

Daimler Empress II

With two children getting bigger it seemed sensible to move up from the Dauphin to an Empress, but it took a year at Scott-Moncrieffs and the whole of a legacy from a childless aunt to achieve it - and then I got divorced. This is another beautiful car, and took both my children to their weddings. At 3 litres it is underpowered, but once warmed up and up to speed that ceases to matter. Like all Daimlers I have driven it handles just right on the rolling English road and its big seats offer a comfort that today's cars don't match.

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