

Individual Options in more detail

[Please note the (C/Circa or about) pricing (in UK pounds) is only designed as a rough guide in order to allow you to judge the value of each extra in financial terms (mainly applying to the Vantage), all the prices are for factory fit (2011) as new, unless retro-fit aftermarket is stated.]

Exterior options

HID'S (C£500).

[High Intensity Discharge (HID) headlamps (dipped beam) with power wash]. Standard equipment on the DB9/DBS/V12 Vantage/V8S, but a fairly expensive extra on the Vantage up until the 2010MY when they became standard. The V8's pre 010MY lights aren't particularly good for such a high performance car, so the HID upgrade is a popular and useful option; it also includes a handy power wash facility, which is great for grimy night time winter driving. The bad news is the HID system only includes the powerful Xenon lights on the dipped beam and



conventional halogen for main beam. While we have to agree that Xenon's are most useful on dip, where they reduce dazzle from other car lights and improve visibility when there is oncoming traffic, we would have expected a Bi-Xenon system to match the car's performance potential. Aston have responded to this, with powerful Bi-Xenons first introduced on the Rapide and now standard on Virage, Vanquish and 2013MY DB9.



The DB9's HID's are standard but the headlight design doesn't feature side LED lights like the Vantage, it has a conventional indicator at the bottom of the unit. The new Bi-Xenon's (right) feature more stylish use of LED's for the side and as an eyebrow creating a more animalistic look!

Powerfold Mirrors (C£300). Standard equipment on the DB9 from the 06MY onwards and DBS/Virage/Rapide/Vanquish V12 Vantage/V8S from launch, this was an option on the V8 Vantage up until the 2010MY, when it became standard. Although this doesn't sound like a very exciting extra, in practice it is very useful, in fact crucial for many. The range may vary in length but all the cars are very wide compared to your average vehicle and the sleek wing mirrors extend well beyond the body to help aid best visibility. This means that the cars may not fit into many garages with mirrors extended, and they are also open to damage in tight parking spaces or narrow roads. Most people certainly don't want to have to manually swivel their wing mirrors in every time they want to park, so powerfold mirrors are a very useful option. You can fold or open both mirrors very conveniently at the touch of two buttons on the inside driver's door, invaluable for tight spaces. Your dealer can also set the mirrors to fold automatically

every time the ignition is turned off. This could be changed via the infotainment menu in car from the 2010MY, as could auto-dip mirrors when reverse is selected.



Wing mirror design has changed, 09MY: the DB9's improved (sleeker) the Vantage's were slightly larger and less sleek! 010MY: both grew bigger to meet new safety legislation!



09MY Vantage - folded inwards