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5 collector cars to put in your garage this week

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Whether you want to win at the Goodwood Members' Meeting, at the Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este or simply in the supermarket carpark, you'll be well catered for with this week's selection from the Classic Driver Market...

The finest Facel II?





According to its listing, this 1962 Facel Vega Facel II is the finest of the entire 184-car production run. And its multiple concours appearances, including at both Chantilly Arts & Elegance and Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este certainly serve to back up that claim. The preserve of the Jet Set when new, this Facel channels the best of French style and American muscle, in one Art Déco-style land yacht. That it's one of just 20 cars fitted new with a manual gearbox only heightens its desirability...

Carrera White





Isn't it refreshing to see a Porsche Carrera GT that's not painted silver, black or red but rather in Carrera White? Originally delivered to Abu Dhabi, this 2005 example's bold exterior hue is contrasted with a tasteful Terracotta leather interior and gun-metal grey wheels. It remained in the arid heat of the desert until 2009, when it was purchased by a British collector who had the car thoroughly checked over. Showing just 9,100km on the clock, this Carrera GT now resides with its third and final owner in Germany. Isn't she a beauty?

Raging Rosso





While the Lamborghinis of the Audi era have never quite pushed our buttons to the same extent as the sultry Miura, spaceship-like Countach and gargantuan Diablo, the Aventador Super Veloce is a car we admit looks downright evil, especially in this special shade of Rosso Bia, an impossibly deep metallic red. One of just 600 produced, this Aventador SV from 2016 is currently for sale in Portugal and has covered just 8,000km. Even now, nothing quite screams 'I've made it' like a Raging Bull from Sant'Agata.

Group A goodness



The flagship race at the prestigious Goodwood Members' Meeting is undoubtedly the Gerry Marshall Trophy for the evocative, multicoloured Group A touring cars and a roll call of drivers that reads like a who's who of the motorsport world. Our favourite of the myriad saloons that race door-to-door in that race are the thunderous V8-powered Rover SD1s. This 1984 SD1 Vitesse is a proper TWR-built example that was driven in period by legends including Steve Soper and Tom Walkinshaw himself. In recent years, it's been a regular on the historic racing circuit and yes, you guessed it, competed in the Gerry Marshall. Tickets to Goodwood don't come any louder.

King of the Continentals





Arguably the kind of the opulent Bentley Continentals of the 1990s, the Continental R is a car beloved by British aristocrats and Italian fashionistas alike. This <u>late model was supplied new in 1998</u> and has been lovingly maintained for its entire life. In fact, the accompanying paperwork shows no fewer than 29 services by recognised specialists over the course of its lifetime. Resplendent in Black Emerald over Parchment hide, the 420HP luxo-barge says so much while, at the same time, not saying very much at all. That's the kind of car we love the most here at Classic Driver.

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