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**Aston Martin DB5 production resumes after 55 years as build work begins on DB5 *Goldfinger* Continuation cars at Aston Martin Works**

- **More than half a century after the last new DB5 left Aston Martin's Newport Pagnell factory, work is again under way on 'the most famous car in the world'**
- **'Job 1' DB5 *Goldfinger* Continuation car is under construction – the first in a strictly limited run of 25 customer cars**
- **Produced in association with EON Productions, makers of the James Bond films**
- **The new cars will feature working 'Goldfinger' gadgets developed by Aston Martin and Oscar-winning special effects guru Chris Corbould OBE**

*28 May 2020, Newport Pagnell, UK:* Dubbed 'the most famous car in the world' and renowned as being among the most desirable and sought-after classic Aston Martin models, the DB5 has become a byword for timeless style and sports car desirability. Fewer than 900 saloon examples were built by the brand between 1963 and 1965, with by far the most famous of the original owners being the world's best-known secret agent – James Bond – who first drove the car that is today inextricably linked with him in the 1964 film, *Goldfinger*.

Now, 55 years after the last new DB5 rolled elegantly off the production line at Aston Martin's then global manufacturing base in Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire, work is once again under way there on a strictly limited number of new DB5 models. Created in association with the producers of the James Bond films, EON Productions, and featuring a broad suite of working gadgets first seen on screen in the 1964 film, the Aston Martin DB5 *Goldfinger* Continuation cars are history in the making.

The latest in Aston Martin's phenomenally successful Continuation car programme which began in 2017 with the DB4 GT Continuation the new DB5 models represent among the most valuable new cars yet brought to market by the British luxury brand. Each DB5 *Goldfinger* continuation car is priced at £2.75m, plus taxes.

The meticulous DB5 *Goldfinger* Continuation construction process – which takes around 4,500 hours per car – is being undertaken at Aston Martin's globally renowned Heritage Division headquarters in Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire. Now the largest, best equipped and most knowledgeable Aston Martin restoration centre in the world, the invaluable and highly specialist skills nurtured at Aston Martin Works are perfectly suited to the brand's celebrated Continuation projects.

Each of the 25 new cars is being built to the highest possible quality using a blend of Sir David Brown-era old world craftsmanship, with the sympathetic application of modern engineering advancements and performance enhancements, alongside the integration of cutting-edge gadgets developed in association with Chris Corbould OBE, the special effects supervisor who has worked on more than a dozen Bond films.

The list of Bond-inspired gadgets includes the following features, all familiar to viewers of the classic 1964 big screen hit.

#### Exterior:

- Rear smoke screen delivery system
- Rear simulated oil slick delivery system
- Revolving number plates front and rear (triple plates)
- Simulated twin front machine guns
- Bullet resistant rear shield
- Battering rams front and rear
- Simulated tyre slasher
- Removable passenger seat roof panel (optional equipment)

#### Interior:

- Simulated radar screen tracker map
- Telephone in driver's door
- Gear knob actuator button
- Armrest and centre console-mounted switchgear
- Under-seat hidden weapons/storage tray
- Remote control for gadget activation

All the new cars are meticulously detailed authentic reproductions of the DB5 seen on screen, with some sympathetic modifications and enhancements to ensure the highest levels of build

quality and reliability. All the DB5 *Goldfinger* Continuation cars are being built to one exterior colour specification – Silver Birch paint – just like the original.

The cars feature original DB5 styled aluminium exterior body panels wrapped elegantly around an authentic DB5 mild steel chassis structure. Under the bonnet there's a 4.0-litre naturally aspirated inline six-cylinder engine with a six-plug head, three SU carburettors and oil cooler, that's capable of generating in the order of 290 bhp. This is mated to a five-speed ZF manual transmission in the rear-wheel drive DB5, which also features a mechanical limited slip differential.

Servo-assisted hydraulic Girling-type steel disc brakes, rack and pinion steering – which does not feature assistance – and a suspension set-up comprising coil over spring and damper units with anti-roll bar at the front, and a live axle rear suspension with radius arms and Watt's linkage, complete the dynamic package.

Heritage Programme Manager Clive Wilson is one of those most closely involved in the process of bringing the new DB5 *Goldfinger* Continuation car into production. He said: "Seeing the first customer car move painstakingly through the intricate production process we have created really is quite a thrill.

"Obviously we have not, as a business, made a new DB5 for more than 50 years, so to be involved in the building of these cars, which will go on to form part of Aston Martin's history, is something I'm sure all of us will be telling our grandkids about!"

Paul Spires, President of Aston Martin Works where the original DB5 was built and the new cars are also being created, said: "We are making, perhaps, some of the most desirable 'toys' ever built for 25 very lucky buyers worldwide.

"Creating the DB5 *Goldfinger* Continuation cars and working with EON Productions and special effects supervisor, Chris Corbould, is something truly unique and a real career highlight for everyone involved here at Aston Martin Works."

First deliveries of the DB5 *Goldfinger* Continuation to customers will commence in the second half of 2020.

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## Note to Editors:

*\*Please note, this car is not road legal. The fitment of gadgets is subject to final engineering confirmation and country-specific legislation.*

## About Aston Martin Lagonda:

Aston Martin Lagonda is a luxury automotive group focused on the creation of exclusive cars and SUVs. The iconic Aston Martin brand fuses the latest technology, exceptional hand craftsmanship and timeless design to produce models including the Vantage, DB11, DBS Superleggera and the new SUV, DNx. Based in Gaydon, England, Aston Martin Lagonda designs, creates and exports cars which are sold in 51 countries around the world.

Lagonda was founded in 1899 and Aston Martin in 1913. The two brands came together in 1947 when both were purchased by the late Sir David Brown.

## About EON Productions:

EON Productions Limited and Danjaq, LLC are wholly owned and controlled by the Broccoli/Wilson family. Danjaq is the US-based company that co-owns, with Metro Goldwyn Mayer Studios, the copyright in the existing James Bond films and controls the right to produce future James Bond films. EON Productions, an affiliate of Danjaq, is the UK-based production company that has made the James Bond films since 1962 and together with Danjaq controls all worldwide merchandising. For more information, visit [www.007.com](http://www.007.com).

## About Aston Martin Works:

Aston Martin Works in Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire, is the historic home of the sports car maker and the place where around 13,000 cars were hand-built before production completed its move to Gaydon, Warwickshire, in 2007. Now a world-renowned heritage service and restoration facility as well as a new car dealership it is possible to view, purchase, service and restore cars from every era of the marque's 106 years at Aston Martin Works. In 2017, ten years after the Newport Pagnell factory closed, new car production returned to the site with the DB4 GT Continuation. The DB4 GT Zagato Continuation and the DB5 Goldfinger Continuation will follow from 2019.

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