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5 collector cars to put in your garage this week

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This week's selection from the Classic Driver Market provides food for thought for all those looking for a new car for the coming spring and summer months. From one of the very best Ferrari 250 GTO replicas to a 1990s Mercedes fitted with every possible option, it's time to prime your chequebook...

Typhoon approaching



Few cars epitomise the glitz and glamour of the 1960s jet set than the Facel Vega. Beloved by Hollywood legends, supermodels, and high-ranking politicians and diplomats alike, Facel Vegas had suitably grand price tags — this [1957 FV4 'Typhoon'](#) cost 10,000 francs when new, four times as expensive as a Citroën DS. One of 36 built, and just 15 believed to remain today, it is a model in luxury.

The sincerest form of flattery





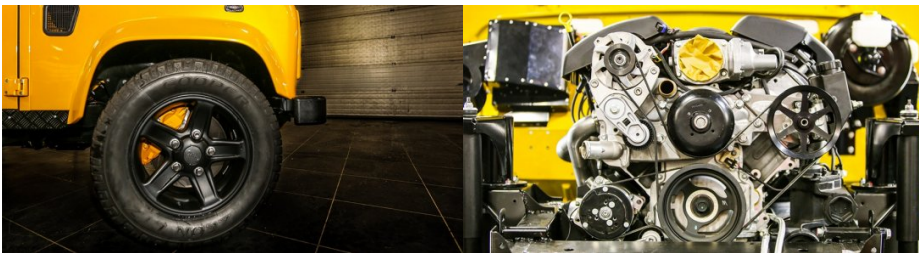
We appreciate that replicas are a contentious issue in the classic car world, but when legendary cars like the Ferrari 250 GTO soar to such extraordinary values, it's inevitable that imitations will pop up. Fortunately, this example, which is based on the underpinnings of a 250 GTE, is one of the best we've come across. One of seven cars built by renowned Ferrari guru Terry Hoyle in the early 1990s, [this GTO recreation](#) cost almost 600,000 US dollars to build. It's not the real McCoy, but do you really care when it looks so good?

Anywhere goes



While the Porsche 356 Speedster was intended for the marque's clients in the warm climes of California, it's a car that, today, can be enjoyed anywhere. This [1958 Aquamarine Blue example](#) currently for sale in Switzerland boasts all the right credentials: matching numbers, its original (and extremely attractive) colour combination, upgraded disc brakes, and factory certification. With spring fast approaching, this could be the perfect car for the 2018 events season.

In case you missed out...



In case you missed out on buying one of Land Rover's new limited-edition V8 Defenders, [this 430hp Defender modified by Tophat](#) in the Netherlands might be the perfect substitute. What's more, it's equipped with a raft of extras over the factory car, including a six-speed manual gearbox, adjustable air suspension, and a motorsport-inspired braking system.

Every box ticked



Of the 14 Mercedes-Benz E36 AMG Cabriolets supplied new to the UK market, [this Imperial Red example](#) was the most highly specified, costing a staggering 90,000 GBP — a considerable sum for such a car in 1995. Presented in exceptionally original condition, it's equipped with the rare factory hardtop, an orthopaedic driver's seat, an ASR skid control system, and a 'sports' chassis.

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