Ecurie Ecosse Jaguar D-Type sells for \$21.78m

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A Jaguar D-Type, the same as one which was an integral part of the Concours d'Elegance at The Palace of Holyroodhouse last year, was sold at the weekend in California for \$21.78million.

The Edinburgh Reporter was lucky enough to be allowed to sit in the number 15 car at the Palace when it was brought here in April 2015 to publicise the event. It was a stripped down racer and not the most comfortable car to sit in it has to be said!

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The number 4 car, bearing registration plate MWS 301, the 1955 Jaguar D-type which won Le Mans three years in a row in 1955 – 1957, sold for the highest price ever paid for this model at any auction. The price tag also breaks the record sum paid for a British-built car at auction. Sotheby's previously sold a DB4 GT Zagato last year for \$14.3 million.

■ The former Ecurie Ecosse number 4 car which took drivers Ninian Sanderson and Ron Flockhart to victory, became a must buy for some well-heeled car enthusiast.

For all you car buffs we made our own video all about the number 15 car and the Holyrood event which you can watch again here (and be sure to turn the sound up!

RM Sotheby's took number 4 on their own road trip in the US with some old racing footage to show off what this car could really do.