

# Price watch Panther J72, De Ville, Lima & Kallista

Val Bridges, chairman of the Panther Car Club ([www.panthercarclub.com](http://www.panthercarclub.com)) has noticed a pronounced realignment in values for the classic Panthers in recent years: "They are definitely on the up. Europe was always more expensive than the UK – a few years ago you could pay £18-20,000 for a good Kallista abroad, whereas here they were only £9-10k, so many were disappearing out of the UK. Now we're catching up and a concours V6 Kallista can fetch up to £15,000, with condition 1 cars regularly changing hands for £12k-plus. The 1.6s are a little behind, with sound MoT'd cars from £5000, up to £11k for a concours example – which is around £1000

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ahead of an S2 Lima, and £2k more than an S1 might fetch. "We've had to educate UK owners because they were selling them too cheaply, but now the 'kit-car' stigma has gone out of the window. Plus people are beginning to restore them." The big money in the Panther world is for the Jaguar-powered models. Says Bridges: "The J72 and De Ville have gone up tremendously. Even a project J72 will be £15,000-plus – more for a De Ville, and up to £25k for one of the rare convertibles. A top J72 is £35-40,000 – and across the board a left-hand-drive car will normally go for more. I'd expect an extra 10% for my J72 because it's a left-hooker. De Ville saloons are now £35-45,000 and you can expect to pay up to £50k for show cars, while good convertibles are £50k-plus and buyers are asking £80-85,000 for the very best."

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## AUCTION RESULTS

- 1983 Panther Kallista £3520  
*Richard Edmonds, Wilts, Oct 2010*
- 1979 Panther De Ville £31,900  
*H&H, Derbyshire, July 2010*
- 1979 Panther Lima £7406  
*Bonhams, Sussex, September 2009*
- 1977 Panther Lima £4510  
*Barons, Surrey, December 2008*

## CLASSIFIEDS

- '76 J72 CHF43,900,  
4.2 auto, 9300km, car  
in Switzerland 0041  
44856 1111 (T)
- 1987 Kallista 2.8  
£9495, 36,275 mls,  
five-speed manual  
07967 093127 (P)

