



ASTON MARTIN *GOLDFINGER* DB5 CARS ARE TAKING SHAPE

- **Work is ongoing to create collectors' item new *Goldfinger* DB5 continuation cars with fully functioning gadgets as seen in the classic James Bond film**
- **Aston Martin, with EON Productions' Oscar-winning special effects guru Chris Corbould OBE, are together developing the 25 continuation cars**
- **Gadget highlights include revolving number plates, a rear smoke screen, and replica machine guns**

14 May, Newport Pagnell, UK: For the first time in almost 55 years Aston Martin is once again building one of the most iconic sports cars in the world as engineering development continues on the forthcoming *Goldfinger* DB5 continuation cars.

Aston Martin and EON Productions, the company that produces the James Bond films, are working on the 25 new cars that – aside from being remarkable as new-build DB5's – will also feature an exciting array of working gadgets first seen on screen in the classic James Bond adventure *Goldfinger*.

Built at Aston Martin Works in Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire – the historic home of the brand for more than half a century and the place where all 898 original DB5 sports cars were manufactured between 1963 and 1965 – the 25 continuation models* will include an array of functioning devices created by Bond film special effects genius Chris Corbould OBE.

As development works continues, and the first engineering car takes shape at Aston Martin Works' historic buildings, Chris and his team are working through the testing challenges of bringing legendary cinema scenes into the real world.

Chris explained: "The main challenge has been to recreate the gadgets from the film world and transfer them into a consumer product.

"We have licence in the film world to 'cheat' different aspects under controlled conditions. For instance, we might have four different cars to accommodate four different gadgets. We

obviously don't have that luxury on these DB5's as all the gadgets have to work in the same car all the time."

The DB5 featured in the *Goldfinger* film included all manner of 'non-standard' equipment supplied by Q Branch, from battering rams that emerged out of the front bumper to a retractable bullet-proof rear screen and oil slick delivery system.

The 25 *Goldfinger* DB5 continuation cars are set to feature a similar array of 'extras' – all standard-fitment on the new cars, of course – which Chris Corbould's team are perfecting.

Subject to final engineering approval, the list of Bond-inspired gadgets will include these features 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

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

All the new cars will be authentic reproductions of the DB5 seen on screen, with some sympathetic modifications to ensure the highest levels of build quality and reliability. Similarly, all the *Goldfinger* edition cars will be produced to one exterior colour specification - Silver Birch paint - just like the original.

Chris explained: "My involvement has chiefly been with the front guns, smoke screen and oil slick gadgets, with Aston Martin engineers producing the other items.

“The guns appearing from the front lights were a particular challenge as, in the film world, we are able to use flammable gas mixtures combined with an ignition system to produce a flame and noise effect. Clearly this is not practical in untrained hands, so we have devised a new system to achieve a realistic effect.”

Paul Spires, President of Aston Martin Works, said: “As work progresses on these remarkable cars, it’s both exciting and a little sobering to think that we are truly making history here. Creating 25 *Goldfinger* DB5 continuations 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.”

Each *Goldfinger* DB5 continuation car will be priced at £2.75m plus taxes. First deliveries to customers will commence in 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, Rapide AMR and DBS Superleggera. The Lagonda brand will relaunch in 2021 as the world’s first luxury electric vehicle company. Based in Gaydon, England, Aston Martin Lagonda designs, creates and exports cars which are sold in 53 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. Under the leadership of Dr Andy Palmer and a new management team, the Group launched its Second Century Plan in 2015 to deliver sustainable long-term growth. The plan is underpinned by the introduction of seven new models including the DB11, new Vantage, DBS Superleggera and an SUV, as well as the development of a new manufacturing centre in St Athan, Wales.

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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