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





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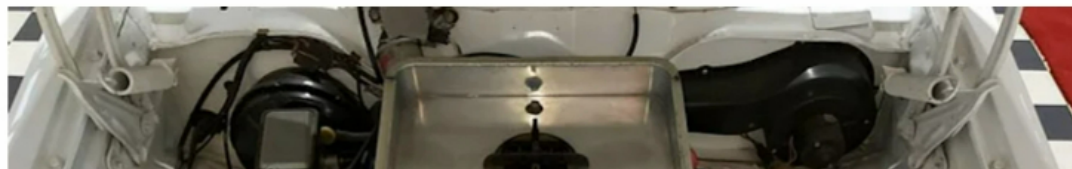
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

A rare and immaculate 1977 Holden Torana A9X **sold short of its \$1 million target price** at auction at the weekend, but it set a new record for the breed.

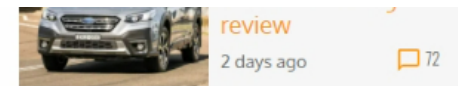
One of just 33 **Holden Torana A9X road cars** specially-built to be eligible for motor racing – known as a GMP&A model – went under the hammer for **\$775,000**, but the buyer paid in excess of \$833,000 once the 7.5 per cent auction fee was included.

Bids lodged online and over the phone in the latest Lloyds Auction started at **\$545,000** before climbing to \$775,000 as two buyers fought it out over 15 minutes, \$5000 at a time.



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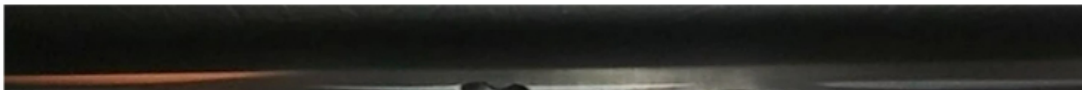
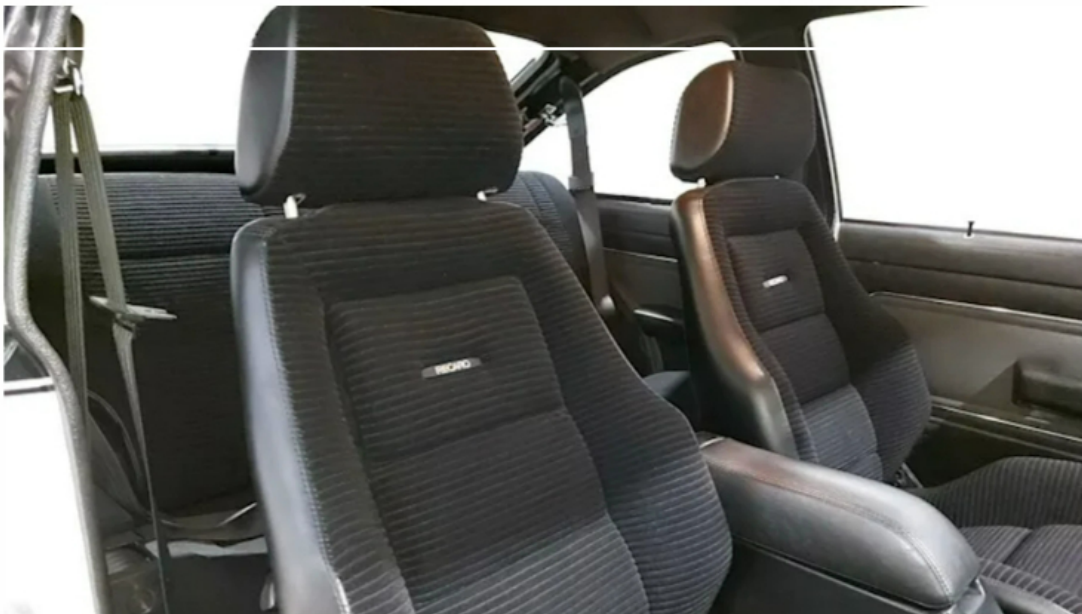
According to the auction house, the example sold on the weekend was the **first of the 33 specially-built cars** and showed just 475km on the odometer.

Lloyds said the last Holden Torana A9X GMP&A edition it sold went for **\$500,000** at auction in 2018.

"This shows a significant increase in Holden values in just over two years," Lee Hames, chief operations officer for Lloyds Auctions, said in a media statement.









"In the last six to 12 months, we have seen rare and significant Holdens increase in value," said Mr Hames.

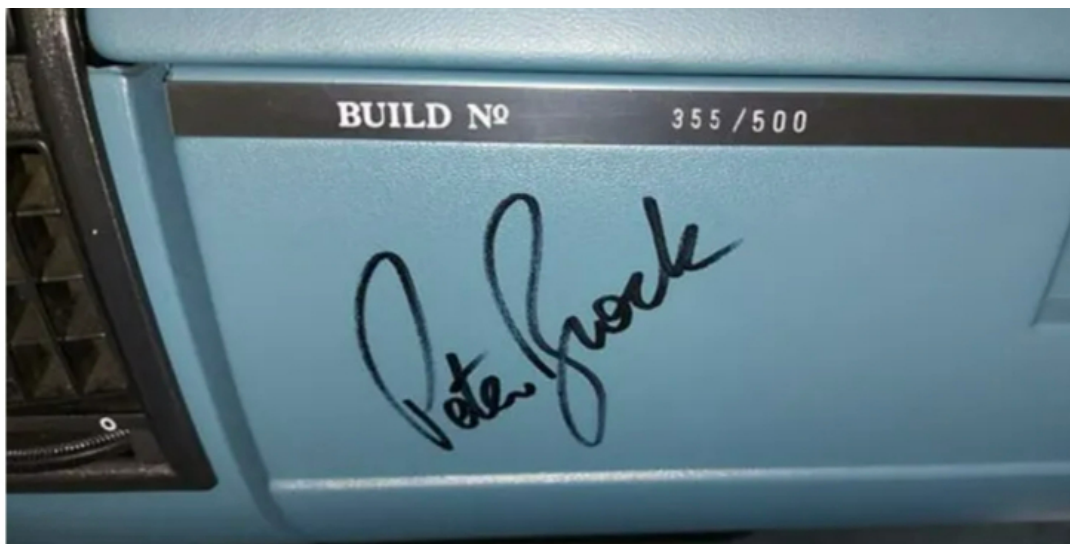
"We are not surprised at this result because this is the holy grail of Holden ... collector cars in the country, and since the closure of Holden, they have only become more popular."

Meanwhile, earlier in the same auction on the weekend, a pristine low-kilometre **1985 Holden Commodore VK Group A "Blue Meanie"** with just 6500km on the odometer went under the hammer for **\$475,000**, with a 7.5 per cent auction fee pushing the transaction price to more than half a million dollars (\$510,625).









Earlier this year one of the last Holden Commodores built in Australia sold for **\$750,000**, a limited edition **HSV Maloo** W1 ute (one of four built) sold for **\$1.05 million**, and a 1985 Holden Commodore VK HDT "Blue Meanie" – number 005 of 500 built and once the personal road car of the late racing legend Peter Brock – sold for **\$1.057 million**.

However, the auction record for an Australian-made road car stands at **\$1.15 million** for an immaculately restored **1971 Ford Falcon** GTHO Phase III which was bought by a Sydney art collector.

The prices listed in the examples above do not include auction fees, usually a 7.5 per cent premium over the hammer price paid by the buyer.

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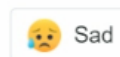
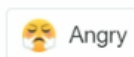
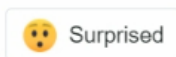
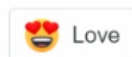
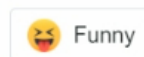
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**AdamMc** • 5 hours ago • edited

Always was a big fan of the shape of these. However that dashboard was such a huge letdown for the interior, just far to plain.

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**Captain Nemo®™** • 15 hours ago

A bit odd that Holden have used what appears to be a jerrycan symbol for the fuel gauge instead of the usual petrol bowser.

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**Nick** • 20 hours ago • edited

It didn't get anywhere near the money predicted as it is not an original spec car.

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**Alex** • 20 hours ago

Fancy paying that price for it. Crazy.

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**Markwa** • 2 days ago

Most likely one of the hundreds of motoring culture type groups that will put it up as a prize in the never ending list of such groups now infesting facebook.

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**Lachlan** → Markwa • a day ago

They really seem to have multiplied recently, haven't they? Started out with one and now there are a pile of them.

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**Daniel D** • 2 days ago

As someone who grew up in the era of these cars, I'm sorry none of them are worth close to what they are getting. Like the real estate market, common sense has gone out of it and to few people, with too much money are just throwing good money around. Still it's their money I suppose, but it's a heck of a lot of money for some nostalgia from your youth.

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**Alex** → Daniel D • 20 hours ago

Good point and your right ( Stupid paying that money for that car ) ain't worth it.

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**SimonSBF** → Daniel D • 2 days ago

I'm not sure what will happen with real estate prices, I'm thinking it'll plateau for a while. But these old cars, I can see being some really bad purchases in a few years. The market is just going to fall in a heap once global movements are back on.

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**Bent Banana!** • 2 days ago

This was never going to get near the price of the GTHO that sold recently. Holden's for some reason seem to struggle to get over a mil.

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**SimonSBF** → Bent Banana! • 2 days ago

Ford has never flooded the market with special models like Holden did. Whether it's because they're not as popular at the time, or because Ford limited the numbers, but they're usually quite small.

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Yup, quite correct. My son sold a XC two door Cobra (paid 6k for it, quite a few years back) Sold it for well over a 100k a few years ago.

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woooah, love those two door Falcons!

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I wonder what a mint condition Gemini Sandpiper would go for these days. I wish I had never wrapped it around a power pole when I was in my teens!

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**Captain Nemo@™** → Zandit75 • 2 days ago

Not Commodore or Monaro kind of money. But i would say \$20k That's just a guess. depends on how much someone wants one.

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**Zandit75** → Captain Nemo@™ • a day ago

Not a bad return when my parents spent about \$4k back in '93!!

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**Speedy Gonzales** → Captain Nemo@™ • 2 days ago

The best chance to make a few \$ with a Gemini would be if you have one of the rare CDT models to offload.

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**Captain Nemo@™** → Speedy Gonzales • 2 days ago

I was thinking that too, but a Sandpiper Cam especially a coupe would still be

I was thinking that too. But a Sandpiper. Gen especially a coupe would still be worth something. A gypsie van too.

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**Nate** → Zandit75 · 2 days ago

A friend in high school had one of those, she absolutely loved it.

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**Zandit75** → Nate · 2 days ago

I didn't actually have a choice in the matter, as my parents bought it for me for my first car(I had to pay them back obviously), but I loved right from the start. It had it's problems, and we'd only just got them all sorted out and running perfect when I "accidentally lost it" in the wet, and found an inconvenient power poll straight ahead of me!!

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**Poointheshoe** → Zandit75 · 2 days ago

Too much power. Anyway, you nearly turned it into an EV

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**Zandit75** → Poointheshoe · 2 days ago

I think it had to do more with a friction deficiency!!

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**Poointheshoe** → Zandit75 · 2 days ago

Sorry, I meant the power came from the power pole,then power lines came down and turned it into an EV

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**Poointheshoe** → Poointheshoe · 2 days ago

My spouse actually did hit a power pole years ago,and ended up having to pay for a new one. Now, when she passes through that town,she still points it out and refers to it as 'her pole'.

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**Nate** → Zandit75 · 2 days ago

I'm glad you survived to tell the tale, my friends sandpiper went for years and years without an issue. It was a great little car.

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**Zandit75** → Nate · 2 days ago

Yep, same here.

I came out of it with some whiplash and a chipped tooth, but anyone in the passenger seat would have had at least a sprained ankle, maybe even a fracture. The floor pan was all buckled up on that side.

The impact was just to the passenger side of dead center, and the front end was crumpled in about 50cm in total. The battery was smashed open, and as the power failed, the headlights were flickering, so I thought I had a fire in the engine bay. I was out of there as quick as I could be



engine bay. I had cut it more as quick as I could so

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**BaaBaaBlackJeep** • 2 days ago

Coincidence the Imctplus website has *Error establishing a database connection?*

They are raffling a Gold Coast house though for anyone interested

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