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**MADOFF'S MERCEDES**

FANCY a motor once owned by the world's most unpopular man?

Well, the US Marshals Service is selling fraudster Bernie Madoff's 2001 Merc E320 wagon with just 44,000 miles and, I'm assuming, a cloth-of-gold service history.

It's estimated to fetch eight grand. Having trousered fifty billion, you'd expect him to have a ritzier ride than this.



At your service

**Quentin W**



Beware unpaid finance

LAST November Angela Gibbs bought a Vauxhall Astra Estate, which she now wants to part-exchange for a Land Rover Freelander. Trouble is, the garage did an HPI check and her Astra showed outstanding finance. The dealer in Milton Keynes who sold her the car said it was because of a previous finance deal. Which leaves Angela unable to sell. What can she do?

**QUENTIN SAYS:** Legally you're safe because as a well-intentioned private buyer good title has passed to you. The finance company cannot take the car as the law is on your side. However, until this dispute is settled, you're going to find it enormously difficult to sell your Astra. Your contract is with the selling dealer, so you must pressurise them to sort out the problem.



Japanese jewel for £50k

**A supercar to Surpasse all Japan has to offer**

JAPAN'S most exclusive supercar could be the Suzusho Surpasse V, an aluminium and composite spaceframe two-seater designed by F1 race engineer Kenji Mimura.

Powered by the 2.3-litre turbo from the Mazda MPS, the Surpasse kicks out 263bhp and should be good for over 170.

Power-to-weight is a sturdy 325bhp per tonne and pricing is likely to be around £50k.

No word yet on whether we'll get it here, though.

**HOW TO LOSE A MILLION BUCKS**

COULD this be the fastest-depreciating used car? Back in 2006 a 1970 Chevy Chevelle SS 454 Convertible was sold for \$1.2 million (£600,000) at a Barrett-Jackson auction. Last month the very same car fetched just \$264,000 (£161,000). Someone got shafted.



World's ugliest SUV?

**For the vodka man with everything.. £1m SUV**

RICH Russians are increasingly behaving like chavs. For the oligarch who has everything, the Dartz Prombron is a bullet-proof ultra-luxury SUV with a whale penis leather interior (yes, really), diamond-studded white gold instruments and windows tinted with a gold leaf film.

Even the badges are encrusted with rubies. At just under a million quid, it's the world's most expensive SUV - but don't get any ideas about prising off those badges.

Russian billionaires rarely have a sense of humour...

**ECONOMY MERC PROVIDES STYLE,**

If you want to see how economical cars have become, drive the Mercedes S-Class Blue-Efficiency.

WHO'D DRIVE IT Parsimonious plutocrats and politicians

Almost two tonnes of über-engineering, it does an astonishing 40 miles to every gallon. In fact, strobing up and down the M40 in a 350CDi this week, my best figure was an astonishing 43mpg.

OK, I was pussy-footing at the legal limit and backing off the throttle whenever I could, but 10 years ago you'd have struggled to wring that out of a Fiesta, never mind a 2,000kg Benz.

Slippery aerodynamics, low-resistance tyres and tweaks to the seven-speed auto mean this is one of the most economical luxury cars in the world. But best of all, there's no compromise in its unimpeachable quality and engineering artistry. Air suspension gives the best ride I know, while Active Body Control means there are no squeaks or creaks from the super-structure.

There's even an automatic crosswind stabiliser and Attention Assist System with 70 different sensors to tell you if you're about to nod off, not to mention the overtaking blind spot warning buzzers. MB are back on monster form.

No other luxury car sips fuel so slowly yet progresses so majestically.



Engine management and 7-speed box are tweaked for economy



**HIGHLY CHARGED..**

TO find out if electric cars are any good, watch this space.

Fingers crossed, for the next 12 months I'll be one of the lucky handful testing Mitsubishi's i-MiEV electric supermini in the real world.

We'll see just how far I get on one charge, how easy

it is to live with and what my friends and family think.

But one thing's for sure. My first task will be to lobby the Government for a £10,000 incentive to buyers and zero VAT on all electric cars.

Are you listening, Mr Cameron?

# Willson

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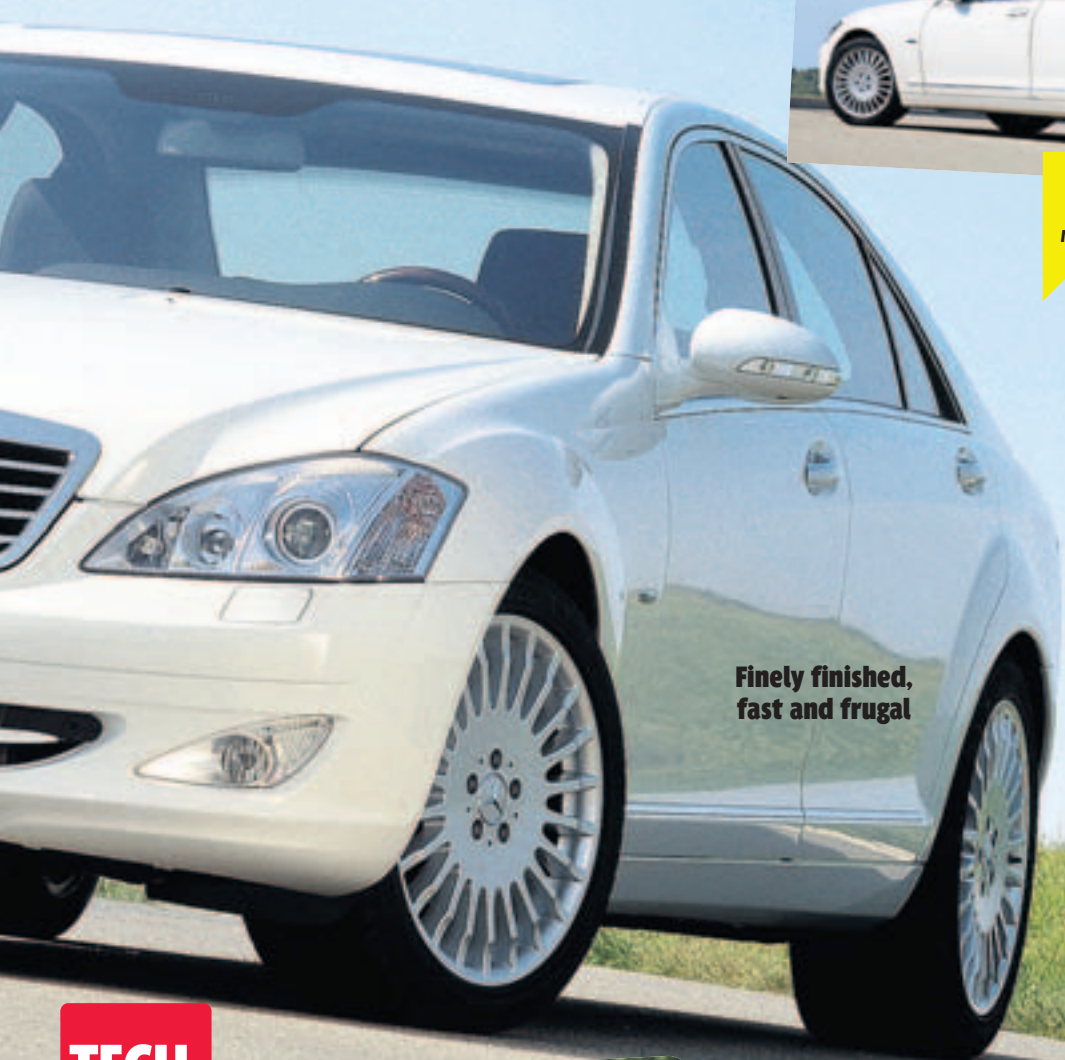


**Q** I'VE just taken delivery of a brand new Audi TT and (don't laugh) I'd really like it to be resprayed Barbie pink. My local bodyshop say they'll do the whole job for £2,500. I want to be the only person in the UK with a pink TT. Do you think I'm crazy? - Jenna Noble, Stratford

**A** IN a word, yes. Because your TT is brand new, you'll be seriously damaging its resale value by respraying it a different colour. So as well as forking out £2,500, you'll be knocking at least £5k off its value, and making it enormously difficult to sell. I know we all have favourite car colours and want to stand out, but there are limits.

# MY HEAVEN

## LUXURY.. & 40MPG



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### Used car bargains here for Christmas

IF you've been waiting for a fall in used car values, now's your chance. The 10-month price electrification is starting to weaken, so November and December will be the months to pounce. Consumers who remember the bloodbath at the end of last year will be gearing up for Christmas, while the big trade car buyers will be holding off until January. But it still means you've only got two months. Next year values will rise again, new cars will still be in short supply (list prices have risen 8 per cent), there'll be a VAT hike in January and an onerous new showroom tax in April. So take advantage now and check out this month's slightly weaker prices from BCA auctions around the UK:

- 05 BMW 118d 74,000 mls .....£6,650
- 51 Mini Cooper 62,000 mls .....£4,125
- 54 Peugeot 206 1.1 Fever 66,000 mls .....£1,850
- 53 Vauxhall Corsa 1.0 Active 55,000 mls .....£2,125
- 04 Nissan Micra 1.0E 67,000 mls.....£1,950
- 02 Volkswagen Golf 1.4S 56,000 mls .....£2,850

### ELTON'S S2

HERE'S a bargain. This agonisingly pretty 1959 Bentley S2 Flying Spur was owned by Elton John for nearly twenty years until he sold it in 2001 for £67,500. Up for auction at the end of this month with an estimate of £40k-£50k, it's certainly one to tuck away. Details at [www.rmauctions.com](http://www.rmauctions.com)



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