



1952  
Rolls-Royce  
Silver Wraith  
Hooper Limousine  
VIN NO. WVH33



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## RUST-FREE & Ready to Ride

With relatively low mileage and minimal wear throughout, this 1952 Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith Hooper Touring Limousine is the perfect example of a car that's been lovingly taken care of over the years. Restored only when necessary, WVH33 is done in two-tone mason's black and tan. It's an older repaint, though, despite this, it still exhibits a beautiful luster and shine that carries over to the nearly perfect chrome and stainless steel trim. Oversized Lucas P100 headlights, joined by a center driving light and two auxiliary Lucas fog lights, complete the overall aesthetic and give the car a formal, yet imposing, pre-war appearance.

Much like the exterior, the interior of this Silver Wraith is also in beautiful condition. The cabin, upholstered in a sandy hue to match the outside of the car, is trimmed in a contrasting wood grain. Soft, supple leather covers the front and rear seats, and minus some cracking on the armrests (most likely because the material used here is original to the car), is free of rips and tears. Wilton wool carpeting in the same color as the leather runs throughout, and there's even a mouton sheepskin overlay on the floor of the backseat that appears to be original to the car, as well.

The Hooper Touring Limousine also comes with some fun additions. Rear passengers get to enjoy a cocktail cabinet and twin picnic tables set into the seat in front of them, plus fold-down foot rests, a vanity mirror tucked neatly into the driver's side armrest, and a division window that's operated by delicate switches. Perhaps the most fun part of this car, however, is the ride. It drives tight and responsive and, thanks to a 4.6-liter engine and four-speed manual transmission, provides a very smooth and reliable drivetrain. This Rolls may be a classic, but we think it's perfectly capable of keeping up with modern traffic!



# 1952 SILVER WRAITH

## Timeline

**1953** The 1952 Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith Hooper Touring Limousine, VIN No. WVH33, is delivered new to the United Dominion Trust Bank.

**Late 1960s** WVH33 is imported into the United States. Its first U.S. owner is listed as David H. Stockwell from Wilmington, DE, who later sells the car to George P. Kingsley of Bethlehem, PA.

**1970** David E. Block acquires the Silver Wraith. He becomes a longtime RROC club member, and WVH33 is included in the club's directories throughout his ownership.

**2018** After spending nearly 50 years with Mr. Block, WVH33 is sold to its most recent owner.

**2020** The Silver Wraith is listed for auction.



# HISTORICAL Documents



DAVID BLOCK  
240 CENTRAL PARK So. #16-D  
N.Y.

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WVH33

WVH 33 1952 SW  
Hooper Touring Limousine (BODY #9735) W 32 H

David H. Stockwell, 3701 Kennett Pike,  
Wilmington, Del. 19807 67R

George P. Kingsley, R D 2  
Bethlehem, Pa. 16601 (see notes)

David E. Block, 240 Central Park South,  
Apt #16-D, New York, NY 10019 (3/5/70)



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BERTCH, ROY, 763 Maple Drive, Webster..... 14580  
BLACKMAN, ANDREW S., 121 E. 36th St., New York ..... 10016  
SW '52 Freestone & Webb saloon, WVH42, eng. W41H  
\* BLOCK, DAVID E., 4411 Empire State Bldg.,  
New York City..... 10001  
SW '52 Hooper touring limousine, WVH33  
BOLM, DAVID A., 492 Linwood Avenue, Buffalo ..... 14209  
SC '56 saloon, LSYB240, eng. SB120  
BOND, GEORGE H., Jr., Shore Acres, Cazenovia ..... 13035  
Bentley Continental S '58 Park Ward convertible,  
BC10LCH, eng. BC10C  
\*BOOTE, ALFRED S., 955 Park Ave., New York ..... 10028  
#25/30 H.P. '37 Freestone & Webb saloon, GAR5,  
eng. N22T  
BOYER, ALLSTON, 68 Wheatley Rd., Brookville ..... 11545  
#SG '23 Brewster Playboy, 392KG, eng. 21-117  
Vintage Bentley 4 1/2 ltr. tourer, XR3336  
#Vintage Bentley 4 1/2 ltr. '31 supercharged Le Mans racer,  
eng. MS3942  
Bentley Continental R '52 Mulliner saloon, BC2LB,  
eng. BCB2  
Bentley Continental S 2 '59 Mulliner Flying Spur,  
BC29LAR, eng. A28BC  
BROOK, ALEXANDER, Point House, Sag Harbor, L. I. .... 11963  
20/25 H.P. '35 Mulliner sedanca coupe, GOH40, eng. Z6Y  
BROWNSTEIN, JEROME D., 53 Third St., P. O. Box 839,  
Troy ..... 12181  
SC II '61 saloon, LLCB35, eng. LC34B  
\*BRYANT, FRANK, 10 Ridgeway St., Mt. Vernon ..... 10552  
#Bentley 4 1/4 '36 Park Ward drophead coupe, B5GP,  
eng. N2BU  
BUISCH, LOUIS G., Jr., 73 Genesee, Hornell ..... 14843  
20/25 H.P. '33 Fernandez & Darrin cabriolet, GSY78,  
eng. K5D  
\*BUNDY, ERNEST M., 16 Elm St., Cobleskill ..... 12043  
#20/25 H.P. '33 Gurney Nutting drophead coupe,  
GXB15, eng. J3H

**INCLUDED WITH THE SILVER WRAITH:** shop and service manual + original owner's manual + historical documents + service receipts, including detailed notes dating back to 1954 regarding its regular maintenance + spare keys + nearly complete tool kit

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WHAT MAKES  
THE SILVER WRAITH  
SO SPECIAL?

- *A total of 1,883 units were built from 1946 to 1958, creating the kind of natural rarity typical of Rolls-Royce motorcars. (This particular Silver Wraith Hooper Touring Limousine is one of only 15 produced in 1951.)*
- *It's currently used as the presidential ride in both Ireland and Brazil and has been used as the Royal Dutch State Limousine.*
- *It's been featured in many Hollywood movies.*





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