

## Lagondaforum: 1935 LG45 Tourer for sale

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*Written by SRD at Apr 25, 2012 12:41 pm*

I spotted this on the web, one of the cars on my possible wish list one day perhaps,

<http://www.carandclassic.co.uk/car/C267989>

Priced at 52.5k

My question is, why is this priced so far below what one might expect to see it at, say 80-100k ? Is the fact this car has been converted from a saloon to an open tourer, a serious downer on its price and potential and also it needs a re-spray, full chroming of bright work and interior retrimming ?

A serious and more correct car is coming up at auction priced at 80-100k, out of my league unless I win the lottery soon.

Simon

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### Re: 1935 LG45 Tourer for sale

*Written by Peter S30 at Apr 25, 2012 1:11 pm*

Simon, I think there are some obvious reasons:

a non original body in general

converted (cut) from a saloon into a tourer body style that never existed originally on the LG45 (the factory tourer looked much better, see an example <http://www.flickr.com/photos/jorbasa/5936994605/>

the colour, the condition, the bootlid..

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### Re: 1935 LG45 Tourer for sale

*Written by SRD at Apr 25, 2012 1:33 pm*

Peter hi

So the change or re-bodying incorrectly, means the car has lost its real value and is neither fish nor fowl, if you know what I mean ?

The car I prefer if I had the spare cash is this one :

<http://www.classic-auctions.com/Auctions/24-05-2012-ThePavilionGardens-1313/1937LagondaLG45DropheadCoupe-34772.aspx>

This example coming up on 24/5 for auction.

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### Re: 1935 LG45 Tourer for sale

*Written by DavidLG45 at Apr 25, 2012 2:13 pm*

Now that drophead looks a nice car. The converted saloon looks pretty dreadful IMHO. I think it would be better to build the chopped car back into a saloon as original. Obviously the price would need to allow for this.

David

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### Re: 1935 LG45 Tourer for sale

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*Written by SRD at May 29, 2012 6:52 pm*

This car which went under the hammer on the 24th with an estimate of 80-100 k did not sell.

<http://www.classic-auctions.com/...headCoupe-34772.aspx>

Did anyone see the car and would care to comment on it ?

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### Re: 1935 LG45 Tourer for sale

*Written by alistair at May 29, 2012 8:29 pm*

Simon,

Like many others I read these forums without making much comment. This looks like a nice car (unsold) but your original description... "This example with one owner for the last 58 years" is incorrect - the auction catalogue says "Dating from 1937, this particular example entered the current ownership some fifty-eight years later" - ie in 1995, so the vendor has owned the car for 17 years. Not sure why the auction house would use such a roundabout description as I am sure they would not want to confuse potential purchasers.

What do you think of the colour of the wire wheels?

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### Re: 1935 LG45 Tourer for sale

*Written by SRD at May 29, 2012 8:51 pm*

Alistair hi,

This part of the forum needs a good dose of life being injected into it, from owners of all pre-war cars. Please do contribute, since Peter has made a fabulous job and spent a lot of time setting it up, for all of our benefit. The more information, pictures and discussion, the more useful this forum becomes for everyone.

Well the auctioneers, certainly confused me, and made the car sound far more interesting of course. All part of the tricks of the trade of course, normally the less said the better for them, Caveat Emptor as always.

I liked the look of the car and the wheels, but then again, I am very partial to the LG45 and would love to find an affordable one. I have space for one more car, and this would be No 1 on my list in either saloon or tourer form, preferably in un-restored condition, unless the price was so favourable...

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### Re: 1935 LG45 Tourer for sale

*Written by DavidLG45 at May 30, 2012 9:26 am*

Interesting that [this Alvis](#) originally a saloon sold for £94,000 and the [Lagonda](#) an original "restored" drophead didn't sell.

David

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### Re: 1935 LG45 Tourer for sale

*Written by SRD at May 30, 2012 9:31 am*

David - I don't understand the logic here, the Alvis started as a saloon and was rebodied as a tourer, so why did this sell so well ?

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"It started life as a 1937 Alvis Speed 25SB Charlesworth Speed Saloon, but was rebodied as a lightweight competition machine and used for racing in the mid '60s. The current, very elegant Vanden Plas-style suit of clothes was acquired in the '90s at the hands of Simon Isles of Pott Shrigley."

The LG45, a vastly superior car, was always a tourer and has been restored nicely.

Am I missing something ?

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### Re: 1935 LG45 Tourer for sale

*Written by DavidLG45 at May 30, 2012 12:31 pm*

Hi Simon,

My point was why did a re-bodied Alvis saloon sell for £94,000 and the Lagonda with original body didn't. However well the re-body was done it was still a re-body. Personally I quite like Charlesworth saloons and wish they hadn't thrown the original body away.

David

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