

# CLASSIC DRIVER



## 5 collector cars to put in your garage this week

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*Ok, we confess - this time we've picked 6 instead of 5 collector cars. And one of them probably won't fit into your garage. But you know how we journalists like to keep you on your toes. So, get yourself comfortable.*

### **A "honey trap" for Lee Iacocca**





Alejandro De Tomaso's plan was as simple as it was ingenious: Based on the Lancia Fulvia, his Carrozzeria Ghia would put a racing car on the grid for the 24 Hours of Le Mans, thus making Ford's purchase of Lancia more palatable. De Tomaso's close friend Lee Iacocca, CEO of Ford, would inevitably appoint him as the new head of Lancia in the next step. In 1969, at both the Turin and Geneva motor shows, you could admire a speedy racing version of the Fulvia, the prototype was designed by the ingenious Ghia designer Tom Tjaarda. But Alejandro's plan did not work, Lancia was taken over by Fiat - and the Lancia HF Competizione passed into the possession of Alfredo Vignale's nephew, where it lasted for the next 20 years. After extensive restoration, the "honey trap" is now being auctioned by RM Sotheby's.

## Sunoco in our hearts



We have a special place in our heart for classic racing liveries - the blue Sunoco scheme, with which Penske Racing sent its Ferrari 512M onto the track in the 1971 season to beat the mighty Porsche 917, is one of our all-time favorites. Mark Donohue's unforgettable races in Daytona, Le Mans and Sebring also served as inspiration for [this wonderful Ferrari 488 Spider 70th Anniversary](#) - for us by far the most beautiful and successful Ferrari 488 of the limited anniversary editions.

## Boney M1



With more than 800 gold and platinum awards, Frank Farian is not only one of the most successful pop music producers of our time, the front man of Boney M also had an exquisite taste in automobiles. For example, he had his BMW M1 transformed into an impressive Procar lookalike at BMW Motorsport. He also added a Clarion equalizer to the Becker Mexico cassette radio. We can imagine Farian roaring through Offenbach and the Taunus mountain range in the 1980s' listening to the beats of his next big hits. Now the "Boney M1" is being auctioned off by Silverstone Auctions.

## **The last blue blood**





Psst, please don't tell anyone - but for us, the Bentley Brooklands is one of those cars that will be considered an absolute classic and collectors' item in the future. Under the hood is that mythical 6.75-litre V8 with a monstrous torque of 1,050 Newton meters - Jeremy Clarkson will still remember this well - and the interior was unrivalled in terms of craftsmanship and tailor-made elegance. In all honesty, no modern luxury coupé has been able to hold a candle to the Bentley Brooklands - with its breathtaking aura - since then! At DD Classics in London there are now two wonderful examples for sale. One in "Windsor Blue" with coachline, "Autumn" Connolly leather and walnut veneer, the other in "Peacock Blue" with "Parchment" leather, Mulliner specification and Le Mans bodywork finishing touches.

## Mobile operations center for supervillains



With its ludicrous G-Class derivatives, Mercedes-Benz has succeeded in blurring the boundaries between automotive reality and fantasy. What better vehicle than a Mercedes G 650 Maybach Landaulet, that chimera of an open horse-drawn carriage, Humvee and the incredible Hulk, for the supervillain in an X-Men or Avengers film? Of course, we have to be more precise: You don't put this collector's car in your garage - instead, let your butler park it on the gravel driveway to your underground bunker.

