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5 collector cars to put in your garage this week

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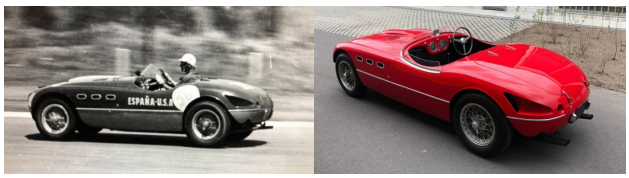
Christmas is approaching fast. If sorting the garage ahead of the new year is a greater priority for you than ordering the turkey and buying the tree, we've got you covered...

Circus Exclusive

This stunning black Porsche 993 Turbo from 1996 was ordered with a raft of individualised Porsche Exklusive Manufaktur options including sports seats, a CD holder between the seats and a bespoke speedometer. Perhaps more importantly, its entire 23-year and 37,400km history is traceable – something that's particularly important when it comes to the desirability and value of these rare 'youngtimer' Porsches.

Full Marquis



This gorgeous Vignale-bodied Ferrari 250 Mille Miglia Spyder was delivered new to Alfonso de Portago, the Spanish aristocrat, jockey, bobsledder, pilot, polo player, racing driver and playboy. Yes, he really could turn his hand to virtually anything. The marquis raced the car in the 12 Hours of Sebring and the Buenos Aires 1000km in 1954, retiring from the former but finishing an incredible second overall in the latter. If you'd like to channel the remarkably multitalented bon vivant in next year's Mille Miglia or Tour Auto, here's your chance.

A worthy Grand Tourer?

A few years ago, we headed to the island of Tenerife to find out if the McLaren 570GT was worthy of its ‘Grand Touring’ nomenclature. What we experienced whose inherent characteristics didn’t necessarily lend themselves to continent crushing, but whose competence when the motorway got boring and the going got twisty more than made up for an achy back. This 2017 model that’s currently for sale in the Netherlands is one of just six specified as such by McLaren’s Special Operations department. The elegant shade of dark green is the same as that found on the unicorn F1 GT prototype, which McLaren still owns.

Plastic fantastic!

Who doesn’t love a fast Ford? For us, the whale-tailed Sierra Cosworth evokes grainy images of Andy Rouse in his white-and-blue Kaliber-liveried RS500 going hammer and tongs with Steve Soper’s Texaco-sponsored Cossie at Brands Hatch. With just 42,500 miles showing on the clock, this blue 1988 Ford Sierra Cosworth presents far better than most – the condition of its original Recaro interior is especially impressive.

Homage

The new Hollywood adaptation of Ford’s quest to beat Ferrari at Le Mans in the 1960s starring Matt Damon and Christian Bale has thrust the legendary GT40 into the spotlight of popular culture. We’ve not made our minds up whether the current V6-powered Ford GT is as good a tribute to the original as the second-generation V8 model from the noughties, but there’s no doubting it’s a mightily impressive piece of kit. This all-white delivery-mileage 2018 example has almost 80,000 US dollars’ worth of optional extras including a ‘Dark Energy’ interior package and snazzy carbon-fibre wheels.

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