



Q BY ASTON MARTIN: 'DBS 59' MARKS LEGENDARY 1959 LE MANS WIN

- **Collection of 24 'DBS 59' special editions celebrate DBR1's 1959 24 Hours of Le Mans win**
- **Based upon Aston Martin's fastest production car - the 715bhp, 211mph DBS Superleggera**
- **A unique Q by Aston Martin: Commission for Aston Martin Cambridge**
- **Bespoke colour and trim palette plus extensive detailing evokes legendary DBR1 racer**
- **Highlights include Aston Martin Racing Green paintwork, hand-crafted interior featuring fabric inspired by the DBR1 seat material and extensive bespoke detailing**

01 November 2018, Gaydon: One of the greatest moments in Aston Martin Lagonda's (AML) illustrious motorsport history is the inspiration for the latest Q by Aston Martin: Commission; the 'DBS 59'.

Inspired by Aston Martin's historic 1-2 finish in the 1959 24 Hours of Le Mans with its iconic DBR1, Aston Martin Cambridge has commissioned a collection of 24 very special DBS Superleggeras - one for every hour of the legendary endurance race. Called the 'DBS 59', each is identified by bespoke design features, hand-crafted interiors and graphic elements drawing directly from the DBR1 and the race it so famously conquered.

A marque synonymous with success in the world's toughest endurance race - the most recent being a dramatic class win for the V8 Vantage GTE in last year's race - Aston Martin's outright victory in the 1959 24 Hours of Le Mans is the stuff of motorsport legend. Facing stern opposition from works Ferrari and Porsche entries, plus a team of Ecurie Ecosse Jaguars, the David Brown Racing Aston Martin DBR1s fought valiantly to score a famous 1-2 finish in a masterful display of pace, reliability and teamwork.

Since described by Sir Stirling Moss - who helped Aston Martin win the 1959 World Sportscar Championship - as 'the most important Aston Martin ever produced', the DBR1 has deservedly attained iconic status. Just five were built between 1956 and 1959, making it one of the rarest Aston Martins ever, and when one last went to auction (at Monterey in 2017) it set a new world record as the most valuable British-made car ever with a sale price of £17.5m (\$22.5m).

Immediately identifiable by its timelessly beautiful Aston Martin Racing Green paintwork, the DBS 59 features extensive use of gloss finish Carbon Fibre, most strikingly on the roof, roof strake and painted bonnet louvres. A classic combination of Obsidian Black and Chestnut Tan leather is used throughout the interior, together with fabric inspired by the DBR1 seat material used to trim the 'DBS 59's' seat backs and door inserts. Bronze detailing is strategically deployed around the exterior and interior, with the front grille surround, 'Superleggera' bonnet script, rear Aston Martin script and Q Fender Badge amongst the items painted.

Additional Q by Aston Martin detailing include bespoke Saddle Leather Helmet Pods in the rear compartment to hold special 'DBS 59' crash helmets, race suits and gloves, and a bespoke 'DBS 59' logo embroidered in the seat headrests. Each of the 'DBS 59s' will be identifiable by a small painted white roundel adjacent to the side strakes, with each car numbered from 1-24.

Further accessories include period blue race overalls complete with Aston Martin and 'DBS 59' logos; replica string-backed racing gloves modeled on those worn by 1959 Le Mans-winning driver Carroll Shelby; replica 1959 race helmet; bespoke 2-piece luggage set to match interior trim; bespoke car cover in Aston Martin Racing Green and featuring white roundels with specific edition number.

The DBR1's proud genetic legacy is very much evident in the 2018 DBS Superleggera. The fastest and most powerful series production model in Aston Martin's multi-award winning range, this 211mph, 715bhp Super GT is an inspired combination of imperious performance and impeccable style. Having received the attention of Q by Aston Martin: Commission it is a truly covetable car; one aimed at those who appreciate the lasting significance of DBR1's historic victory and world-beating contemporary performance and handling of the DBS Superleggera.

Speaking of the 'DBS 59', Aston Martin Vice-President and Chief Marketing Officer, Simon Sproule said: "When Aston Martin Cambridge expressed a desire to create a limited run of DBS Superleggeras inspired by the DBR1's famous Le Mans victory we knew it had to be something special. The soft metallic hue of the Aston Martin Racing Green paintwork is classy and timelessly beautiful; the level of thought and detailing is exceptional. My favourite element on the 'DBS 59' are the seat backs that feature fabric inspired by the DBR1 seat material, but there are countless touches that will intrigue and delight".

The 'DBS 59' limited edition is the fourth Q by Aston Martin: Commission from Aston Martin Cambridge, following on from the success of last year's Red Arrows Edition Vanquish S, and the earlier success of V12 Vantage S Spitfire 80 Edition, marking 80 years of the Supermarine

Spitfire's first flight, and the Vantage S Blades Edition, developed in collaboration with the Blades Aerobatic Display Team.

'DBS 59s' 1 through 24 are available to order now from Aston Martin Cambridge. To place your order please contact Simon Lane at simon.lane@jardinemotors.co.uk.

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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 DB11, Rapide S, DBS Superleggera, Vantage and Vanquish Zagato. 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 1904 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.

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