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The abandoned Aston Martin that's worth \$500,000: Rusting car left in the middle of the woods is set to sell for a fortune

- An Aston Martin that has been left to rot in a wood for 40 years is worth a fortune
- The sports car hasn't been driven since the 1970s and is rusty and undriveable
- But the British classic car has now been put up for auction in Massachusetts
- Auctioneers say it is worth \$500,000, 100 times more than its original price

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A dilapidated Aston Martin is expected to sell for more than \$500,000 despite being partially buried in leaves after languishing in a wood for more than 40 years.

The Aston Martin DB4 was the first production car capable of doing 0-100-0mph in less than 30 seconds when it was launched in 1958.

It was built to compete with sports cars from Ferrari and Maserati - but this particular model hasn't moved in almost half a century.

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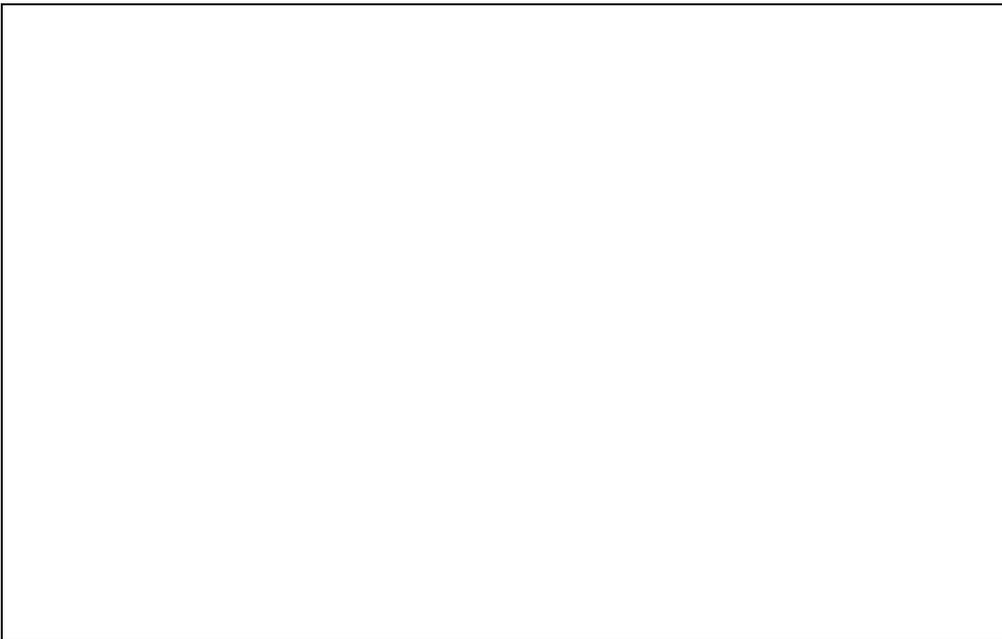
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Rotting: The classic car was parked in the woods by its owner in the 1970s and hasn't been moved since



It will need a full restoration in order to hit the roads again after so long in the wilderness

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Time warp: The car's interior is like stepping back into a 1970s automobile, that needs a good clean

The car was manufactured in the UK in 1960 and then shipped across to the USA, where it was registered the following year.

At some stage in the early 1970s it was parked outdoors at the owner's home in Massachusetts, where it remained until recently.

Over the past five decades, the car's condition has deteriorated after it was surrounded by trees and buried halfway up to its now rusty wheels by leaves.

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Classic cars often appear after spending years hidden away in barns and lock-ups, but it is highly unusual for such a sought-after and valuable vehicle to emerge from a woodland.

As a result, the Aston Martin - a wreck which will need a full restoration - is being described as 'one of the most fascinating examples of these renowned GT cars to come to the market in recent years'.

It will be sold on January 18 at Worldwide Auctioneers' inaugural Scottsdale sale in Arizona. The auction house is giving the Aston Martin a guide price of \$500,000 to \$585,000.