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Miss out on the 'chicken coupe'? It's not too late to lay hands on another of these rare Falcons from the era



The dust is yet to settle from the last sale of a **Ford Falcon XA GT with the highly desirable RPO 83 pack**, but there's already another of these exotic birds up for auction.

And unlike the last car, affectionately labelled 'the chicken coupe', this follow-up Falcon is no barn-find denizen. The Regular Production Option (RPO 83) Falcon this time around has been owned by five individuals over the course of its life, the third owner apparently restoring the car after it had been placed in storage for 18 years.

As the pictures reveal, this car – a sedan rather than a coupe – is finished in a 70s-appropriate hue named Wild Violet, with a beige vinyl roof to set it off. According to the auction house, Lloyds, this 1973 Falcon has travelled 91,046 miles (146,524km) and retains the original Goodyear G800 spare tyre in the boot. The auctioneers anticipate the Falcon will sell for a respectable sum of money.

"If you look at the number of records broken over the last couple years you can definitely see a trend in demand for a secure yet enjoyable investment. Car is original condition, with chrome

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trend in demand for a secure yet enjoyable investment. Cars in original condition, with chrome bumpers, celebrity affiliation or prominent history or rarity seem to be the assets that are rising in value the most consistently,” said Lee Hames Chief Operations Officer for Lloyds Auctioneers.



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“Because this car is connected to the iconic GT Phase IV Falcon where only four were ever built, the RPO83 is becoming more sought after by collectors” Hames was quoted saying in a press release.

Lloyds also advises that this car is just one of four RPO 83 Falcons to make it to Tasmania, and one of just 11 painted in Wild Violet. The car is unregistered and the gavel will fall on bidding for it from Saturday, August 29. Interested parties can bid for the Falcon online, with the bidding currently at \$99,500.

If the Falcon is a little beyond your budget, Lloyds is also auctioning a “matching-number Blue Meanie” VK Holden Commodore, an HSV ClubSport wagon with just 800km on the odometer, and a host of Chevy Camaros, K-Code Ford Mustangs and a Mark 5 Jaguar. The auction house is already taking bids online for these and other vehicles in the 100-unit catalogue.



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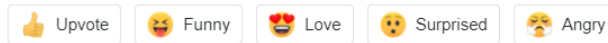
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A Nice-looking car. I had a bit of a soft spot for wild violet.
I much prefer this one to the "chicken coupe" - this one looks like its ready to drive and enjoy.


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Nice old car , I always had a soft spot for the XA body shape for some reason. Brings back memories of working in a big Ford dealer back in the 70'S.
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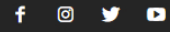
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