

CLASSIC DRIVER

5 collector cars to put in your garage this week

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Almost 60 years separate this week’s Classic Driver market finds – there really is something for all tastes! But they all have one thing in common: the ability to eat up Autobahn effortlessly. It just depends if you want to do it in comfort or speed – or perhaps both!

The wild one



In 1998, Audi purchased Lamborghini, and the GT was one of the first products to receive input from the new owners. So as well as being one of the most outrageous variants of the Diablo, it also benefited from the Germans’ vast resources. Changes made included the big wing, high bonnet scoop and the twin throttle bodies being swapped for single bodies on each cylinder, improving responsiveness. [This example is number 22 of 80 produced](#) and it should be more rewarding to drive fast than any modern hypercar.

The future is now?



We wanted to really push you this week. A 204bhp GT coupe with French styling sounds nice, but there is – of course – a twist. The Renault Avantime also has an MPV shape that might not be to everyone’s tastes. But as [this lovely 2002 Iliade Blue example](#) demonstrates, this very rare French fancy will stand out almost anywhere and transport you to your destination with an uninterrupted pillarless view of the world. Are you brave enough?

The road racer





The first car to be built by BMW Motorsport GmbH, the M1 is a mid-engined, 274bhp Bahnstormer that's famous for its exploits in the Procar series, which pit top-level racers against each other in identical machinery. [This white-over-black road car](#) is one of just 460 examples produced for Group 4 homologation. With under 3,000km from new, this German supercar is aching to have its legs stretched on your favourite road.

The sophisticated Italian



That glorious Carrozzeria Zagato coachwork is perhaps one of the company's finest moments; the Lancia Flaminia exudes a sense of style that a Ferrari just can't quite tap into. [This stunning example](#) with its iconic 'double bubble' roof has been treated to a restoration by Cognolato in Italy and as such is presented ready to be enjoyed by the new owner. The deep non-metallic grey exterior with contrasting beige leather is the perfect understated combination for this effortlessly cool grand tourer.

The tarmac terrorist



740hp, 920Nm and a top speed of 315kph: this RSQ8-R by ABT is not something to be messed with, as it appears large and intimidatingly in your rear-view mirror. Just 125 of these variants have been built and [this example in Nardo grey](#) - which looks great in contrast with the dark wheels and indulgent carbon interior - is a rare opportunity to purchase a four-wheeled rocketship with supercar performance and country-shrinking capability.

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