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5 collector cars to put into your garage this week

LeadBold and beautiful or sleek and stylish, however you like your set of wheels, this week's hand-picked selection from the Classic Driver Market has something inside for any type of driver!



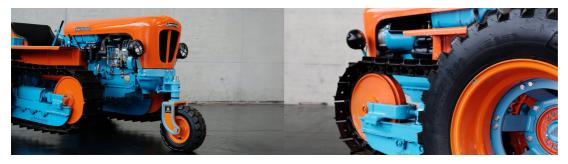
Hues of Blue

It's always fun to see a PTS-shaded Porsche, especially one that is as bold as it is beautiful, and even more so when the car in question is a 964 Speedster. A mere 936 examples of the Speedster were produced, many of which in special shades, but very few are likely to have been painted in the wonderful Maritime Blue.

Taking the love of Blue to its extreme, the RS wheels have also been painted to match the exterior, and to top it off, its rare RS leather interior boasts a matching blue dashboard, seats, gear lever, seatbelts and door latches. Having spent much of its life cruising the streets and coastlines of Southern France, we can now understand the blue theme, and we think this would be the ideal machine for turning heads and causing a scene in one of Europe's coolest hotspots!

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Raking Bull

We're all familiar with Lamborghini's greatest hits: The delectable Miura, the wedge wonder of the Countach, the devilish Diablo, and a whole other line up of smash-hits that have moulded the Sant'Agata-based outfit the mighty reputation it holds so dearly today. The truth is, though, much of Lamborghini's early success came from a very different type of vehicle, and tractors such as this one were the go-to in the world of agriculture.

This unique machine from 1958 has a trait few other tractors from this era could showcase, boasting a set of tracks and a set of wheels, with the latter allowing the vehicle to be used on the road when needed, and the tracks to let this Lambo glide across all sorts of rough terrain. This example heading to Humer, Granner & Co's upcoming auction has been lovingly restored, and would certainly look the part next to an Arancio Xanto-shaded Huracan!

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The Grubby Grifo

By now, we've all marvelled in amazement at <u>Rudi Klein's Junkyard that's become a jewel in RM Sotheby's 2024 auction roster</u>, and while much of the chatter about the auction has involved the three rotting Miuras and left-for-dead Mercedes-Benzes, there was one car that caught our eye immediately, and it most definitely deserves its time in the spotlight.

This is, quite incredibly considering how good it looks in drop-top form, the single original Iso Grifo convertible that was built. Almost every line was at least subtly different from the subsequent Grifo production coupes and was completed by Bertone as something of a surprise for Iso management. During its life, it was exhibited by the coachbuilder at European auto shows, most prominently at the Geneva Motor Show in 1964. Its effortless beauty was a real hit among onlookers, but it eventually found its way from owner to owner, bouncing across the US during the late 1960s and 1970s, before landing in Klein's collection in 1980. Sadly, like much of the collection, the car fell into a rather sorry state, but we're certain that an Iso lover out there will be able to give this unicorn a chance at stardom once more!

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Schumi the Tastemaker

Growing up in Formula One's turbulent 1990s and early 2000s era, there was a lot of personalities to adore. Hill, Häkkinen, Villeneuve, Couthard, whoever it was that piqued your interest in the high-octane sport, all of those drivers would likely peg Michael Schumacher as their biggest rival. During this era, the man was relentlessly fast over a single qualifying lap, but also almost impossible to overtake, making him a true force to be reckoned with, especially when the car he drove was a Ferrari.

At the dawn of a new century, Ferrari were on top form with their road cars, too, and while the understated 456M GT didn't quite hit the mark as well as the 360 Modena ever did, the car has aged wonderfully into its curvaceous looks, and prices are slowly on the rise as popularity for this future classic increases. None are more special than this example, known as the 456M GT "Schumacher Edition", which was, as the name suggests, a variant that Michael himself specified using Ferrari's Carrozzeria Scaglietti outfit. He opted for a subtle tone of grey with a black roofline, with unique details on the wheels and radiator grille. 30 cars were planned by the factory, but they were not a commercial success. In the end, only 15 cars were produced, of which only 4 were equipped with a manual gearbox, making this the one to have!

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V-Spec

As our name suggests, it is rare that you'll find us talking about a 2024-registered car, but we make exceptions when they come in the form of perfectly-optioned, certified future classics such as the Aston Martin Valour. Believed to be one of only 20 UK specified cars ever built and the first to be publicly offered for sale, this example is finished in Q division's Special Caribbean Pearl, a colour choice popular in Aston Martin's golden era of late 1960's production, accompanied by a bespoke Onyx Black and Sahara Tan hide and Alcantara interior.

The Valour takes much of its inspiration from the one-of-one Victor, and features Aston's wonderful 5.2 litre, twin-turbo V12 that has been tuned to produce 705bhp and 550lb ft of torque, and comes complete with an engaging 6-speed manual transmission, showcasing the brand's lifelong love of performance comined with analogue involvement and unrivalled styling.

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