

MOTOR SHOW

Feeling stirred but not shaken

The 70th British International Motor Show sees the launch of the Aston Martin DB7, the car that would leave James Bond drooling. The long-awaited successor to the DB5 – last produced in 1971 – comes with a hefty £80,000 price tag. The DB7 is capable of reaching 60mph in just 5.6 seconds with a top speed of 165mph

ASTON MARTIN

Composite front wings, bonnet, boot and bumpers – over 200lbs lighter than aluminium panels; weight saving improves speed

Electronically heated windscreen

Engine: 3239cc, 6 cylinders
Gearbox: 5-speed manual or 4-speed automatic

Projector headlamps

83 litre fuel tank

Solid steel rear disc brakes

Electronically controlled side windows – glass is sealed to body as door is closed, eliminating need for window frames and improving aerodynamic performance

Ventilated steel front disc brakes

Computerised control system – micro-processor controls 50 areas including engine, gearbox, brakes and security system

Projector fog lamps

Supercharger

Body painting by Rolls-Royce – available in eight colours including: Cotswold Champagne, Cheviot Red, Malvern Silver and Brecon Anthracite

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Technical information:

Wheels	8J x 18 aluminium alloy
Tyres	Bridgestone Expedia 245/40 ZR18
Length	15ft 2 ins / 4631mm
Width	5 ft 11.5 ins / 1820mm
Height	4 ft 2 ins / 1268mm
Kerb Weight	3,748lbs / 1700kgs

Wheelbase	8 ft 6 ins / 2591mm
Fuel tank capacity	22 gallons / 83 litres (unleaded)
Maximum power	335 bhp (250kW) @ 5750rpm
Maximum torque	361 lb/ft (490Nm) @ 3000
Supercharger	maximum boost: 1 bar (14 psi)
Acceleration	0-100km/h (0-62mph): 5.7 seconds
Maximum speed	165mph 266km/h