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5 collector cars to put in your garage this week

LeadSelecting just five cars from the Classic Driver Market was, as always, no easy feat, but the below selection is a varied mix of automotive delights, from one-off English sports cars to German goliaths...

Lady in red (and white)





Against the most industrial of backgrounds, the sheer elegance and Italian majesty of this 1962 Maserati 3500 GT shines through. This desirable, European-delivered, carburetted GT version, fully restored in 2007 and currently for sale in Belgium, is begging for some luggage to be dropped into the exquisitely stitched, leather-lined boot for a weekend on the Riviera.

Ageing gracefully





While it may never reach the heady heights of Ferrari's finest designs, this 2005 Ferrari 612 Scaglietti, finished in the glorious colour combination of Blu Pozzi over Tan, puts a gorgeous case forward for these front-engined, V12 grand tourers. A tasteful and competent choice, currently sitting in an attractive price bracket, this blue beauty merits a second look...

The boss's car





Built especially for the then managing director of AC Cars, this 1959 AC Aceca Bristol is a unique wide-bodied prototype. With only three owners from new, and the subject of a recent mechanical and cosmetic refresh, this historic British beauty still retains its original peppy Bristol 100 D2 engine, and it would surely sit pride of place in any collection.

Shark body, monster heart





A product of the great German automotive pastime that is wedging gargantuan engines into unassuming bodies, this 1982 BMW 635 CSi was the recipient of a BMW M1 engine as a test-bed for BMW Motorsport GmbH. The result was no-doubt outrageous, so much so that M1 Development Engineer Georg Thiele privately owned the car once it had completed its duties. Now, it offers an incredible opportunity for the 'M' car fanatic to own a piece of BMW history.

Photo star to rally star





As a VAG press car, this 1981 Audi Quattro was the star of many magazine photospreads that no doubt inspired a generation of rally fans, and in later years, those fans were eventually able to see it fully stretch its legs, as it became a practice and race car for Audi Sport UK. Driven by the likes of Hannu Mikola and John Buffum, this rally legend has an exceptional and varied history that is as impressive as its performance.

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