

Rick's £8,000 bill to insure his new BMW



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Super-car for a superstar . . . Rick Astley's BMW set him back £25,000

No 11 RICK ASTLEY has vroomed his way into the New Year by splashing out £25,000 on a 150 mph BMW super-car.

But the 21-year-old heart-throb got a shock when he tried to insure it . . . and was quoted £8,000 just to get behind the wheel.

Rick, who zoomed from tea-boy to superstar in just five months, paid up without batting an eyelid.

The singer bought a BMW 325 Sports after friends kept taking the mickey out of his battered Mazda.

The new motor boasts a fuel-injected 2.5-litre engine, metallic black paint, black leather seats, electric sun roof, tinted glass, alloy wheels and an on-board computer.

Car salesman Malcolm Owen, of Hexagon, in Highgate, North London, says: "It is a truly beautiful car and one of our best sellers."

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"Rick is a lovely bloke—always laughing and joking—and it was a real pleasure to do business with him.

"He even autographed photos of himself for the staff."

A spokesman for the Association of British Insurers says: "The cost of £8,000 to insure is the underwriters' assessment

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of the risk, taking into account Mr Astley's age, profession and the power of the car."

Rick could have bought himself any car in the world—and insured it—if he had agreed to sing his two British smash hits in Japanese.

Profits from the sale of Never Gonna Give You Up and When I Fall in Love would have netted him up to £1 million if released in the Far East in Japanese.

But Rick refused to sing in Japanese and sales of the records will net him only £150,000.

● I can reveal that Rick will be touring Britain this summer—his first live dates since he shot to fame back in August.