

Lagondaforum: Rapide in Disney film...

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Written by randall977 at Nov 23, 2011 5:53 pm

Someone contacted me through my website saying they had discovered the Rapide through this film, he sent me a link to the clip. Funnily enough the Rapide is chasing a TR4, which is the car I sold a few months back to help fund my restoration. The Rapide can be seen from around 0:50 - 1:40 minutes...enjoy!

[Click here to see film clip](#)

Re: Rapide in Disney film...

Written by TVJL at Nov 24, 2011 2:55 pm

Brilliant stuff!

Re: Rapide in Disney film...

Written by David at Nov 24, 2011 3:27 pm

Sadly I can't play youtube video clips, do tell more! I gather it was the spies car. And we know the car still exists

Re: Rapide in Disney film...

Written by TVJL at Nov 30, 2011 11:51 am

David,

Sorry for the slow response.

The Rapide is the 'chase' car in pursuit of a TR4. The latter turns off into a boarding school and the Rapide drives on. The TR4 parks and the driver collapses as he gets out of the car but not before delivering an important couple of words to a very young Kurt Russell and chum.

As you probably know, the index number of the car is: CZB 67B. The paint looks to be a mid to light green (although this is difficult to discern). In terms of specific features, the car does **not** exhibit the 'inboard' 'in grille' lights, does **not** have wing indicator lights in front of the side vents, and does **not** have chrome panels behind the headlights. It does have, however, twin rectangular fog lights mounted below the front bumper and a badge bar mounted above. There are twin round fog lights mounted on the bar along with three badges - the central one is almost certainly a Lagonda Club badge. The car is on steel wheels but I can't see which type of rear bumper has been used. I have run the clip several times and am becoming convinced that the standard radio ariel mounting is absent from the front off side wing (although it is very difficult to tell).

Best wishes,

Tim

Re: Rapide in Disney film...

Written by David at Nov 30, 2011 5:28 pm

Hi Tim, thanks for that. Its colour is California Sage (with White Gold interior). How appropriate it was the spies' car! So I wonder if some or all of the extra lights were put on for the film?

Without appearing toooo much of a pedant, could you please clarify the final digit of the registration - is it B Bravo or 8 Eight? My paper records from late 80s would suggest the latter

Regards

David

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Re: Rapide in Disney film...

Written by TVJL at Dec 01, 2011 11:02 am

David,

I've rerun the clip a couple more times and am still unsure. As the car approaches the camera, the image is too indistinct. The car exits frame left foreground (sorry for the technical speak - i used to work in the biz, as you may recall). By this time, the image is much more clear but the angle much more oblique. I think it could well be an '8" (which at least ties in with your records), although it does look mighty like the other 'B' at this juncture.

Regards,

Tim

Re: Rapide in Disney film...

Written by David at Dec 01, 2011 11:27 am

Thanks Tim, very helpful, I think for the moment the record should stand. Perhaps there is an expert here who can advise on the form of 1960s registrations in Ireland!

Re: Rapide in Disney film...

Written by exchequer at Dec 04, 2011 12:50 pm

Hi All, thanks very much for the film clip, I own the Irish Lagonda Rapide you will see details on it in the forum on Lagonda Rapide 61-64 Wanted about page 8 i posted some pictures and update on the car,i knew the car was in a film and had seen still shots and a letter from Walt Disney about the car in the film but never saw the clip.

its fantastic to see the clip and to see the car in full glory any questions

thanks again Jim
