

Daimler DN250

This, with the marvellous new 2½ V8 engine, was to have replaced the Conquest. There are photographs of a "daimlerised" mock-up using Vauxhall Cresta body panels in about 1959, but it disappeared without a trace; and in 1960 Jaguar acquired Daimler. In 2007 I bought a rusty Cresta with no engine, a Daimler 2½ V8 and radiator shell to make a replica of Daimler's prototype. I assume that Daimler would have cured Vauxhall's chronic understeer. Ratan Tata had thought of reviving the Daimler name, but he did not reply to my letter apologising that his prototype was over 50 years late.

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