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Written by SRD at May 30, 2014 4:16 pm

1952 Lagonda 2.6-Liter Drophead Coupé in green, to be sold on the 1st of June, with a here to sell estimate. I wonder what this will sell for, looks to very nicely turned out.

Pale green cylinder head colour is a little different, aside from that, some very nice detailing on this car.

Chassis no. LAG/50/476

Engine no. BCA 50/554

US\$ 40,000 - 60,000

£24,000 - 36,000

<https://www.bonhams.com/auctions/21916/lot/353/>

Re: 1952 2.6 dhc for sale in Bonham's USA

Written by SRD at Jun 01, 2014 9:47 pm

Lagonda 2.6 models it seems are still under appreciated in the USA.

I would suggest that it might appear that the market has not got a clear idea of what the 2.6 models are worth. Several fine cars seem to hang around on the net with dealers for years ?

This car sold as follows, clearly with no reserve...

Sold for US\$ 35,200 (£21,034) inc. premium

Re: 1952 2.6 dhc for sale in Bonham's USA

Written by flat broke at Jun 03, 2014 1:59 pm

I am stunned at that result. Apart from the choice of materials for the retrim, it looks well sorted. Someone did very well. I imagine it will be shipped back to the UK and will appear for sale again at the same price in pounds if not more?

Good thing I missed it really as I would have been tempted at that price.

It would look great sandwiched between the DB2/4 and the 3 litre DHC!

Re: 1952 2.6 dhc for sale in Bonham's USA

Written by SRD at Jun 03, 2014 2:37 pm

One wonders if an American dealer picked it up or not, would have been a canny buy, dare I say it a bargain, even with re-trim issue ?

I do struggle with a value for the 2.6 dhc's, a real unknown, prices seem to be everywhere on the net from £25k for a blue wreck to £75k for a fine looking burgundy and silver car.

However, none of these are selling and real time auction performance is really an unknown.

A condition 1, 2.6 saloon sold last year at auction for ca. £15k, so there is little incentive to restore those cars, which is also a great shame.

Looks to be another 1940's design which dated very quickly, and they are so rare on the market, that most people would not know what they are.

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In contrast the 3.0 litre cars seem to get snapped up very quickly and do not hang around for any length of time. Gorgeous, perhaps even drop-dead lines which still look timeless today.

Re: 1952 2.6 dhc for sale in Bonham's USA

Written by flat broke at Jun 03, 2014 6:02 pm

Hard to fathom. There seems to be a divide between "rare" cars that fetch silly money and "obscure" cars that don't get picked up on the radar at all. The 2.6 seems destined to fall into the latter category.

Personally, I find the 2.6 DHC quite imposing and its pre war influence gives it character.

I can understand that many of these cars are beyond economic restoration but this one looked good to go? With basket case Astons of the same era fetching close to 200K euros, this car represents amazing value.

Sorry to preach to the converted.

BTW, seem to be a few 2.6s over here and the occasional 3litre saloon, however I am pretty sure there is just the one 3 Litre DHC.

Re: 1952 2.6 dhc for sale in Bonham's USA

Written by bruffsup at Jun 03, 2014 8:05 pm

Wow ! What a bargain. I would love to own that car at that price.

Hard to believe at the same auction some idiot paid 1.2 mill for that ugly Countach. I know a local chap with one. They are prone to catch fire and are an absolute nightmare to change the clutch etc. etc. I'll bet his will hit the auction block soon.

Re: 1952 2.6 dhc for sale in Bonham's USA

Written by SRD at Jun 06, 2014 5:54 pm

Barry hi

Join the queue, I think Tony and I both have the same thoughts...

This is the danger of Bonham's and many auctions when you go in with too low an estimate, and possibly no reserve...