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5 collector cars to put in your garage this week

Lead

The variety in the Classic Driver Market never fails to disappoint — an unusual 1960s British sports car piqued our interest this week, in addition to one of the most desirable Porsche 911s, as well as what could possibly be the most beautifully specified Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG in the world...

Catch me while you can



Tipped by many experts to be a certified 'future classic', the manual-gearbox Aston Martin DBS is proving an increasingly elusive model to find. [This low-mileage 'Storm Black' example](#) manages to be truly menacing from the outside, but with its gorgeous quilted Alcantara seats, entirely elegant at the same time.

Driving ecstasy





One of just 54 factory-built Carrera 3.0 RSes, and boasting matching numbers, an unbroken chain of documentation from new, and a recent restoration, this is quite possibly one of the most desirable Porsche 911s in the world. So, if you fancy yourself as a bit of a Mark Donohue or an Emerson Fittipaldi, [this gleaming white beauty](#) could well be your driving ecstasy.

A Fair assessment



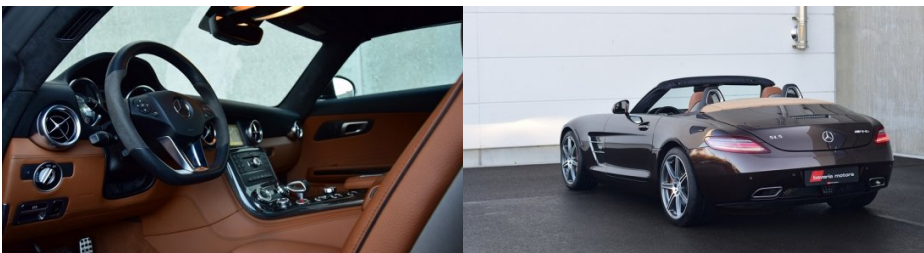
We love dinky British sports cars from the 1950s and '60s, as, more often than not, they offer countless smiles per mile at a snip. Based on Triumph Herald underpinnings, weighing just 700kg, and powered by a 1,000cc four-pot motor, the Fairthorpe Electron is one of those curious machines that few people today have ever heard of, let alone driven. The advert for [this fine example](#) is described as 'go-kart-like', which we think sums it up it perfectly.

Group B ballistic missile



Everyone knows that the road-going homologation specials from the Group B rally era, built in extremely low numbers to authorise their flame-throwing counterparts, were notoriously badly thrown together. But they're fascinating reminders of what was arguably one of the finest epochs of motorsport history. We're thrilled to say that the Stradale version of the Lancia Delta S4 has lost none of its outrageousness — [this immaculate red example](#) will be auctioned in May.

The connoisseur's colour combination



We admire anyone who sticks to his or her guns and orders a new car in a quirky or unusual colour, such as the fabulous 'Rocky Mountains Brown' on [this fully loaded Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG Roadster](#). We think the SLS is ageing wonderfully, and while the roadster might lack the theatre of the gull-winged coupé, it does offer a

tantalising peek of that stunning and sumptuous cognac leather interior.

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