The David Brown Aston Martin DB-5
One of the rewarding aspects of producing the new Aston Martin DB5 lies in its ability to meet the demands of the most critical motorist: the true individualist. On the open road, the DB5 responds with a surge of power and an effortless performance. In the busiest town its flexibility and ease of control ensures that the driver reaches his destination without the fatigue and stress normally associated with motoring in traffic. With a thoroughbred such as the DB5 one expects an air of luxury, the highest standards of comfort and distinction of line: in my opinion these are there in full measure. But I feel it is the essential character of the DB5, and its ability to perform perfectly in all conditions from congested traffic to an open Autostrada that makes this car so intensely satisfying to own. As Peter Ustinov once remarked: "An Aston Martin is the car that forgives you".
A rare combination has been achieved with this new convertible: it is extremely elegant and completely practical. The rigid construction ensures torsional rigidity and beam stiffness: the hood is simple to stow and erect, and remains taut, wind and weatherproof and noise-free at high speed. All the DB5 innovations are embodied in the Convertible—down to the twin fillers to the fuel tank, fitted on either side of the car, and an under bonnet light. The capacity of the door pockets has been increased to take papers, documents, maps, etc., without crushing them. One of the delights of the Aston Martin DB5 is that it is as easy and pleasing to drive in a busy city as it is on the open road.

Alternatively, an easily-fitted, detachable hardtop constructed in steel to ensure rigidity is available for this model. One of the unique features of the Aston Martin DB5 Convertible is the unusually large rear window when the hardtop is in place. This gives a clear, unrestricted view for driving and an agreeable sense of spaciousness.
Trailing edges of the doors carry red warning lights.
Finest quality English coach hide upholstery and thick pile carpet throughout sets the tone of the interior of the DB5. The aim is to provide the most complete comfort, luxury and elegance without ostentation. Careful design and grouping of the instruments ensures that all readings are registered at a glance.

Front seats are completely adjustable.

Special interior lights do not interfere with the driver's vision.

Quadrant type mixture and fast-idle control with red warning light. The electric window lift design is exclusive to Aston Martin.

Anti-glare visors. Instantly adjustable day/night rear mirror.
The Aston Martin 4-litre, 6-cylinder engine develops 282 b.h.p. at 6,500 r.p.m. Power is transmitted through a new diaphragm spring clutch.
Girling disc brakes are fitted on all four wheels. Front and rear are operated independently from a tandem master cylinder and have independent servos.

Micronic air filter, designed especially for the Aston Martin engine.

Triple S.U. carburettors fitted to the 4-litre Aston Martin.
ASTON MARTIN DB5
GENERAL SPECIFICATION

The Aston Martin 4-litre engine, fitted with three S.U.
carburettors, develops 282 b.h.p. net at 5,500 r.p.m. A
micronic air filter is fitted and a full flow oil filter with
by-pass oil cooler is included in the standard specification.

Power is transmitted through a new special diaphragm
clutch to the all-synchronesh gearbox which is fitted
with a short control gear lever. As an alternative a fully
automatic transmission fitted with an intermediate gear
hold control operated from the steering column is offered.

Front suspension: Independent coil springs with unequal
length wishbones and hydraulic telescopic shock absorbers. Rack and pinion steering.

Rear suspension: Coil springs, the axle being located by
trailing arms and Watt linkage.

Disc brakes front and rear are operated by a tandem
master cylinder and separate suspended vacuum servo
units are provided for front and rear brakes. The hand-
brake lever is mounted on the floor and operates on the
rear discs.

The electrical equipment is 12 volts and a heavy duty
A/C alternator is fitted which maintains a charge rate
even at engine idling speed. Aston Martin electric win-
dow lifts are included in the standard specification and
red safety lights which operate when the doors are
opened are fitted in the rear of the doors.

The electrical specification is comprehensive and in-
cludes such details as map reading lamp, cigar lighter, under bonnet lamp, a steering column finger-tip lever
for operating self-cancelling flashing indicators, head-
lamp high and low beams and for flashing headlamps.
Twin reversing lamps. Day/night relay to rear indicators.

The Aston Martin four-seater body is constructed from
magnesium aluminium alloy panels. The steel platform
chassis is integral with the tubular steel superstructure.

The body-chassis unit is completely rust proof, sound
insulated and undersealed. All seats are upholstered in
finest quality English hide, the bucket type reclining
front seats are fully adjustable. Deep pile Wilton carpets
with felt underlay are fitted throughout. Laminated
safety glass is fitted to the wrap-round windscreen and
Sundyn safety glass is used all round. Dual petrol fillers
are fitted.

The spare wheel is carried in a separate waterproof
compartment beneath the luggage boot floor. A full kit
of tools and a hydraulic jack is provided.

Principal dimensions:

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