

Auction of three engines

The Department of Engineering has three engines which are no longer needed in the Department. Staff and students are invited to bid for the engines in a blind auction and bids will also be accepted from museums, schools, universities and charities.

Bidders must understand that:

- the engines may not function and are almost certainly unsafe in their current condition - the Department of Engineering will not accept any liability whatsoever for the operation of the engines or their safety or any damages resulting from a successful bidder transporting, owning or operating the engines
- all the technical details of the engines presented in this document are approximate, including but not limited to dates of manufacture, dimensions and weights
- there will be no opportunity to view the engines, test the engines or ask questions about the engines and the Department of Engineering accepts no liability for any errors in the descriptions of the engines
- bidders must commit to signing the bill of sale agreement (draft attached), collecting the engines promptly and paying the bid price promptly (collection, payment and signature on the agreement by 13 August 2021 at the latest)
- bids from museums, schools, universities and charities will be prioritised in the auction but will be judged compliant only if they are made by an officer of the bidding organisation who is not a member of staff or student in the Department of Engineering and only if the organisation is credible (e.g. with relevant interests, suitable resources, and appropriate registration)
- the Department of Engineering will discard any bids that it deems to be noncompliant and select the winners without bidders having any right to appeal against decisions
- compliant bids from museums, schools, universities and charities will be ranked highest and then ordered by bid price (highest first) followed by compliant bids from staff and students again in order of bid price – in the event of a tie among the highest compliant bids for an engine, the winner will be selected by random draw
- if a winner delays or argues with regard to signing the bill of sale, paying the bid price or collecting the engine promptly, then, without any right of appeal, the bid will be discarded and the next highest bid will be selected as the winner.

Bids must be sent to coo@eng.cam.ac.uk by midday on 3 August 2021. Bids must comprise one of the two statements below depending on whether the bidder is a member of staff or a student in the Department of Engineering, or else a representative of a museum, school, university or charity:

- I, <full name>, am a member of the Department of Engineering. I offer a bid price of £<X> for the <name of engine>. I have read and understood this document including the bill of sale. I understand that the engines may be inoperative and may be unsafe. I understand that the University accepts no liability whatsoever for the operation of the engine or its safety or any damages resulting from me transporting, owning or operating the engine or any errors in the description of the engine. If I am selected as the winner for this engine, then I commit to signing the bill of sale, paying the bid price, collecting the engine and taking it off Department of Engineering premises no later than 13 August 2021, accepting that any failure to comply will result in my bid being discarded.

- I, <full name>, am the <official role title> at the <name of museum, school, university or charity> at <registered address>. I offer a bid price of £<X> for the <name of engine>. I have read and understood this document including the bill of sale. I understand that the engines may be inoperative and may be unsafe. I understand that the University accepts no liability whatsoever for the operation of the engine or its safety or any damages resulting from me transporting, owning or operating the engine or any errors in the description of the engine. If I am selected as the winner for this engine, then I commit to signing the bill of sale, paying the bid price, collecting the engine and taking it off Department of Engineering premises no later than 13 August 2021, accepting that any failure to comply will result in my bid being discarded.

Ford Cosworth Engine

Year: 1980s?

Model: F1 Ford Cosworth

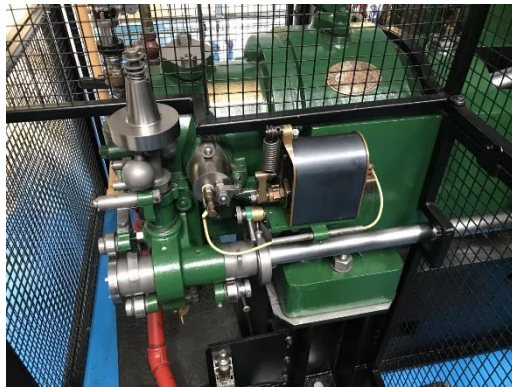


National Gas Engine

Year: 1901

Details:

- Cylinder diameter 178 mm
- Stroke length 381 mm
- Distance between brake balances (D) 2.13 m
- Indicator spring number 54 kPa/mm
- Con rod length 910 mm
- Crank radius 190.5 mm
- Compression ratio 5.85 (estimate)
- Weight: 5-6 tonnes



Hornsby-Stockport Gas Engine

Year: 1903

Details:

- Cylinder diameter 184 mm
- Stroke length 381 mm
- Distance between brake balances (D) 1.83 m
- Indicator spring number 54 kPa/mm
- Con rod length 910 mm
- Crank radius 190.5 mm
- Compression ratio 5.85 (estimate)
- Weight: 5-6 tonnes



Draft template for the bill of sale

Please note that the legal term “deliver” in the bill of sale below means the transfer of possession of property from the University to the purchaser. It does not mean that the University will transport the purchased item from the University’s premises to the purchaser’s premises. It does not contradict the later term which makes clear that the purchaser must make arrangements and pay costs for the removal and transport of the item.

Bill of Sale

In Consideration of XXX (the Purchaser) providing £XXX (The Purchase Price), the receipt and sufficiency of which consideration is hereby acknowledged to the Department of Engineering, University of Cambridge, (The University), The University SELLS and DELIVERS the equipment to the purchaser.

EQUIPMENT: The University will sell and deliver to the Purchaser the following equipment (The Equipment)

Item:
Ref No.:
Brand:

Warranties: The University warrants that the Equipment is free of any liens and encumbrances and that the University is the legal owner of the Equipment. The University also warrants that the University has the full right and authority to sell and deliver the equipment and that the University will defend the title of the equipment any and all claims and demands.

As Is condition: The purchaser acknowledges that the equipment is sold “as is”. The University expressly disclaims any implied warranty as to fitness for a particular purpose and any implied warranty as to merchantability. The University expressly disclaims any expressed or implied warranties. The purchaser understands that the items are second-hand and relieves the University of Liability to such extent as is reasonable having regard to the terms of the undertaking.

Working Order: Any warranty as to the condition of the Equipment is expressly disclaimed by the University.

Manufacturer’s Warranty: Any disclaimer of warranties by the University in this Bill of Sale will not in any way affect the terms of any applicable warranties from the manufacturer of the equipment.

Liabilities: The University does not assume, nor does the University authorise any other person on the behalf of the University to assume, any liability in connection with the sale or delivery of the equipment.

Collection and Installation: The Purchaser agrees to remove the equipment at a time agreed with the University. The purchaser is responsible for providing suitable packaging and arranging removal to and installation at their premises at their costs.

Risk: Ownership of the Equipment shall pass to The Purchaser once collection has taken place. The Purchaser shall bear all risks of loss or damage to the Equipment including during transportation and delivery to their premises and insure accordingly.

Safety: The purchaser agrees to take specified steps sufficient to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that the articles will be safe and without risks to health at all such times when it is being set, used, cleaned or maintained by a person at work.

This Bill of Sale is construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of England.

For and on behalf of Department of Engineering, University of Cambridge signed print name Title Date	For and on behalf of xxx signed print name Title Date
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