# FORMER TOP GEAR BMW M3 UP FOR AUCTION

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For car fans that are missing the *Top Gear* team, Classic Car Auctions (CCA) is offering the perfect opportunity to own a piece of the TV show's history.

A 1996 BMW E36 M3 Evo that starred in Series 15 of the world famous car show will go under the hammer at CCA's June Sale, taking place on Saturday 6th June at the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre. This is a rare opportunity too; seeing as most cars that appear on the show are either converted into boats, electric people carriers, or destroyed in one of the show's challenges, yet this one is ready to be driven away and enjoyed.

Driven by Richard Hammond and everyone's favourite driver, The Stig, the car was featured as part of the sports saloon challenge which was filmed in Germany in 2010. During the episode, the car took part in activities including a high speed test on an autobahn and a drive around the country's capital, Berlin. It also did a hot lap of the EuroSpeedway, Lausitz, completing a lap in just two minutes and six seconds!

With an interior and exterior in excellent condition, and having covered 79,100 miles, as well as no faults with the engine or electrics, the car is estimated at between £7,500 and £10,500. The powerful, speedy classic will be joining an impressive lot list, with a further 10 special classics by the BMW marque already submitted into the sale. Other highlights from the lot list include a 1971 TVR Vixen, a 1962 Triumph TR4, and a 1992 Lancia Delta Integrale Evo.

Guy Lees-Milne, general manager of CCA, said: "It is really exciting to be selling a car that has appeared on such a world renowned TV show. At CCA we are all *Top Gear* fans, and we are sure it will appeal to many of our buyers, too."

For more information on the BMW E36 M3 Evo and CCA's June Sale, visit:http://www.classiccarauctions.co.uk/1996-bmw-e36-m3-evo-4dr-saloon.

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