

Rolls Royce Phantom

Put the brute produced by BMW as a Rolls Royce next to Mercedes's Maybach, and you might be reminded that, as someone once said, gentlemen drive Daimlers but industrialists purchase Rolls Royces. He was of course speaking of English Daimlers, made in Coventry, not the Daimler Benz kind, and Rolls Royces made in Derby. The Maybach may be a bit anonymous and lack the presence of a real Daimler, but at least it doesn't look as though it was designed for Lady Penelope. The artist's impression of the Rolls in Autocar were bad enough but the real thing looked even worse.

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