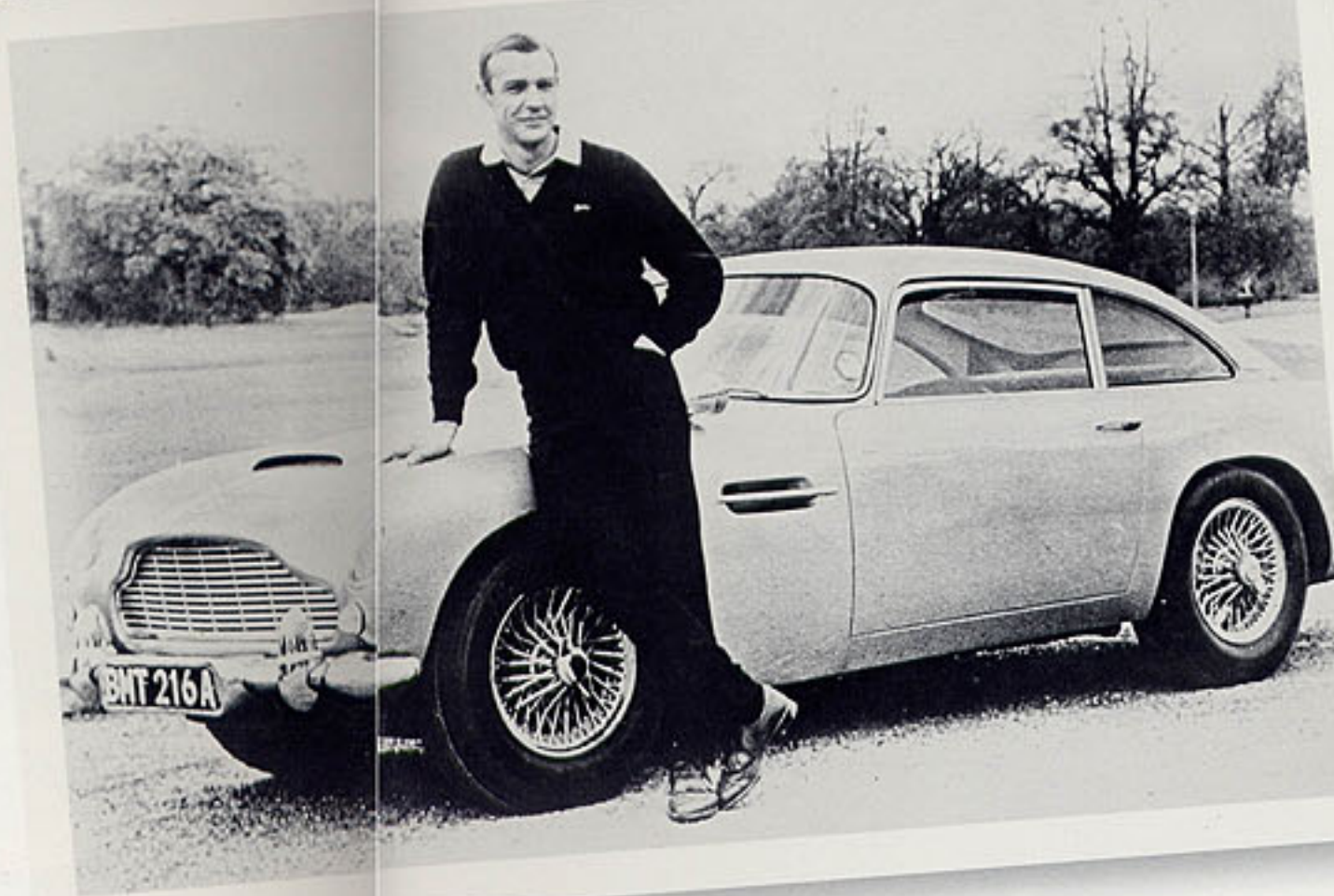
Fame and fortune followed as the marque grew from strength to strength, achieving international recognition through film and the exploits of fictional British secret agent, James Bond.

From racetrack to road, the passion for performance remains as strong as ever.

Aston Martin Vantage Volante to 'Prince of Wales' specification of which only 22 examples were built.



The launch of the new DB4 at the Paris Salon in 1958.



The most famous Aston Martin of all, the DB5 which featured in the James Bond film Goldfinger with Sean Connery in 1964.



It is doubtful if any car maker has drawn as much strength from its people and friends as Aston Martin. Owners, employees and admirers are enthusiasts to the core, an extended family that stretches around the globe. All keep faith with a rare passion.

The sense of family is strong at Aston Martin with a number of father/son teams employed in our workshops. Owner's sons have grown up alongside their father's Aston Martin and later become owners themselves. But it is more than that. The whole company is a family; a family into which you are welcomed when you become an owner.

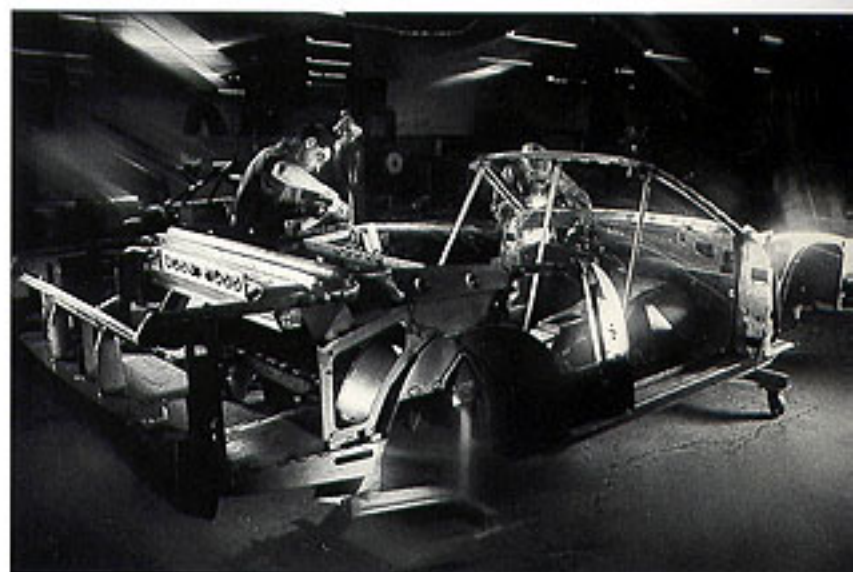
In fact owning an Aston Martin is like being part of one of the most exclusive clubs in the world. In just over 80 years a little over 12,000 cars have been made and it says much of our company and our customers that some three quarters of them are still in use and we take a keen interest in every one.

Ours is a small company producing cars to an exceptional standard. Customers regularly watch their cars being built and talk to the craftsmen involved. Indeed we extend an open invitation to all customers to take part in the creation of their own unique Aston Martin.

It is part of the reason owners are so passionate about Aston Martin – they feel part of the history, part of the racing heritage, part of the family.







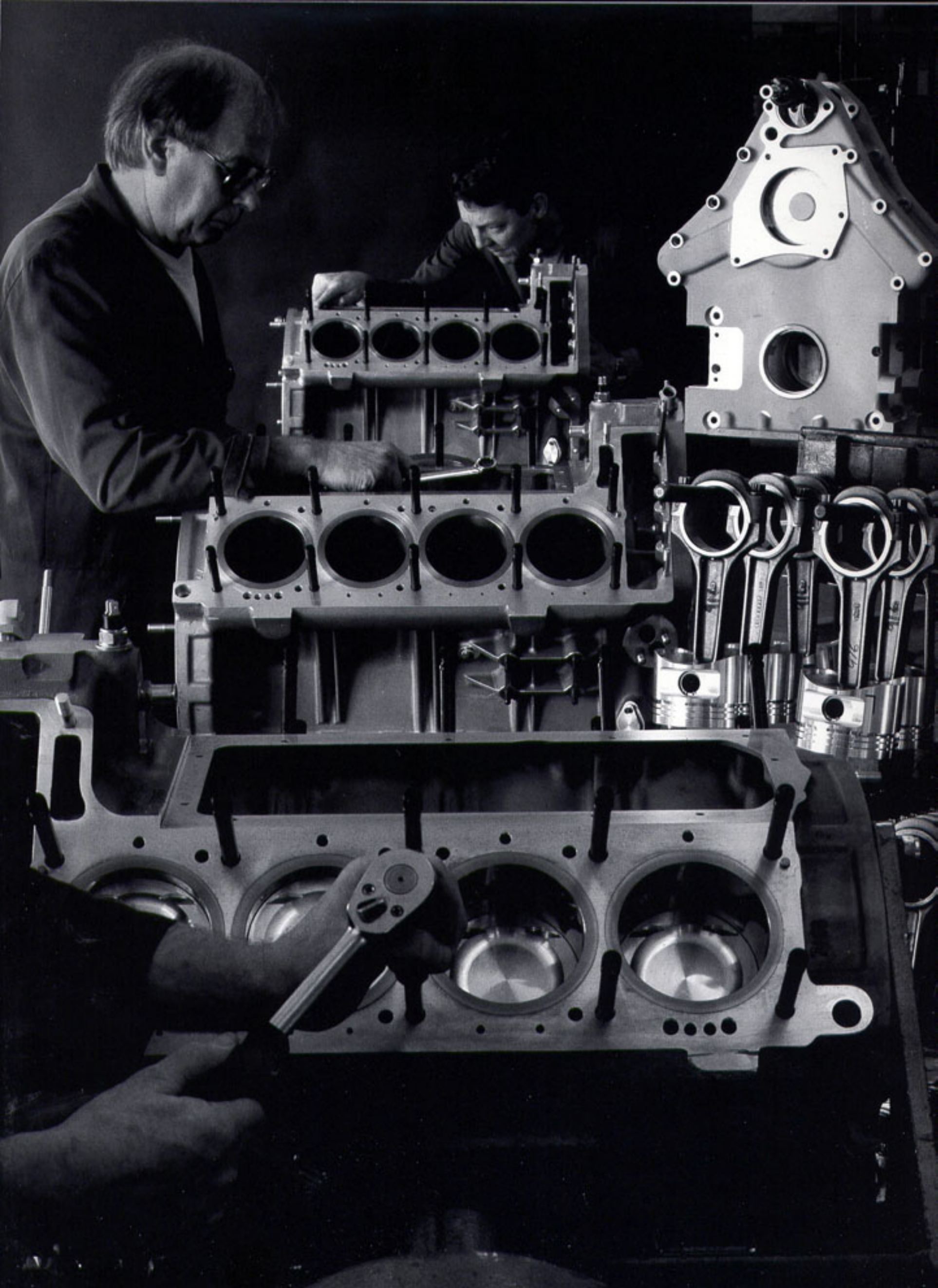
Every Aston Martin is hand built by men and women who care. Their dedication is in the detail, and the very senses that craft and hone every Aston Martin – sight, feel and touch – live on in the finished car, an enduring and intimate reminder of rare skills. Aston Martin engineering is a very human endeavour which has to satisfy the emotions and the intellect of builder and owner alike.

Aston Martin should be an experience that lingers on the senses and in the mind, but not only for nostalgic reasons. The company's cutting edge is sharp and mobile. New resources and investment have harnessed the latest computer aided design and development facilities, more efficient process controls and a host of other contemporary disciplines.

But the pursuit of calculated perfection is not a motivation. The notion is too narrow, too cold and impersonal. Technology is a fine servant but a poor master. Aston Martin has always been advanced in the cause of performance and driver comfort, enjoyment and safety. But human inspiration is the creative force.

When commissioning an Aston Martin personal expression is only limited by the imagination. Customers are encouraged to take time in selecting colours and textures in the same way and with the same attention to detail as the craftsmen who build the car. The indulgence of blending the finest materials such as Connolly leather, polished veneers, Wilton carpet, is an experience which every Aston Martin owner is able to enjoy and savour. As a result, very few cars are the same; each one an individual and unique statement of personal choice.





The V8 Coupe is an Aston Martin in the grand tradition. The rewards of perfectly balanced engineering and velvet gloved refinement run deep. The V8 Coupe is chosen for its strong and eloquent identity by people who know precisely what they want. The look is one of solidity in depth, but with a sense of restraint

embodied in its hand crafted aluminium bodywork. The cars' intrinsic elegance and charisma are complimented by a newly developed 260kW (349 bhp) version of Aston Martin's classic 32 valve, 5.3 litre V8 engine, with new design cylinder heads.

Suspension, brakes and wheels also reflect the clear sighted evolutionary engineering that is embodied in V8 Coupe and ensure that driver and passenger arrive stirred but not shaken!

The front and rear of the car are imbued with a fresh, purposeful dimension whilst retaining the distinct family resemblance to its more powerful stablemate, the Vantage. The V8 Coupe sports new six spoke alloy wheels with a discreet Aston Martin badge in each hub.

A new design of radiator grille with air intakes and auxiliary driving lamps integrated within the front spoiler present an elegant but purposeful aerodynamic stance.



V8 Coupe



V8 Coupe Specification

Body

Two door 2+2 coupe, steel chassis, handcrafted aluminium body panels, side impact protection in doors.

Interior

Full Connolly leather interior with burr walnut veneers and Wilton carpets. CFC free automatic climate control system with replaceable pollen filters.

Premium electronic radio cassette or radio CD, four speaker audio system, with multi-disc CD autochanger option. Driver's airbag. Remote alarm system and immobiliser.

Engine

All alloy quad cam 32 valve V8. 5340cc. Compression ratio 9.75:1. Alpha Plus engine management system. Fully catalysed exhaust system.

Front engine, rear wheel drive.

Power: 260 kW (349 bhp) @ 6000 rpm.

Torque: 500 Nm (369 lb.ft) @ 4300 rpm.

Performance

Acceleration: 0-100 km/h (62 mph), 5.9 seconds.

Maximum Speed: Over 240 km/h (150 mph).

Transmission

Four speed automatic with electronic Sport and Touring modes.

Limited slip differential, ratio 4.09:1.

Suspension

Front: Independent double wishbone, co-axial spring damper units with anti-roll bar.

Rear: De Dion axle located by longitudinal radius arms & transverse Watt's linkage, co-axial spring damper units.

Steering

Rack & pinion, power assisted.

Brakes

Front: Ventilated steel discs, 362 mm diameter with AP racing four piston aluminium calipers.

Rear: Ventilated steel discs, 286 mm diameter with sliding aluminium calipers. Servo assisted. Four channel anti-lock braking system (ABS).

Wheels and Tyres

6 spoke aluminium alloy 8.5J x 18 wheels with Pirelli 255/50 ZR 18 P-Zero tyres.

Dimensions

Height: 1320 mm.

Width: 1918 mm.*

Length: 4745 mm.

Wheelbase: 2611 mm.

Kerb Weight: 1950 kg.

Fuel Tank Capacity (unleaded)

102.5 litres.

* excluding wing mirrors







Recapturing the spirit of grand touring in the very best of European traditions, Volante is a supremely elegant motor car – a true symbol of English countryside and the pleasure of open top motoring. The fully lined and powered hood incorporates a heated glass rear window and electric latching to the windscreen. It is a masterpiece of the trimmer's art.

The hand built 5.3 litre V8 engine – capable of taking the Volante to over 240 km/h (150 mph) – is perfection in engineering – the hallmark of every Aston Martin.

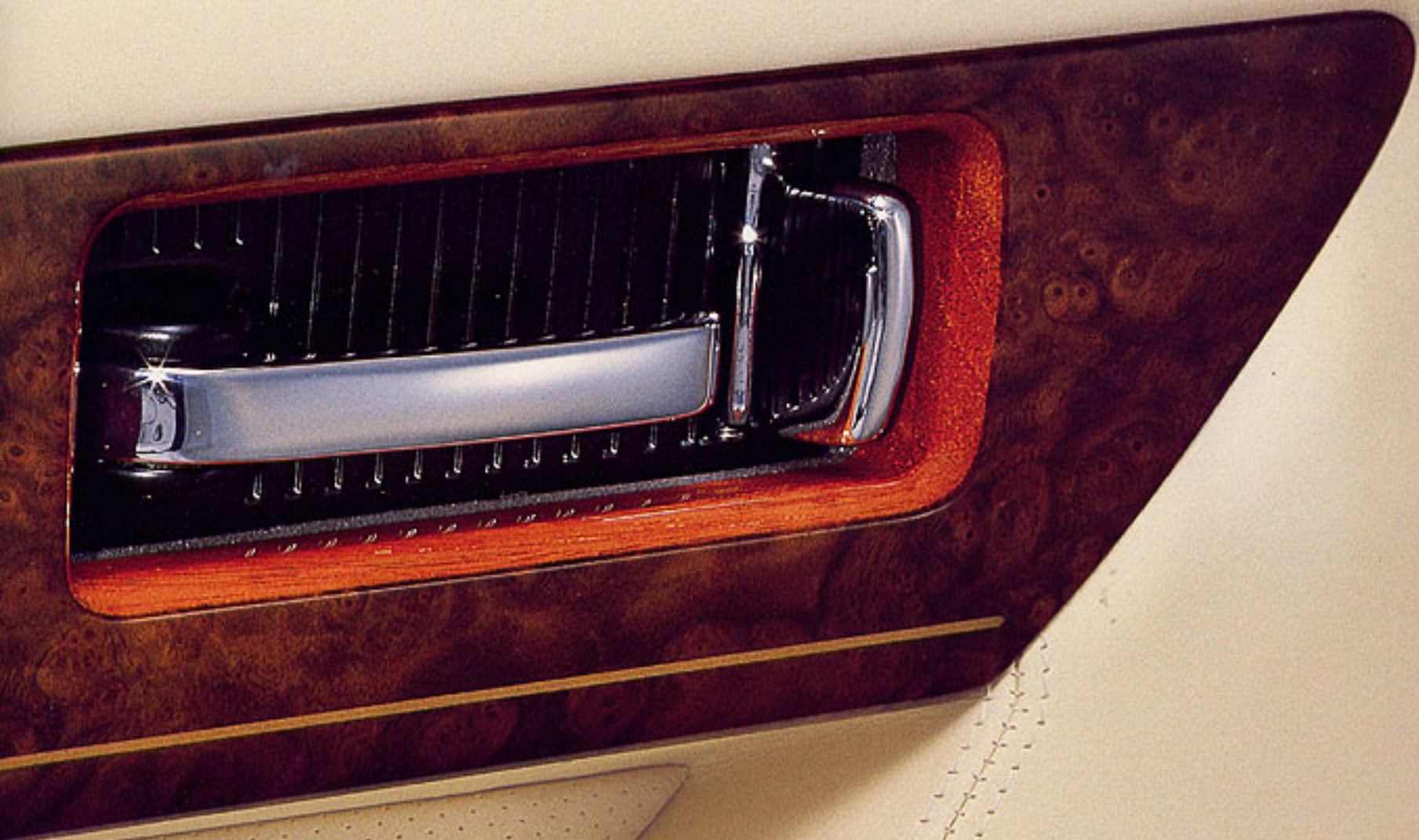
Volante's four speed automatic with electronic sport and touring modes, provides the smooth and responsive transmission of power – always perfectly mannered and effortlessly executed.

In terms of quality, Volante exemplifies the art.





The interior of Volante is a combination of beauty and excellence that cannot fail to lure the touch. Run your fingertips over the grain of the finest hand-picked Connolly hide, feel the perfect smoothness of the wood finish, the reassuring touch of cold chrome and the deep pile of Wilton carpet. Other senses too are stimulated – the warm aroma of English leather, the visual allure of rich and flawless veneers. All combine to provide a feast of sensory delight.



Volante Specification

Body

Two door 2+2 convertible, steel chassis, handcrafted aluminium body panels. Fully lined electrically operated hood with heated glass rear screen.

Interior

Full Connolly leather interior with burr walnut veneers and Wilton carpets. CFC free automatic climate control system. Premium electronic radio cassette or radio CD, four speaker audio system, with multi-disc CD autochanger option. Driver's airbag. Remote alarm system and immobiliser.

Engine

All alloy quad cam 32 valve V8. 5340cc. Compression ratio 9.75:1. Alpha Plus engine management system. Fully catalysed exhaust system.

Front engine, rear wheel drive.

Power: 260 kW (349 bhp) @ 6000 rpm.

Torque: 500 Nm (369 lb.ft) @ 4300 rpm.

Performance

Acceleration: 0-100 km/h (62 mph), 6.0 seconds.
Maximum Speed: Over 240 km/h (150 mph).

Transmission

Four speed automatic with electronic Sport and Touring modes.
Limited slip differential, ratio 4.09:1.

Suspension

Front: Independent transverse unequal length wishbones, co-axial spring damper units with anti-roll bar.
Rear: De Dion axle located by triangulated radius arms & transverse Watt's linkage, co-axial spring damper units.

Steering

Rack & pinion, power assisted.

Brakes

Front: Ventilated steel discs, 330 mm diameter.
Rear: Solid steel discs, 286 mm diameter. Servo-assisted. Four channel anti-lock braking system (ABS).

Wheels and Tyres

Aluminium alloy 8J x 17 wheels with Avon Turbospeed 255/55 ZR17 tyres.

Dimensions

Height: 1400 mm.
Width: 1856 mm.*
Length: 4745 mm.
Wheelbase: 2611 mm.
Kerb weight: 2000 kg.

Fuel Tank Capacity (unleaded)

95 litres.

* excluding wing mirrors

In the tradition of its name, which has only ever graced the most powerful Aston Martins, the Vantage is a car at the peak of its form.

It is recognised as one of the fastest production cars in the world, but that barely does it justice.

As a grand tourer it has no peer.

The performance delivered by its twin supercharged 5.3 litre V8 is, quite simply, breathtaking.

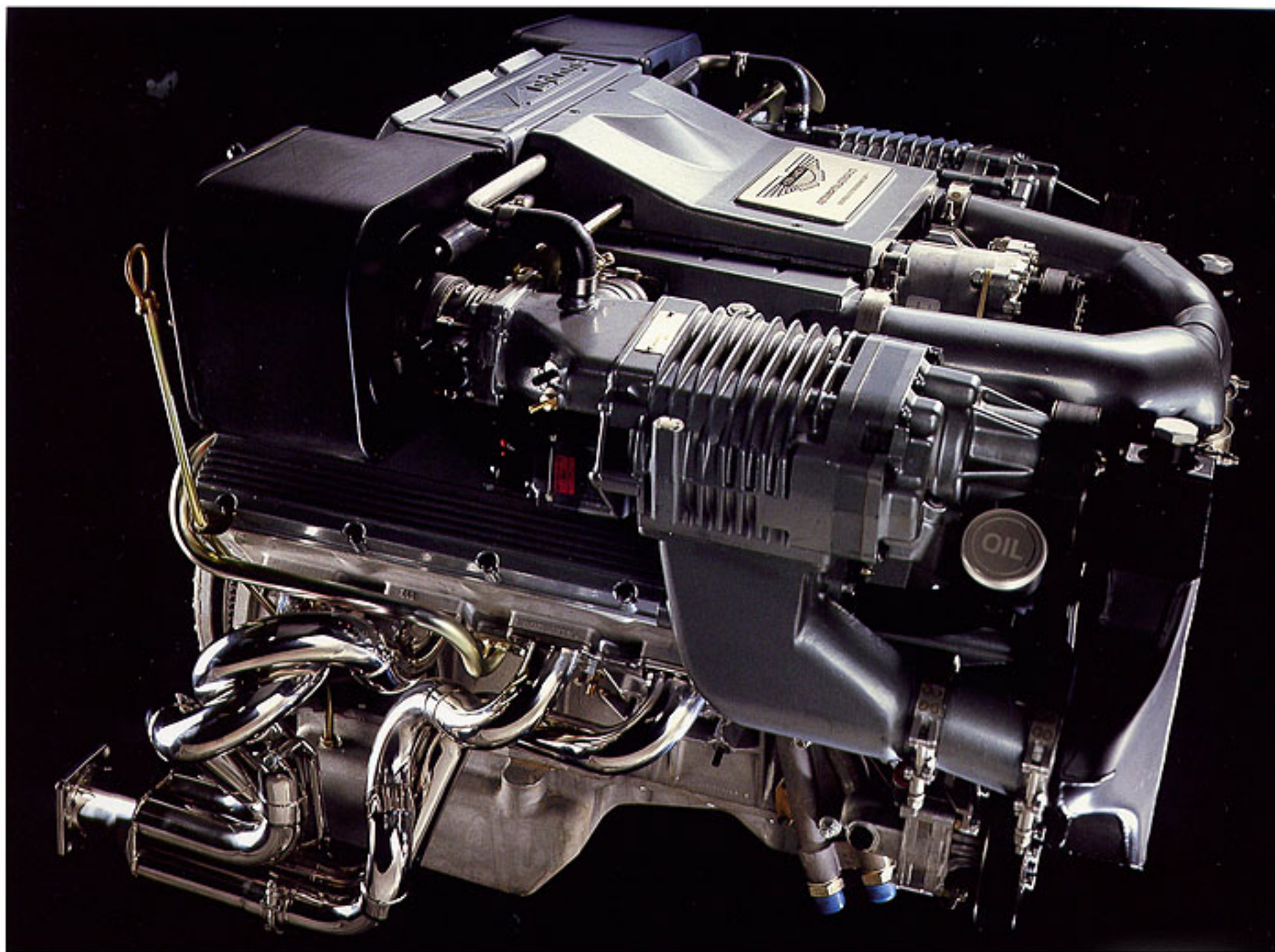
With 410 kW (550 bhp) and 745 Nm (550 lb.ft), the spread of pure power and torque across the entire range is awe inspiring.

The Vantage is sleek in a truly athletic way, its muscularity sharply defined. It sets new standards in speed and comfort. In no other car of this capability will you find such exquisitely bespoke luxury. Skim your fingers over the smooth and subtly shaped surfaces, savour the aroma of hand-stitched Connolly leather, and just sit back.

In the Vantage however, your attention will always return to the engine.

Its note deep and uncompromising. Open the throttle and the feeling is that you have tapped into a limitless resource, that whatever you ask of the engine, it always has the ability to deliver more.





Vantage Specification

Body

Two door 2+2 coupe, steel chassis, handcrafted aluminium body panels, side impact protection in doors.

Interior

Full Connolly leather interior with burr walnut veneers and Wilton carpets. CFC free automatic climate control system with replaceable pollen filters. Premium electronic radio cassette or radio CD, four speaker audio system, with multi-disc CD autochanger option. Driver's airbag. Remote alarm system and immobiliser.

Engine

All alloy quad cam 32 valve V8, 5340cc. Compression ratio: 8.2:1. Twin superchargers with air to liquid intercoolers. EEC IV engine management system. Fully catalysed exhaust system. Front engine, rear wheel drive. Power: 410 kW (550 bhp) @ 6500 rpm. Torque: 745 Nm (550 lb.ft) @ 4000 rpm.

Performance

Acceleration 0-100km/h (62 mph), 4.6 seconds. Maximum speed: 300 km/h (186 mph).

Transmission

6 speed manual. Limited slip differential, ratio 3.77:1.

Suspension

Front: Independent double wishbone, co-axial spring damper units with anti-roll bar. Rear: De Dion axle located by longitudinal radius arms & transverse Watt's linkage, co-axial spring damper units with anti-roll bar.

Steering

Rack & pinion, power assisted.

Brakes:

Front: Ventilated steel discs, 362 mm diameter with AP Racing four piston aluminium calipers. Rear: Ventilated steel discs, 286 mm diameter with sliding aluminium calipers. Servo-assisted. Four channel anti-lock braking system (ABS).

Wheels and tyres

5 spoke aluminium alloy 10J x 18 wheels with Goodyear Eagle 285/45 ZR18 tyres.

Dimensions

Height: 1320 mm. Width: 1944 mm.* Length: 4745 mm. Wheelbase: 2611 mm. Kerb weight: 1990 kg.

Fuel Tank Capacity (unloaded)

102.5 litres.

* excluding wing mirrors





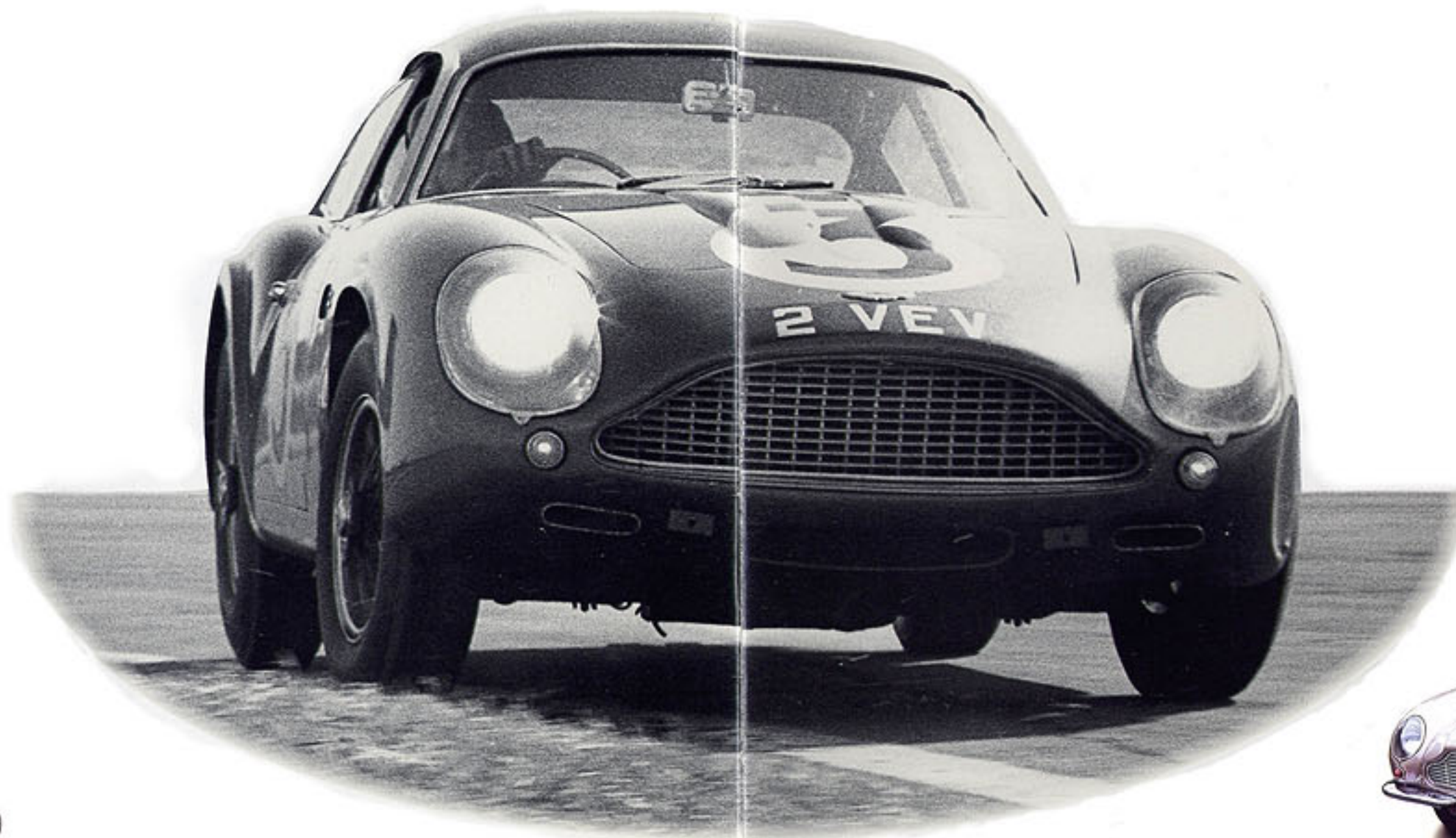


DB7 Heritage



DB2-4 1953 - 1955

DB MARK III 1957 - 1959



DB4 1958 - 1963



DB4GT 1959 - 1963



DB5 1963 - 1965



DB7



DB6 1965 - 1969

Ian Callum, the designer of DB7 was given a brief to style a DB for the 1990's, an emotive shape that was unmistakably Aston Martin. To portray something that was British, elegant, but purposeful with the slightest hint of aggression.

But what classic acts to follow – DB Mark III, DB4, DB4GT and DB5 – cars that rank as some of the all time greats in the annals of motoring history. And yet the DB7 is so naturally their successor, with its perfect proportions, animal muscularity and unmistakable DB styling cues.

The familiar grille and headlamp cover shapes, the discreet side vents and curvature of the rear window, all direct descendants of that classic DB look.

But of course the beauty of DB7 is not just skin deep, having been the subject of the most intensive test and development programme in the Company's history.





The DB7 merges contemporary and classic themes. Style and good taste are intrinsic. It stands out in a crowd without being overstated and benefits from intelligent engineering design. Its aerodynamic shape is both elegant and functional – it could only be an Aston Martin.

The latest Aston Martin though is not only remarkable for its beauty, it is also a car of exceptional performance and precision. Powered by a 3.2 litre, supercharged 24 valve straight six engine, there is a choice of close ratio 5 speed manual transmission or 4 speed electronically controlled automatic. Strong, seamless power delivery is supported by smooth high speed cruising and efficient braking.

Suspension is independent front and rear and the ultra low profile Bridgestone tyres have been specifically developed and tuned to match the car's suspension.

The chassis fuses finely-honed handling with superb ride comfort enabling the DB7 to steer a compelling course between urgency and effortlessness.





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