

This is a real-life Batmobile

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The Batmobile is arguably one of *the* most recognizable fictional transportation devices. Its sleek design has been imagined and reimaged by every Batman movie and a few comics, but it always maintains that certain *je ne sais quoi* that makes it powerful, sexy, and impressive all in one.

Every so often, a superfan will try to recreate the Batmobile, but the version being auctioned off by [Historics at Brooklan](#) [1] is the best we've seen yet. Historics is an auctioneer house that specializes in classic and sports cars and apparently they're expanding their knowledge base to include fictional vehicles as well.

This version is based off the 1989 Michael Keaton Batmobile (aka the Keaton-mobile). The promotional rear-wheel drive vehicle features a bespoke chassis and a straight six, fuel injected modern Jaguar 3.2 liter engine. It has an automatic transmission and is fully road-legal (very important if you plan on crime fighting on public roads). While the design is all well and good, it's also stocked with some gadget goodies to help you live out your childhood (and adult) Batman dreams. This includes a fully-operational flame thrower, a hydraulic suspension that means you can jack the car up 9 additional inches for extra clearance, a smoke release mechanism, and remote full-releasing electronic canopy. Less exciting features include full LED running lights, front and rear cameras and the dashboard display. Up to this point, as it's only been used for promotional events, the mileage count is very low. Experts estimate the car can go from zero to 60mph in five seconds.

It's not quite up to the standards of the fictional vehicle, which featured a voice-controlled interior, every gadget you could need or imagine, and two Browning submachine guns.

However, if you still want to purchase this beauty, the auctioneers are expecting it to go for a cool £70,000 - £90,000, which is about \$111,832 to \$143,784. Cape and sidekick are not included.

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