

AUCTION PREVIEW CLASSICS CENTRAL, BEDFORD AUTODROME. 30 OCTOBER

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Classics Central's final line-up of the year offers a Teutonic feast as well as some great Brits

Classics Central returns to Bedford Autodrome next Sunday (30 October) after a post-Referendum break. The line-up numbers several Mercedes-Benz models, including a 1968 'Fintail' 200 and a quartet of W124 saloons.

Four BMW 3-series (E30) models, including a C2 2.5 Alpina convertible and a C2 2.7 saloon offer 1980s performance, as does a 22,744 miles-from-new 1989 Ford Sierra

RS Sapphire Cosworth. Lacking the performance of either the Alpina BMWs or the Sierra Cosworth, a Ledbury Rover Maestro could tap into the small, loyal following enjoyed by this model today.

One idiosyncratic offering is a 1959 Ford Prefect in two-tone blue and showing 65,000 miles. As Central says, 'Characterful post-war motoring doesn't arrive much more easily than this.' The estimate is £3k-4k.



1989 Ford Sierra RS Sapphire Cosworth

Relatively affordable when new, the much-applauded Cosworth Sierra brought nigh-on supercar performance to the man-in-the-street. But as with so many blue-collar performance cars, a big proportion was stolen or written off in high-speed accidents - which means a little-used model like this 22,744 miles-from-new Moonstone Blue

ESTIMATE
£26k-28k

over black leather example is a true rarity. While several low-mileage RS500s have come to market, fine Sapphire models like this are thin on the ground. Said to be in outstanding condition throughout (the interior is described as 'superb', including a 'pristine' dashboard and parcel shelf), this fast Ford should see plenty of interest.

1999 Rover Maestro Ledbury

One of 600 or so models assembled by Ledbury-based Parkway Services from completely knocked down kits after Austin Rover ceased Maestro production, Classic Central's example has covered just 24,000km (15,000 miles) from new. The auctioneer says this red (with grey interior) model is in 'original, time-warp condition'. Its MoT certificate is valid until 29 November and as a bonus the car comes with the original Rover owner's manual.



ESTIMATE
£2500-3000



ESTIMATE
£1000-1250

1993 Mercedes-Benz E200

Enthusiasts will argue about what the last 'true' Mercedes-Benz was, but when it comes to build quality the W124s were

perhaps the last to have the hewn-from-granite air. This entry-level 200 model has been up-specced with automatic

transmission and electric windows, plus an electric driver's seat. A highly usable neo-classic that should hold its value.



ESTIMATE
£15-17k

1989 BMW C2 Alpina 2.5

A UK-market car that has covered 85,000 miles in the hands of five owners, the auctioneer says this

dark blue convertible comes with an accompanying document file and is as exciting as it looks.



ESTIMATE
£16-18k

1986 BMW C2 Alpina 2.7

Subtle stripes, a mild bodykit and Alpina alloy wheels externally distinguish this C2 from a factory-built

M3. This 64,000 miles car comes with plenty of history and has an MoT certificate until next April.