
5 collector cars to put in your garage this week

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As this week's selection shows, the Classic Driver team has been slightly influenced by the hopes of sunnier climes ahead, with almost all our choices offering topless thrills. That being said, our hardtop option has plenty to offer, even amongst its esteemed company...

Bordeaux inside, Monaco outside





As far as combinations go, subtle Silver and bodacious Bordeaux is up there with the best, especially when combined with no roof and a naturally aspirated V8. This 1999 Ferrari F355 Spider happens to boast all these glorious attributes, and it would surely make for an ideal sun-drenched shoreline cruiser with a first-class soundtrack. Fortunately, the car is for sale in Monaco, so a long drive back to her new home isn't inconceivable...

Preserved Peugeot



This Pininfarina-designed 1967 Peugeot 404 has lain dormant in the idyllic Hautes-de-Seine region of France for the last 33 years, and it's now ready for sympathetic rejuvenation. We can only imagine the sight this quintessentially French cabriolet was on the move, with its perfectly patinated bodywork glistening in the sun and filled with four no-doubt overjoyed travellers and plenty of provisions for a hillside picnic...

Pure pedigree



Looking past the devastatingly handsome appearance of this 1970 Ferrari 512 S for a moment, which is no easy task, the history of this Prancing Horse is quite remarkable. Originally owned and raced by Scuderia Ferrari, the car was entered in the 1970 Daytona 24 Hours and 1000 KM di Monza, where it was captained by none other than racing legends Jacky Ickx and John Surtees. What's more, the car was then purchased by Steve McQueen's Solar Productions for the filming of his iconic passion project *Le Mans*, where the front and rear body sections were fitted to a Lola T70 — an incredible car with an incredible history...

Penned by the best





Although the design of this 1963 Studebaker Avanti R2 may be somewhat divisive, the accomplishments of its designer Raymond Loewy are undeniable. From Lucky Strike cigarette packets, the Greyhound bus, and even the slender Coca Cola bottle, Loewy's work is legendary. The Avanti may not be his best-known design, but this fully restored, matching-numbers example is an opportunity to own a piece of moving, V8-powered design history.

In bloom



It doesn't get much more Italian than this 1963 Lancia Flaminia 3C 2500 Touring Convertible. Clothed in a gorgeous Carrozzeria Touring body and named after the Via Flaminia, the road between Rome and Rimini, this *bella macchina* is one of only 247 examples produced. Following delivery to the USA, the car has since been restored and enjoyed in Holland, and it's now ready for a new owner to observe the privileged view of the sweeping bonnet from behind the wonderful wooden steering wheel.

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