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Sporting elegance: Highlights from the Artcurial auction in Paris

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Some 80 classics will be served up by Artcurial on 20 October in Paris at its sixth annual autumn sale. In addition to the 'big fish' from Maranello, Modena and Sant'Agata, the catalogue includes some interesting home-grown classics - such as the 1966 Matra Jet V Luxe coupé...

Originally developed by Automobiles René Bonnet to compete in rallies against the legendary Alpine A110, from 1964 the Matra Djet was produced by Matra itself - and renamed the Jet. The Jet offered by Artcurial has spent its entire life to date in the ownership of the same family, having initially been given by the buyer to his wife to celebrate the birth of their daughter. Forty years later, the mother gave it to her daughter as a 40th birthday present. The Matra Jet V Luxe coupé has just 43,000km on the clock and carries an estimate of 30,000-40,000 Euros.

Most of the higher-value lots are from Italy. The star of the auction is the yellow 1968 Lamborghini Miura P400, originally a Paris dealer's demonstration car (400,000-450,000 Euros), followed by a 1962 Maserati 3500 GTi convertible, one of just 242 produced, and now hoping to fetch 300,000 to 400,000 Euros. If your budget is between 150,000 and 200,000 Euros, however, you'll find some Ferraris in your price range: a red 1962 Ferrari 250 GTE coupé by Pininfarina, a silver, matching-numbers 330 GT 2+2, and a Dino 246 GT (170,000-210,000 Euros) sold new to the USA in 1973.

All cars for sale in Artcurial's 'Automobiles sur les Champs VI' sale are listed on [Classic Driver](#).

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