

Daimler "Dauphin"

There was no such car. As a schoolboy I devoured each issue of Motor and fell in love with the Lanchester Dauphin. Years later I bought a 2-door Hooper bodied Daimler Century (from a teacher at Bedales). On cleaning under the bonnet I read LJ252 not DJ on the chassis plate. Enquires revealed that I had bought one of the only two Lanchester Dauphins made. It had been kept for Daimler's MD and fitted with a Daimler radiator shell. It taught me another lesson: the temptations and risks of buying a must have new (nouveau) car before selling the previous one.