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2005 AMG-Mercedes C-Class DTM

Sport Auto Livery

£550,000

Mileage	N/A miles	Engine Capacity	4000cc
Body Style	N/A	Fuel	Petrol
Transmission	Sequential	Chassis No.	RS 05-012

The works Mercedes-Benz that carried double Formula One World Champion Mika â€˜The Flying Finnâ€™ HÃ¤kkinen back to the top step of the podium.

Introduced in 2004, when Mercedes-Benz brought the C-Class back to the DTM, the AMG-Mercedes C-Class became one of the defining cars of the championshipâ€™s V8 silhouette era. It was developed and built by HWA, the racing organisation of Hans Werner Aufrecht, the â€˜Aâ€™ in AMG, and beneath its familiar Mercedes-Benz silhouette it shared little with a production saloon. A multi-tubular spaceframe with an integrated safety cell, lightweight carbon-composite panels, pushrod-operated suspension and carbon brakes brought engineering associated with single-seaters and sports prototypes. In 2005, HWAâ€™s four works cars won eight of the seasonâ€™s 11 races and all three championship titles.

At its heart sits a naturally aspirated 4.0-litre V8, producing approximately 475 hp at around 7,500 rpm in a car weighing

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around 980 kg without its driver. A six-speed sequential gearbox delivered power to the rear wheels, with no traction control or ABS to intervene between driver and machine. The sound, response and performance of these cars made the DTMâ€™s V8 era an unforgettable spectacle.

This particular example, chassis RS 05-012, was raced by HÃ¤kkinen at every round of the 2005 season in its instantly recognisable Sport Edition livery. At Spa-Francorchamps, in only his third DTM appearance, he put the car on pole position in torrential rain, before taking victory and setting the fastest lap: the only such hat-trick of the entire season. Five years after his celebrated pass on Michael Schumacher at the same circuit, â€˜The Flying Finnâ€™ was winning again. Every podium, every fastest lap and every one of his 30 championship points that season came in this car. Retained by Mercedes-Benz themselves for nearly a decade, RS 05-012 has since passed through the collections of a leading Formula One team CEO and a former director of McLaren Cars. It now offers its next custodian the prospect of returning its unmistakable livery and V8 soundtrack to historic competition.