

Rolls Royce Phantom III

My best man's grandfather wanted a smaller car and bought a Dawn, which is how my father came to own a Thrupp & Mabberley owner-driver (ie no division) PIII saloon. If there was an interesting and some other way of doing things, he chose the interesting. Only with a 20 point turn in a cul-de-sac would its 2½ tons or thereabouts worry you. If you wanted you could start in top gear and accelerate smoothly to its top speed over 100 mph, which was fast for a car of its time and type. This represents the pinnacle of pre-computer motoring engineering.

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