

DHL delivers 8 original James Bond vehicles for exhibition from the UK to the USA

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DHL have transported eight original film vehicles from Norwich, Norfolk in the UK across the Atlantic to Los Angeles, USA.

The vehicles will be the main attraction of an exhibition at the Petersen Automotive Museum. DHL's logistics experts have provided transport and logistics solutions for the production of James Bond films since Casino Royale in 2006.

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"The special features of this shipment were a relatively tight schedule, the high value of the vehicles, and the temporary import permit, for which no import duties and taxes are due. In addition, there were also some challenges regarding the handling, as two cars – including the famous Aston Martin used for the spectacular rollover stunt in Casino Royale – could only be moved using tailor-made skids. We have teams of expert who specialize in such individual issues, be it handling or customs regulations, and guarantee a smooth process across national borders", says Thomas Hofmann, Head of Auto-Mobility at DHL Global Forwarding.

In total, DHL's automotive logistics experts were responsible for the safe transport of five Aston Martins, two BMWs and one Lotus Esprit S1, known to fans as *Wet Nellie* from *The Spy Who Loved Me*. DHL also transported Bond's iconic silver-grey Aston Martin DB5, as well as the Aston Martin DBS. The vehicles were first brought to Houston in Texas (USA) by sea freight and then travelled via road to Los Angeles. To ensure that the vehicles arrived safely, DHL used special enclosed car carriers with air suspension. The vehicles were transported using DHL's Sustainable Marine Fuel Service FCL GoGreen Plus, making the delivery climate neutral.

"We are grateful to partner with DHL for the transport of these one-of-a-kind James Bond vehicles," said Terry L. Karges, Executive Director of the Petersen Automotive Museum. "This exhibition is one of the most high-profile undertakings we've had yet and they have gone above and beyond the call of action."

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