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Market Finds – Mad in Britain

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While Britain might have a reputation as a well-mannered and understated nation, these bruisers from the Classic Driver Market are far from conservative. From a snarling hypercar to a compact V8 brute, this week's selection is not for the faint of heart...

Bi-turbo behemoth





This flame-spitting McLaren P1, currently for sale with Classic Driver Dealer DK Engineering, looks sinister in its all-black colour combination. Developing over 900HP thanks to a dizzying cocktail of V8 grunt and electric power, the spaceship-like hypercar is capable of sprinting from 0-60mph in under three seconds. The addition of Bruce McLaren's updated 'Speedy Kiwi' logo on the headrests and carbon-fibre sills is a fitting tribute to the company's founder, but it does little to mask the menace of this machine.

Blunt instrument



An understated yet unhinged oddity, this Bristol Blenheim conceals a 5.9-litre V8 under its bonnet and is designed to comfortably carry four people, yet still show most sports cars a clean pair of heels away from the lights. The styling might be divisive, but no one can deny the latent beauty of this handbuilt beast.

A flawed hero



Although there was public outcry at the time, the use of a twin-turbo V6 instead of the previously promised V12 actually enhanced the bonkers character of the Jaguar XJ220. The MG Metro 6R4-derived engine provides a unique soundtrack, while the frankly absurd proportions of this great British supercar lend a great sense of occasion. [This example currently for sale in the United States](#) has covered just 421 miles from new, perhaps due to the Big Cat's tendency to pounce?

Hard Worker





As one of just five Works competition-prepared Austin-Healeys built in 1961, [this 3000 MK1](#) led a tough life on the front line, fighting for national pride at rallies around the world. The hard-working Healey was then purchased by rally legend Rauno Aaltonen, a driver who certainly wasn't afraid to grab it by the scruff of its neck. Now it's for sale at Fiskens in London, and begging for a brave new owner.

Pocket Rocket



Despite its diminutive dimensions, this [1965 TVR Griffith 200](#) packs a small-block American V8 punch. The heady combination of high power, low weight and an ultra-short chassis make for a challenging driving experience, but once tamed, this car is more than capable of a battle with an AC Cobra (or two).

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