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## 5 collector cars to put in your garage this week

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Our top 5 collector cars this week include an adorable little Autobianchi Giardiniera, a humpback Porsche 911 Speedster, and a race-ready 2007 Ferrari F430 GTC. So whether you love haring round a track, cruising down the freeway, or simply enjoy a summer drive, we've got you covered...

### A mighty mishmash



It's 1989 and you've just taken delivery of your new Porsche 911 Speedster, a limited edition throwback to the delectable drop-top 356. The trouble is that after 100 miles, you can't help but feel underwhelmed by its somewhat lacklustre performance. The solution? Send it to Bruce Canepa to shoehorn a spare 650HP twin-turbocharged 962 engine into it and

fit factory 934 bodywork. The brakes, suspension, and gearbox were all tweaked, too, ensuring all those horses could be tamed by the car's owner, whether he was on the road or the track. The unique [Porsche 962 Twin-Turbo Speedster](#) is a mongrel in the most glorious and fun sense of the word.

## An Italian Job



This dinky little machine is a fully-restored [1970 Autobianchi Giardiniera](#). Reminiscent of the vehicles that filled the streets of Turin during the final heist of *The Italian Job*, the Giardiniera is an extended wheel-base Fiat 500 with a station-wagon rear. The adorably small 'supermini' has a perfectly restored interior with a single central speedometer that reads up to a whopping 120km/h. This little fella would make a great vehicle for a summer drive around the British countryside – with the roof cover off, of course!

## Originality is key



The only thing better than hindsight is foresight and when an enthusiast has the initiative to cherish and preserve a

collectable car over a long period of time, they can rest safe in the knowledge that it will most likely remain cherished for the rest of its life. This beautifully preserved [1965 Alfa Romeo Giulia Sprint Speciale](#) is one such example. It's had just three owners from new, the latter of whom has owned it for the last 40 years. Arguably one of the finest and most original examples of Franco Scaglione's sensuous Sprint Speciale in existence, the Rosso Alfa coupé shows just 16,000 (documented) miles on the clock and will be sold with a comprehensive history file, its original brochures, manuals and tools, and even the original numbered keys!

## Itali-rally



At a time when so many manufacturers are harking back to their racing heritage to build new road cars, [this 1975 Fiat 124 Abarth Rally edition](#) would be ideal for any Italian vintage motorsport fan. What's not to like about a 1970s rally-car with a contrasting black bonnet and top-mounted spot-lights? It is a fantastically well preserved 40-year-old convertible that would be far more fun than anything new for the same price.

## Best of the breed



In terms of racing pedigree, this [2007 Ferrari F430 GTC](#) has got *a lot* going for it. Campaigned as both a 'Works' and privateer entry by AF Corse between 2008 and 2011, chassis #2624 was raced by a raft of drivers famously associated with Ferrari's modern GT racecars, including Giancarlo Fisichella, Gianmaria Bruni, Tony Vilander, and Jaime Melo. Over the course of its competition career, the car claimed an impressive 10 overall podiums, of which two were victories. Following its retirement from active service, AF Corse restored the car and had it certified by Ferrari Classiche in the process. It is without question an outstanding car for the newly formed Global Endurance Legends series, which, incidentally, was the brainchild of the dealer currently offering it for sale...

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