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Market Finds - How to make a statement

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Whether you've got a small dictatorship to oversee or simply want to own one of the finest examples of a true Italian icon, this week's Market Finds are happy to accommodate...

Shaving time





The Yugoslavian president Josip Broz Tito clearly anticipated spending lots of time in his new Mercedes-Benz 600 Pullman Landaulet, as he specified a custom shaving and aftershave kit in the rear armrest. These opulent saloons really were the preserve of the world's most famous – and some would say evil – individuals. One of just nine special six-door, long-roof examples built, this is the perfect way of communicating your message in a stylish (and hopefully peaceful) way, whether you live in the centre of London or the middle of nowhere.

Satisfied customer





Clearly not satisfied with its performance, this Porsche 930 3.3 Turbo's first Japanese owner sent his new car directly to RUF for a makeover. The wizards in Pfaffenhausen installed a raft of upgrades, including a five-speed gearbox, a (much-needed) turbo boost controller, bucket seats with racing harnesses, and an aggressive new body kit as if the original 930 Turbo needed to be any more in-your-face. These cars' rarity only enhances their appeal.

Chairs and flares





Say what you will about its engine, performance or value, but we defy anyone not to melt at the sight of svelte lines of a well-presented Dino 'Ferrari'. Many Dinos were painted in typically 1970s shades, which tend to make them look quite dated, but this gorgeous black over black example is simply timeless. It's got all the important attributes – matching numbers and Classiche certification, for example – and was recently restored to what looks like an exceptional standard.

Gentleman's express





As you'd expect, press cars are more often than not specified to the nines, and this 1973 Aston Martin V8 – the third carburetted example built – was no different. As such, it featured in countless magazine articles, sales brochures and motor shows. Perhaps more impressive is that, after it was sold to the director of a private bank in 1974, it's remained in the same family ever since. Perhaps the ultimate gentleman's express, the V8 heralded a new, promising era for Aston Martin.

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