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Aston Martin commemorates racing victory via vintage-inspired vehicle

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Aston Martin's DBS 59. Image courtesy of Aston Martin

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British automaker Aston Martin is turning a key moment in its racing history into a limited-edition model.

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The DBS 59 edition marks the brand's 1959 win at the 24 Hours of Le Mans, in which a pair of David Brown Racing Aston Martin DBR1s clinched a first and second place finish. Automakers often celebrate their racing heritage to help establish their engineering and sporting power.

Racing revisited

Aston Martin's DBS 59 is being produced in a series of 24 numbered cars, representing each of the hours in the endurance race. The vehicles are based on the brand's DBS Superleggera, with graphic designs modeled after the DBR1, as well as interior touches inspired by the race car's seats.

Among the design features is paint in the company's racing green hue.

The back seats include bespoke pods that hold helmets and overalls based on those worn at the time and racing gloves modeled after those worn by winning driver Carroll Shelby.

Consumers can also buy a two-piece luggage set that corresponds to the car's interior and specially made car cover.



Inside Aston Martin's DBS 59. Image courtesy of Aston Martin

Only five DBR1s were ever produced. Last year, one of the rare models was auctioned for \$22.5 million, reaching a record for a British-made car.

The car is the fourth Q by Aston Martin: Commission made for Aston Martin Cambridge.

"When Aston Martin Cambridge expressed a desire to create a limited run of DBS Superleggeras inspired by the DBR1's famous Le Mans victory we knew it had to be something special," said Simon Sproule, vice president and chief marketing officer at Aston Martin, in a statement. "The soft metallic hue of the Aston Martin Racing Green paintwork is classy and timelessly beautiful. The level of thought and detailing is exceptional.

"My favorite element on the DBS 59' are the seat backs that feature fabric inspired by the DBR1 seat material, but there are countless touches that will intrigue and delight," he said.

Aston Martin recently geared up for the 24 Hours of Le Mans this year by stretching its comedic muscles.

The automaker raced its all-new Vantage GTE in the 24 Hours of Le Mans on June 16 and 17, marking the second competitive appearance for the model. Aston Martin also commemorated this year's race with the release of a humorous short film starring its racing team ([see story](#)).

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