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5 collector cars to put in your garage this week

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A car with two engines, 90s British excess, a bespoke 'Shooting Brake' Rolls-Royce, the unsung hot-hatch and a GT1 road car you've possibly never heard of. These are the unsung heroes. No need to thank us.

Two engines are better than one





Individuality is an expensive commodity in the car world. Some cars just have that unobtanium about them, an aura of cool that only those who truly 'know' will understand. The Citroen 2CV Sahara is one of those. Just under 700 Saharas were originally built, with 86 destined for the Guardia Civil like this fine restored example. Remarkably the Sahara has two engines, Citroen's solution to generating drive to all four wheels. They operate independently of each other including separate fuel tanks. Perfect for when it breaks down, you can still get home!

Cooler than ice cool?





The Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow I, is already a pretty nice way to waft around, but for Clyde Cassidy it wasn't quite enough. Cassidy – an American Rolls-Royce enthusiast – enjoyed making his cars unique and this fine example of a Silver Shadow I is no exception. The bespoke coachwork giving the Shadow a 'Sporting Brake' look, but with no corners cut. This car has been finished to a factory standard, so good in fact that Cassidy received a letter from Rolls-Royce UK complimenting him on the work. Is there a classier way to head out for a weekend of shooting in the countryside?

Do you like your supercars served rare?



The Mosler MT900 saw significant racing success in the US, UK and Australia and yet today it is almost forgotten. A class victory at the 24 Hours of Daytona in 2003, a British GT title and top finishes at the Bathurst 24 Hour give the car some serious credentials. There was once a chap in London who owneed two! He would regularly take them out in the middle of the night, rushing thorugh the tunnels with that V8 howling behind! This fine example is presented for sale by Kessel and looks in perfect condition, ready to be enjoyed.

French time machine





The Peugeot 309 was always the slightly awkward brother of the 205. Hasn't time aged this hot hatch well though? Dare I say, the 309 handles a little more predictably than it's younger brother, with a wider track, reworked suspension and giving away just 20kg to the 205! This example is probably the finest 309 GTI you will find. Just two owners, both fastidious with their care for the French firecracker, 36,000 miles and a history file so large that you will be reading it all winter!

And you though the 80s was full of excess!





If there was an award for sheer automotive presence the Aston Martin Virage would be right up the top of the list. This 1994 Aston Martin Virage Volante 5.3 Litre, with Factory Wide Body is pure British beef. Gloriously wide and excessive, this is an automotive exclamation mark. For a little under £80,000 is there anything else that will turn heads in quite the same way? Dressed in Sherwood green with a Magnolia hide this is a useable classic that has been in the same ownership since 2004.

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