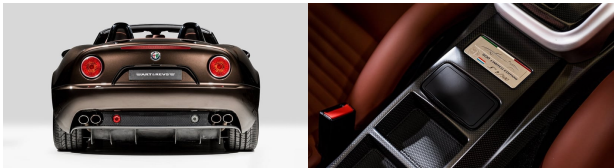


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5 collector cars to put in your garage this week

Lead
With each passing day the light remains that little bit longer into the afternoon and our thoughts turn increasingly to the coming automotive events season. You'd certainly do worse than arriving at Goodwood or Le Mans with any of the following five cars...

Cross pollination



Would you paint your Alfa Romeo in Porsche brown? It sounds outrageous on paper, but as this Alfa Romeo 8C Spider demonstrates, Macademia Metallic is a colour that suits the sultry drop-top down to the ground. This [unique 2009 example](#), just the second 8C Spider built of the total production run of 500 cars, was delivered to a very important Ferrari customer in Luxembourg and was thus handed over personally at the Alfa Romeo and Maserati test facility in Balocco. We particularly love the Terra di Siena fabric roof, which matches the sumptuous leather interior. Summer is coming, ladies and gents.

Nuovo Rosso F1 2007



If you watched Kimi Räikkönen clinch the Formula 1 title back in 2007 then you'll remember that his Ferrari was painted in a darker and slightly more metallic shade of red than usual. Honouring the achievement, Ferrari decided to offer the colour, somewhat unimaginatively called Nuovo Rosso F1 2007, as a special option for customers of its road cars. This [UK-supplied one-owner LaFerrari](#) is resplendent in the rare shade and looks utterly sensational, particularly with its discreet carbon-fibre wheel centre caps and black brake calipers.

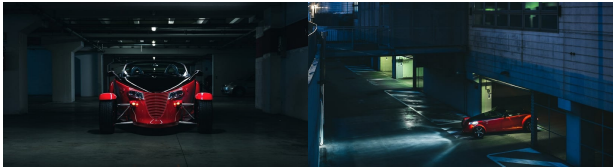
So long, farewell





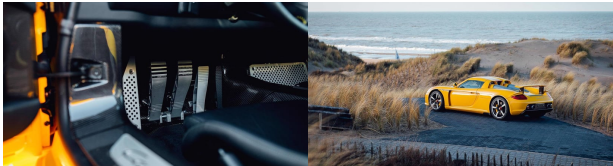
Arguably the proudest moment in our 21-year stint on the World Wide Web was seeing the [Aston Martin DB11 Classic Driver Edition](#) roll off the line in Gaydon. Built to celebrate our 20th anniversary, the tasteful grey-over-green Grand Tourer accompanied us on many an adventure, from [exploring the English Riviera](#) to [joining its drop-top counterpart in Hamburg](#). Now, somewhat regretfully, it's time for someone else to enjoy our Aston as it was intended and fly the Classic Driver flag. We sincerely hope it finds a great home.

On the prowl



Styled like a 1930s hot-rod and actually constructed using some cutting-edge engineering techniques, the Plymouth Prowler showed so much promise prior to its launch in 1997. But the decision to employ a lazy 3.5-litre V6 coupled with a four-speed automatic gearbox and its inherent impracticality meant it underdelivered quite spectacularly. But fashion has a way of sniffing out the unusual and casting new light on things that were once chastised – could the esoteric Prowler thus be due a renaissance? Just 12,000 were built, of which [this low-mileage example in Italy](#), complete with a raft of custom bits and bobs, is one.

As bold as it is loud



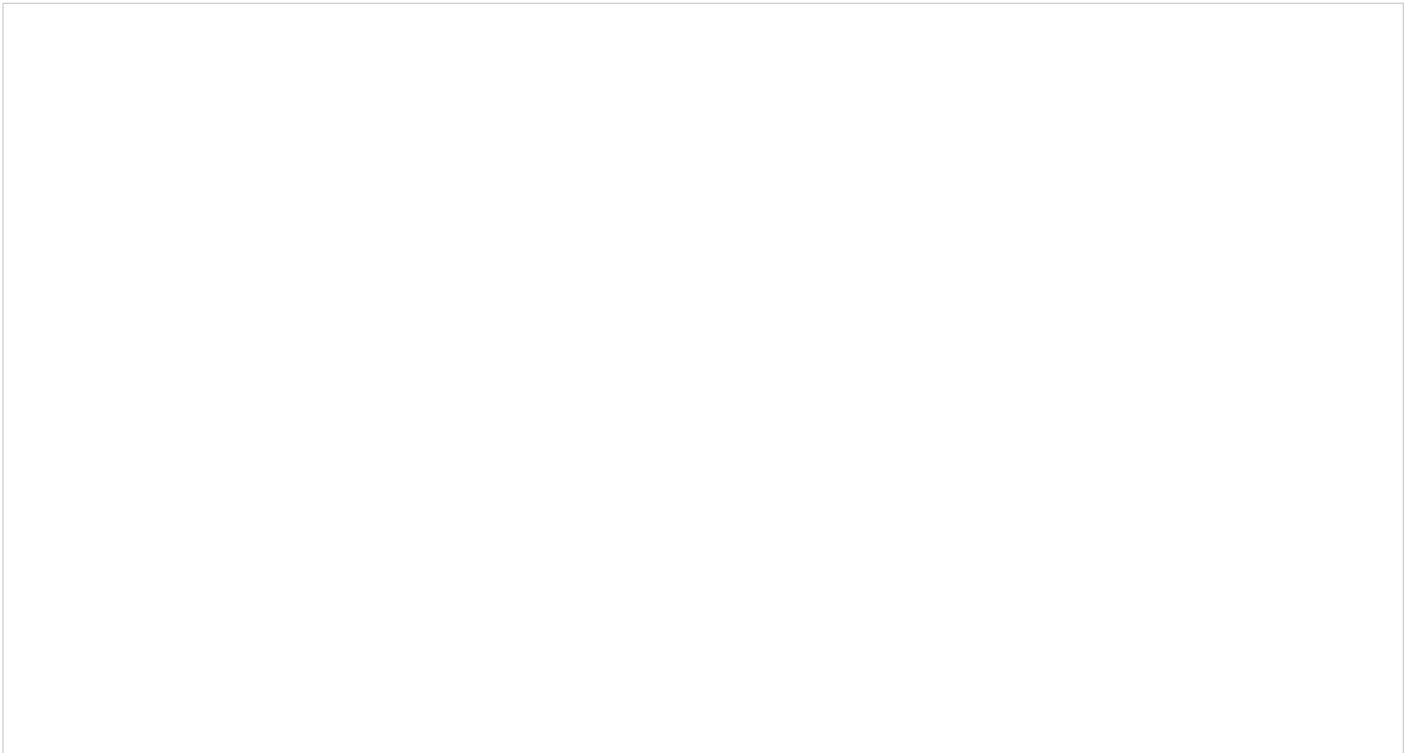
Isn't it refreshing to see a Porsche Carrera GT not finished in a subtle shade of silver or black but rather in a bright and bold yellow? To be more precise, the exact hue of [this immaculate 2004 example](#) is Fayence Yellow, which is paired with a Natural Grey leather interior and a raft of Exclusive Manufaktur optional extras. It's one of the last of Porsche's V10 flagship to have left the factory in Stuttgart and has clearly been owned by a very restrained owner as it shows just 3,853 miles on the odometer.

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