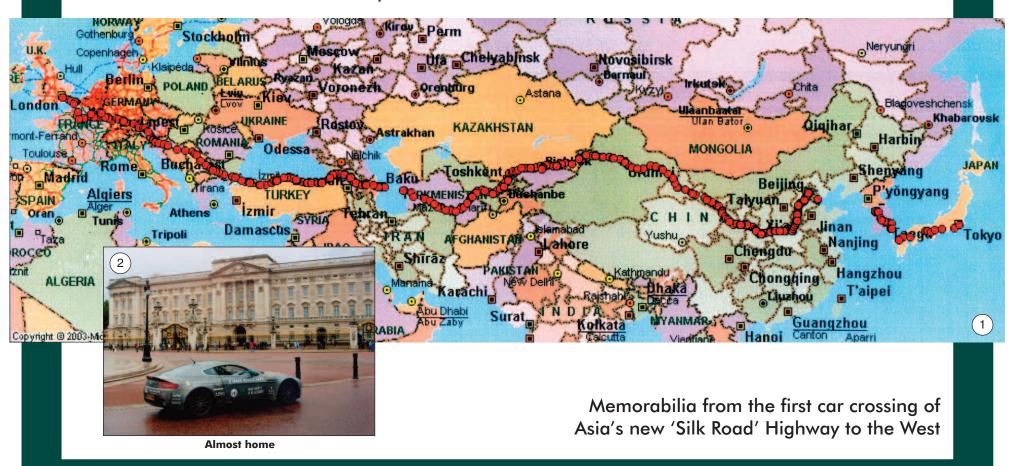
Aston Martin The Asian Highway Drive Collection

Unique automobilia from an historic 'first' for the UK and Aston Martin



The Asian Highway Drive Collection

Offered for sale by private treaty or at auction by the Team Leader Richard Meredith (see back cover)

About the vendor: Richard Meredith is an accomplished adventure traveller and published author who has achieved a number of successful and high-profile journeys over the last decade. He lives sometimes in Spain but mostly at an old farm-worker's cottage in Buckinghamshire with a pub at the end of the lane.

ILLUSTRATIONS:

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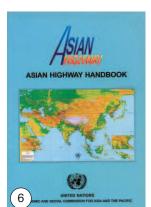
About the collection

This Asian Highway Drive collection is a unique assemblage of automobilia and memorabilia from the record-setting journey made by Team Leader Richard Meredith in Aston Martin V8 Vantage KR05 YWU during the late summer of 2007.

The journey was historic for a number of reasons including:

- It was verified as the first car to make a full crossing of the new Asian **Highway** from Japan to Istanbul (and then onto London)
- It began a campaign by Aston Martin, one of the most revered sports car brands, to "go global" with sales.
- The Drive Car was the personal transport of company CEO Dr Ulrich Bez, who has already earned a reputation as the brand's most innovative director.





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Mr Meredith, the vendor of this unique Collection, completed the journey with co-driver Phil Colley, a linguist and travel expert from London. A veteran of long-distance driving adventures, Richard had been invited to 'test drive' the new Highway Network by the Asian Commission of the United Nations.

In what is seen as one of the most important developments in road transportation for centuries, they made the crossing from Japan to London – despite innumerable delays for customs and clearance - in 49 days and proved it is now possible to complete the 10,000-mile East-West journey on the new Highway system.

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Furthermore, at a time when the West was about to plunge into severe recession, the successful journey heralded a strategic move by the company to open up new markets for its cars in the expanding economies of the Far East.





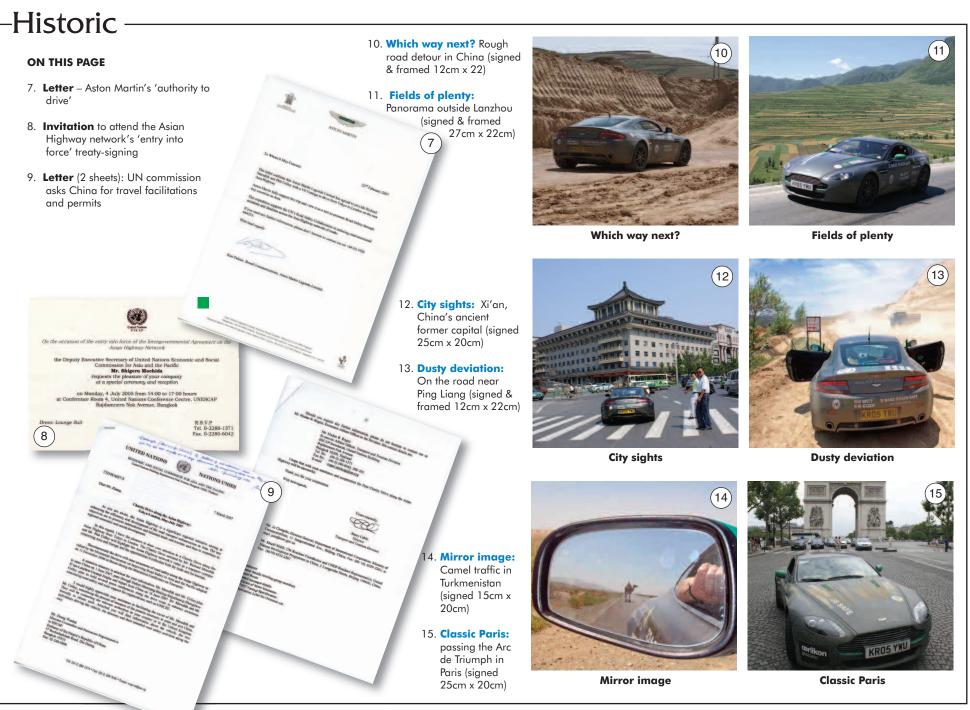
Many congratulations!

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Included in this unique Collection are:

- awards and gifts presented to the Team Leader
- Aston Martin clothing worn during the journey
- Many hundreds of high quality photographs and images
- Files of press and media cuttings from an adventure which attracted publicity from around the world
- Original documents, letters and certificates of verification

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Collection

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First edition books and publications by the Leader, himself an author

The journey car, a V8 Vantage model, completed the 10,000 mile "durability test" without mechanical problems. In true 007-style a lockable secret compartment for storing an emergency supply of cash had been fitted by engineers, but otherwise the car was of virtually standard specification except for some minor modifications to the suspension and under-body protection.

For more information on the Asian Highway. also known as the Great Asian Highway, go to: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asian Highway Network or www.unescap.org/ttdw/ common/tis/ah/IGA intro.asp

Dr Bez flew into London for a reception to welcome his car home in person and it was subsequently auctioned by Bonhams to raise funds for UNICEF, the world's childrens' charity to finance a road safety programme aimed at reducing the number of young deaths on the streets of Beijing.

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Sign that says it all



Historic moment



How do you feel?

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Statements from Aston Martin and the UN warranted the journey as a 'first'

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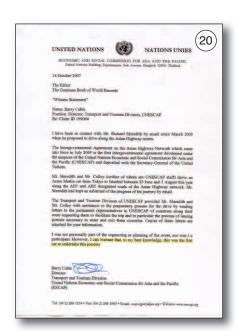
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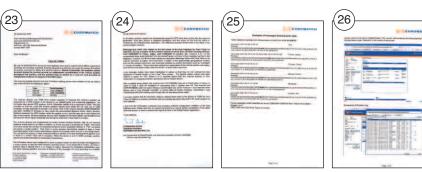


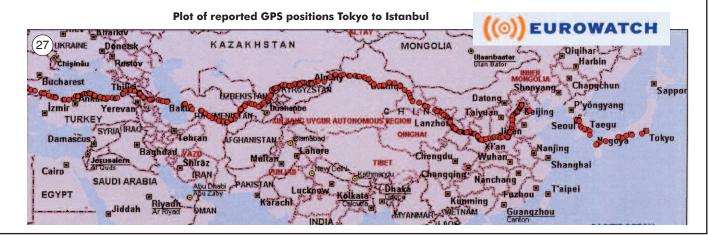


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-Awards & Gifts -

The Collection contains an interesting selection of personal and corporate gifts and awards presented to the Lead Driver. Among the more unusual is an original 1931 Highway Code 1st edition included in a set of three road safety publications (30.) which were given to highlight the Team's campaign for better driving. The text contained this memorable quote from the then Transport Minister Herbert Morrison: "the (booklet) is intended ... as a code of good manners to be observed by all courteous and considerate persons."

A menu from the home-coming celebration lunch in Park Lane and a framed photo from the Team's training session at Millbrook are among memorabilia from Aston Martin together with a spare throttle pedal (32.) that was carried on-board throughout the journey. It is marked: "supplied by Warren Brown's 'China Parts' dept. at Gaydon and Prep Shop boys Murray Whitney, Steve Cooper and Tony Hemsley."

A framed Award for Excellence certificate (33.) presented to the Team Leader by civic dignitaries at Milton Keynes is also included in the sale.



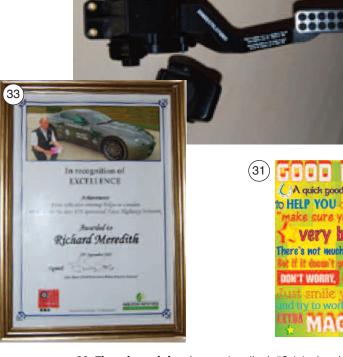


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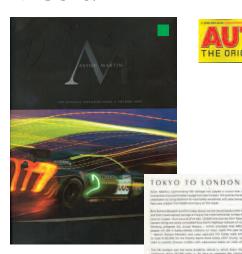
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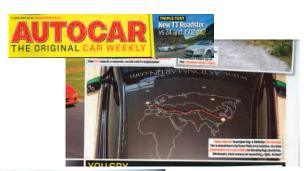
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Media everywhere carried the story

The historic journey generated extensive publicity in all forms across the world and a comprehensive selection of cuttings is included in the sale. In the UK, the story was covered by everything from Sky TV to well-known motoring magazines like *Autocar* to popular daily newspaper 'red tops' including the *Sun* and, naturally, Aston Martin's own publications



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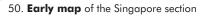
















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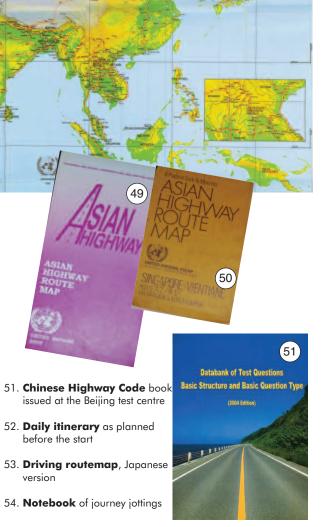


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before the start

ASIAN HIGHWAY ROUTE MAP

version



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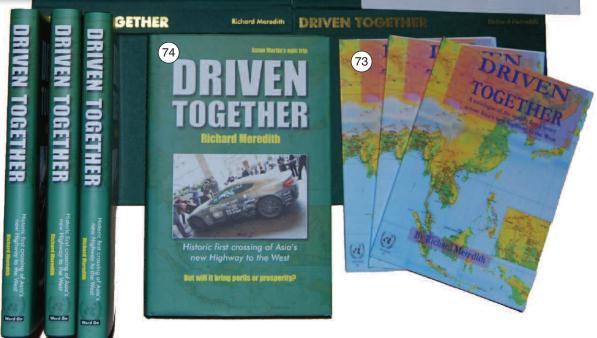
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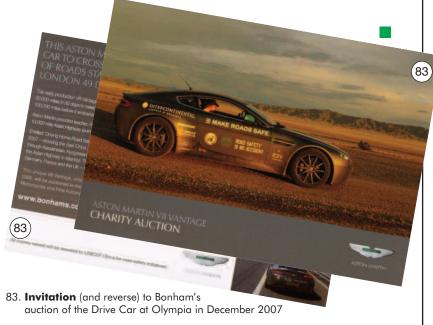


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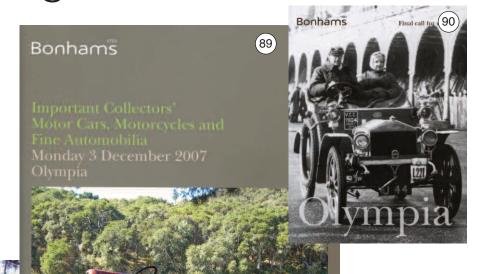


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