

Lagondaforum: 1951 2.6 litre Engine and gearBox on eBay

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Written by SRD at Jul 08, 2012 10:36 pm

A 2.6 litre saloon which has been broken up in the last year, has now got its engine and gearbox for sale on eBay.

http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/261058679134?ssPageName=STRK:MESINDXX:IT&_trksid=p3984.m1436.l2649

and

http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/261058677956?ssPageName=STRK:MESINDXX:IT&_trksid=p3984.m1436.l2649

Re: 1951 2.6 litre Engine and gearBox on eBay

Written by Peter S30 at Jul 10, 2012 7:21 am

the DB Lagonda, mainly in parts, seems to be the "in" car on ebay at the moment.

comment on the block: when you look at the last image (block, top view) it looks like the block has the standard cracks between cylinders 2-3 and 4-5

Re: 1951 2.6 litre Engine and gearBox on eBay

Written by SRD at Jul 10, 2012 10:37 am

Peter

I think there are several factors at work:

1.

It is partly an age thing, many of these cars have been stored for 20-30 years or more, by owners who have finally realized they will never get round to restoring the car or using the parts. The owners are getting on in years and find eBay the perfect place to sell cars or parts.

2.

The 2.6 litre dhc car, was yet another ex. lagonda Owners Club car, left to rot outside, along with the 3.0 litre hulk sold in March. There are many, many more cars like this which will appear. I personally know of a couple more rotting away in barns, where the owners don't want to sell. The 2.6 litre dhc at least has found a good good home, the new owner has four 2.6 dhc's already.

3.

The next scenerio, an owner buying a car for 4k in 2011 and then deciding the car was worth far more as parts. This is a sad situation. problem is that a very, very good 2.6 litre saloon would only be worth 15k tops. Restoration costs are high, rot in floor pan and wood frame often severe, early 2.6 litre engines in a poor state, nearly always with cracks in the block etc etc

4.

I think many classic car collectors have also finally realized that the post-war 1950's Lagonda's have been very cheap for a long time. The exception of course is the 3.0 Lagonda dhc which is today in demand, and prices have risen a lot. We may see prices rise more, which should stop any more cars being broken up, I hope.

Simon

Re: 1951 2.6 litre Engine and gearBox on eBay

Written by SRD at Jul 10, 2012 6:10 pm

Engine sold for 1885 pounds

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Gear-Box sold for 885 pounds

Re: 1951 2.6 litre Engine and gearBox on eBay

Written by flat broke at Jul 11, 2012 12:48 am

All good points Simon.

To be fair, almost all 50's luxury saloons suffer the same fate. Two to three times the money to restore than, say, a Healey or E-type. The support/spares network tends to be poor or non-existent. Less marketable than the equivalent classic sports car, so tough to get your money back if you do have to sell. Even the better known big Jags are often beyond restoration for the same reasons.

The fact that the DB Lagondas have somewhat fragile engines, and are still viewed as donor vehicles for their Aston cousins, is an obvious negative.

Tony

Re: 1951 2.6 litre Engine and gearBox on eBay

Written by SRD at Jul 11, 2012 6:54 am

Tony hi,

The DB cars are no longer viewed as donor cars, simply because practically everything for the 2.6 or 3.0 litre engines has now been remanufactured. This means there is a good source of parts for cars.

Engines being fragile, the 2.6 litre engines can take a lot of abuse. But don't forget that many of these cars are now 60 years ago, I hope I am in such good condition after that time...

Spares - just watch eBay as all these old hulks and broken cars appear, and get stripped for parts or sold as is. Spares are available here, you just need to work hard at it when you are looking...

The 2.6 litre saloons are very dated in appearance and it appears are still at the bottom of the tree in terms of value, say 15k, not really appreciated which is a great shame.

Compare that against a good 3.0 litre 4 door mk 2 or the rare 3.0 litre 2 door, 45k was achieved at NP Bonhams, and more will follow. These are beautiful saloons in the luxury class.

Simon
