



# 2001 Aston Martin Vanquish Coupe

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### Overview

Mileage 38,950 miles

Fuel Type Petrol

Engine Size 6 l

Bodystyle Coupe

Transmission Manual Auto Clutch

Exterior Colour Tungsten Silver

Previous Owners 3

Registration Y829MWL



### Description

The Aston Martin Vanquish, first introduced in 2001, marked a pivotal moment in Aston Martin's history—a rebirth of sorts that blended classic British craftsmanship with bold new technologies and design. Here's a deeper look into its story and history:

#### Background: A Brand in Transition

In the 1990s, Aston Martin was undergoing significant change. The brand was struggling with outdated models and limited production, and it needed a halo car to rejuvenate its image and compete with modern supercars. The Vanquish was designed to be just that.

#### Debut and Design (2001)

First unveiled at the 2001 Geneva Motor Show, the Aston Martin Vanquish was the most advanced and powerful production car the company had ever built.

The design was led by Ian Callum, a renowned automotive designer who also worked on the DB7.

The Vanquish's styling combined muscular curves with Aston Martin's iconic grille and proportions, setting a design language that influenced future models.

## Engineering and Performance

The Vanquish was built on a bonded aluminum composite chassis—a significant innovation at the time. It was also the first Aston Martin to use a carbon fiber backbone, improving rigidity and weight distribution.

Under the hood was a 5.9-liter V12 engine, producing 460 hp (and later 520 hp in the Vanquish S).

It featured a 6-speed automated manual transmission, paddle shifters, and rear-wheel drive, capable of 0–60 mph in around 4.5 seconds.

## Hand-Built at Newport Pagnell

The Vanquish was the last Aston Martin to be hand-built at the company's historic Newport Pagnell facility, where most earlier Astons were made.

Each car was a work of art, with exquisite leather interiors and meticulous attention to detail.

## James Bond and Pop Culture

The Vanquish became world-famous after appearing in the 2002 James Bond film "Die Another Day", driven by Pierce Brosnan's 007.

Dubbed the "Vanish" in the movie thanks to its (fictional) cloaking technology, this appearance cemented its place in modern car culture.

## Vanquish S (2004–2007)

Aston Martin released a more powerful Vanquish S version in 2004.

It produced 520 hp and featured improved suspension, brakes, and aerodynamics.

It was capable of over 200 mph, making it Aston's fastest production car at the time.

Production of the first-generation Vanquish ended in 2007.

## Legacy

The first-gen Vanquish is seen as the bridge between old-world Aston Martin craftsmanship and the modern era of performance and technology.

It was eventually succeeded by the DBS and later a second-generation Vanquish (2012–2018).

## Fun Fact

The very last first-gen Vanquish built in 2007 was a special Vanquish S Ultimate Edition, marking the end of an era at Newport Pagnell.

## Location

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