



Aston Martin Rapide N24



Aston Martin released the second in the N24 series with the first significant derivative of its Rapide. The four door luxury sports car is not the most likely of contenders for the Nurburgring 24 hrs but the idea of a racing Rapide is something that excites us Australians.

With the individual touring car championships around the world are all vastly different in style and manufacturer make up the entry of another exotic 4-door onto the race scene only adds to the desire for a world touring car championship.

Germany and Australia have undoubtedly

had the most exciting series for quite sometime now with the DTM and V8 Supercars. England and the US have had what - front drive egg beaters and "the car of the future" ?.... Now though there is talk of a Porsche Panamera in the Italian Series and this - a racing Rapide.

Just for a minute imagine a world 4-door series of controlled output / weight Panameras, Quattroportes, Rapides, Commodores, Falcons, AMG Mercedes, Jaguars and RS Audi - and one day the US may build something race worthy --
- but I doubt it;

Rod Halligan

Aston Martin Rapide N24

- V12
- Front-mid Engine
- 5935cc
- DOHC
- 1950 kg (4299 lb)
- 350 kW - 470 bhp
- 600 Nm / 443 ft lbs



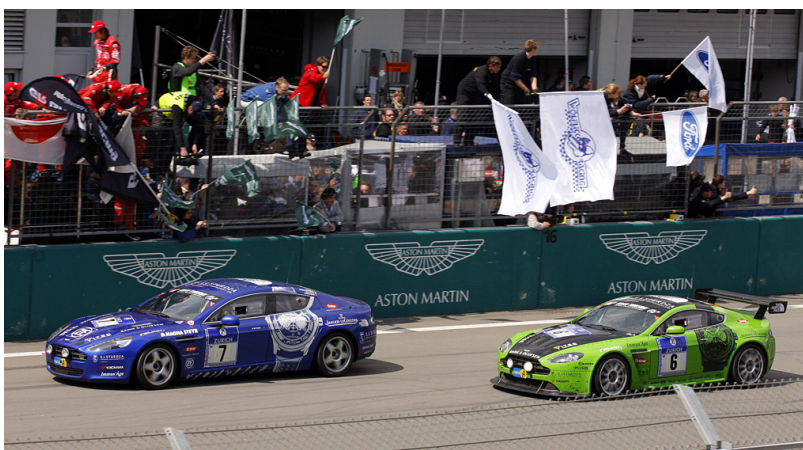
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Rapide N24

British

Sports Racer



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Year	2010
ENGINE	
Configuration	All alloy V12
Layout	Front Mid Longitudinal
Valvetrain	4 Valves per cylinder DOHC
Fuel feed	Fuel Injection
Displacement	5935cc
Power	350 kW (470 bhp / 477 PS) at 6000 rpm
Torque	600 Nm (443 lb ft) at 5000 rpm
BODY	
Extruded bonded aluminium VH body structure Aluminium, magnesium alloy and composite body	
Weight	1950 kg (4299 lb)
Length	5019 mm (197.6")
Width	2140 mm (84.3")
Height	1360 mm (53.5")
DRIVE	
Rear Wheel Drive	
Transmission	Rear mid-mounted 'Touchtronic 2' six-speed
SUSPENSION	
Front	Independent double wish bone, coil springs, anti-roll bar and monotube dampers
Rear	Independent double wish bones with anti-squat and anti-lift geometry, coil springs, anti-roll bar and adaptive dampers
Adaptive Damping System (ADS)	
WHEELS / TYRES / BRAKES	
Wheels	Cast 20 in Alloy
Front tyres	Bridgestone Potenza 245/40 R20
Rear tyres	Bridgestone Potenza 255/35 R20
Front brakes	Dual cast brake discs 390mm six piston calipers
Rear brakes	Dual cast brake discs 360mm six piston calipers
PERFORMANCE	
0-60 mph	5.1 seconds (0-100 km/h: 5.3 seconds).
Top Speed	188mph