

Not Goering for a song

A Mercedes built for Hitler's right hand man is expected to fetch £12m making it the most valuable car in the world. The 600K Special Roadster is an upgraded 'Blue Goose' model of which only 26 were ever made and the last one sold fetched £4m.

However Hermann Goering's car also featured bullet-proof glass and special 12mm thick armour plating. The car was unearthed by UK classic dealer Nick Szkiler of Grundy Mack, now Classic Sportscar Centre, on a farm in Russia – rotting away – and has been asked to find a buyer. Although resprayed over the years, traces of the original blue, favoured by Goering, was still found on the car, so convincing Nick of its authenticity.

The news follows on from a sale late last year of another Mercedes, a 770K that's claimed to be part of Hitler's personal fleet. It sold for £5m to an unnamed Russian oligarch, who has previously bought no less than seven other staff cars used by the Nazis. Anybody betting on number eight?