

Princess Diana's Ford Escort sells at auction for an incredible £650,000

A black Ford Escort RS Turbo, driven by Princess Diana from August 1985 to May 1988, was sold at auction for £650,000 to a UK buyer in August 2022.

The car is believed to be unique as the only black RS Turbo Series 1 in existence. It was arranged by the authorities and Ford for security and discretion reasons, instead of the usual 'only white' version of this particular model.

Ford's special vehicle engineering department supplied the car fitted with a standard five-slat front grille to assist in the stealth appearance. And there was also a secondary rear-view mirror for the protection officer with a radio in the glove box. The car had just 24,961 miles on the clock when sold.

Silverstone Auctions, responsible for the sale, said it was an incredible result with fierce bidding, it being a top-ten record price for its type. The selling price of £650,000 plus 12.5% buyer's premium shows that a unique Ford is able to be sold for supercar money and with the buyer's premium the total price was an unbelievable £730,000!

