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5 collector cars to put into your garage this week

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Apologies in advance if we get a little emotional this week, but these five collector cars are giving us goosebumps with every glance. Gosh, the want is strong!

A late Gandini masterpiece





It's no secret that we love sporty saloons with a twist, and the fourth-generation Maserati Quattroporte is among our all-time favourites that fill the criteria. Designed by none other than Marcello Gandini and built on Maserati's Biturbo platform between 1994 and 2001, the attractively compact four-door sports car is one of the last icons of Italy's wedge-design era. Finished in Verde Brooklands over Pelle Beige leather, this low-mileage example from 2001 is one of the rare Evoluzione models with the 3.2-litre V8 (instead of the V6) and a six-speed manual gearbox. Where do we sign?

Blu Mirabeau





Good design ages well. And after 10–15 years, it's usually clear whether a car's styling was simply in line with contemporary fashion or it's stood the test of time. For us, the Ferrari 599 GTB – the final Pininfarina-designed Grand Tourer to bear the Prancing Horse badge – is a certified timeless classic of the New Millennium. This low-mileage example finished in Blue Mirabeau with a matching blue interior might just be the car we've been looking for to celebrate Pininfarina's 90th anniversary this year.

Pocket Bentley





We have a feeling that classic Minis are coming back strong. And this little beauty is certainly high on our watch list. Customised by the famous Rolls-Royce and Bentley retailer Harold Radford – who equipped Peter Sellers, Britt Ekland and all of the Beatles with their own versions of the cult British car in the Swinging Sixties – this 1966 Mini Cooper Mk1 has been carefully restored and could very well be one of the rarest and most desirable pieces of British coachbuilding history.

The perfect patina



Like a unicorn or the yeti, an unrestored matching-numbers Porsche 356 Pre-A Speedster is something of a mythical

creature – many people claim to have seen one, but very few can prove it. This <u>1956 Porsche 365 Speedster</u> is not only equipped with the desirable 1,600cc engine, but it's also been kept by the same owner for the last 47 years. And while the engine was overhauled in 2005, the car's wise custodian has left the body and the interior untouched. So, if you're passionate about early Porsches and patina, look no further.

Take me home with you!





Who says collecting cars and having a family do not go hand in hand? In the case of this wonderful 1995 BMW M5 Touring, even your dog can be a part of your argumentation strategy. The car is painted Diamantschwarz Metallic, has an 'M Hurricane' Alcantara interior and spent most of its life travelling across Europe before being shipped to the United States in 2001. This makes it far more sustainable than your usual, freshly manufactured midsize SUV. We're sure you can think of some more great reasons why this family friendly Autobahn stormer needs to be adopted.

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