

CLASSIC DRIVER

5 collector cars to put into your garage this week

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We're back with another weekly deep dive into the ever-changing Classic Driver Market. Whether it's a budget future classic, or race ready track attacker, there's something for every driver in this list!



Ticket to Ride

One of the most exciting parts of buying a classic car is the relics you may find buried amongst the thick carpets or squashed down into the depths of the boot lining. These tiny trinkets give you an insight into the kind of life the car has had, and who owned it before it fell into your hands. Sometimes, you'd rather not know, but others, and more specifically in this MGA Twin-Cam Roadster Race Car that saw its fair share of track time during the 1960s, has some real gems to uncover.

One of only 1,295 left hand drive examples of the MGA ever made, this slick-back example raced competitively around the US in the 1960s and was professionally restored to continue racing at historic events for decades to come. With its high revving and incredibly resilient twin-cam motor up front, this is one classic racer that has plenty of life still in it!

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Dolce Delta

Enthralling to drive, unmistakable in its appearance, and more competitive accolades than you could ever possibly need, that’s just the Lancia way. When the Delta Integrale burst onto the motoring scene in 1986, we suspect not even Lancia themselves knew just how special of a car they had created.

While we all remember the Martini-liveried monsters hurtle through rally stages around the world with inch-perfect precision, back on the public roads the Integrale was still very much a force to be reckoned with. This unusually sophisticated specified example combines a deep metallic dark blue with a buttery soft beige suede interior, adding a fair amount of luxury to what is even today an immensely enjoyable car to get behind the wheel of!

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Schnellwagen

It was the Audi that started it all. Two letters in Audi’s vocabulary meant nothing before the birth of the RS2 in 1994. RS would become an integral part of Audi’s performance line, and the RS2 started it all, becoming what many perceive to be the first high performance estate car ever made.

Under the bonnet is a 2.2-litre five-cylinder turbocharged engine, combined with Audi’s impeccable ‘Quattro’ all-wheel drive system that delivers exceptional grip and precise handling in all conditions. Created in collaboration with none other than Porsche, the car boasts exterior elements taken from Stuttgart, such as the mirrors and wheels. The Audi RS2 combines elegance and performance, redefining the standards of sports estates, and is no doubt going to be a very valuable car in the near future!

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Race Ready Rabbit

Take a quick glance at this handsome yet understated Alpine White Volkswagen Golf Mk1 GTI, and you may just see it as a very well-presented examples of the marque’s best hot hatch, but look closer and you’ll see all is not what it seems...

Built ready to be driven to its limits, this example has been fully raced prepped, included a welded-in roll cage, huge Brembo brakes, a Sachs clutch kit, 16-inch wheels and sticky tyres, huge figure-hugging bucket seats and far more than we could ever list. Most importantly, to give this plucky hatchback even more oomph, it now houses a turbocharged 1.8-litre engine under the bonnet, allowing you to leave just about any modern interpretation of the hot hatch in this Golf’s dust!

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Brute in a Texan Suit

We’ve said it before, and we’ll most likely continue to say it for decades to come. We will never, ever tire of discovering new and unusual vehicles that deserve their time in the limelight. This week’s discovery is a true brute in a Texan suit, a Trident Clipper V8 from 1967.

Believed to one of just nine examples featuring a monstrous Ford 289 V8 engine up front, this unusual machine was certainly no slouch, and could rocket from 0-62mph in under 5 seconds, a time still impressive nearly 60 years later. To preserve this unicorn, after it was rediscovered, it was painstakingly restored by Peter Toome in 1988 to a 'better than new' condition. Now finished in Ferrari Rosso Chiaro with a black Connolly hide interior, this little-known Anglo-American sports car is practically in like-new condition, boasting only approximately 14,000 original kilometres!

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