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5 collector cars to put in your garage this week

Lead

From Hollywood royalty to a lavishly specified Zagato-bodied Aston Martin in which we'd love to prowl around Miami, here are this week's selections from the Classic Driver Market...

Knobbly Lister, wobbly knees





Of the 48 'Knobbly' Listers built by Brian Lister's eponymous company in the 1950s and early '60s, 16 were fitted with brutish Chevrolet V8s. This is one of those 16 and has the distinction of being the only Knobbly to have ever raced in period with a sponsored livery (and is thus the only one permitted to race today as such by the FIA). The sponsor in question, Dean Van Lines, was a common sight on the sleek single seaters of Indianapolis in the 1950s, but this was the only time it ever graced the body of a sports car. A Goodwood Revival regular, 'BHL-110' is now looking for a new custodian who'll enjoy it as it was conceived: on the racetrack.

A trophy-winning Trofeo





Few could deny that the 3200 GT-based Maserati Coupé is a fantastic looking car. It just so turns out that the racer it spawned, the Trofeo Light, is even more striking. Just 10 of these aerodynamically aggressive coupés were built by Maserati in collaboration with Italtecnica in Torino for use in various national and international racing series, including the FIA GT3 Championship. This particular example, chassis number four, enjoyed much success in the 2004 and 2005 Italian GT Championships, racking up three class victories. It was retired thereafter and has enjoyed a sheltered life ever since. We think it would make a fantastic entry to the Maserati invitational class at next year's Challenge & GT Days at the Red Bull Ring, or, of course, either of the fiercely popular Endurance Legends series.

You're going to Miami?





This 2018 Aston Martin Vanquish Zagato is currently for sale with the guys over at Curated in Miami. And given its lavish and colourful specification, we can't think of a more suitable location in which to enjoy and show off the stunning coupé, particularly in this, Zagato's 100th year. In addition to the special-order Caribbean Pearl Blue paintwork, this Vanquish is fitted with a turned-alloy oversize grille, a tick on the options list that cost the original owner 45,000 US dollars alone. One of just 100 built and showing just 1,100 miles on the clock, good luck finding a better example on the market – particularly if you want to turn heads on Ocean Drive.

Stealth fighter





Whether you agree with Ferrari's use of the hallowed Tour de France nomenclature or not, the hardcore F12tdf is a veritable tour de force. A sharper, lighter, and more powerful version of the already mighty F12berlinetta, this is a car that broke records when it was revealed: 0-62mph was dispatched in 2.9sec, and a lap of Ferrari's Fiorano test track took just 1m21sec, quicker than a 488 Pista. While this 2016 model's original and only owner went to great lengths to ensure his car's specification was truly unique, he or she only enjoyed it for a near-criminal 31 miles. We're usually not crazy about satin paintwork, but we think this stealthy grey really suits the aggressive bodywork of this F12tdf.

Hollywood in Holland





Tourers were lavishly equipped, ornately styled, and technologically very capable. This particular Facel II was bought new in 1962 by the rising Hollywood star Debbie Reynolds in 1962, the actress perhaps most famous for her roles in iconic films such as Singing in the Rain and The Unsinkable Molly Brown. Reynolds clearly fell for her Facel – she kept the car until 1975 and sold it only to her dear friend Charles 'Chuck' Walters, the unsung Hollywood director. Suffice to say, it's been cherished by a handful of subsequent owners ever since and is ready to roar again on Sunset Blvd or Mulholland Drive.

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