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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 <u>1965 TVR Griffith 200</u> 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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