

CLASSIC DRIVER

5 collector cars to put in your garage this week

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From pocket rocket Peugeots to open topped GT40s, the Classic Driver Market has something for all tastes and budgets, here are this week's five cars that caught our attention.

Beauty hiding Brawn



The Italian car manufacturer De Tomaso, famous for Pantera and Mangusta always combines Italian classic styling with long-legged American V8 engines. [This 5.7 litre 1979 Longchamp GT](#) is no exception, with only 50 examples of this rare Longchamp ever made. Mr De Tomaso even signed the headrests of the front seats himself.

Rallye Pocket Rocket



Peugeot built its rallying pedigree by winning the widely considered zenith of the world rally championship, Group B. The 106 Rallye was built to homologate Peugeot's Group A and N factory efforts, [This immaculate restored example](#) runs with Peugeot's marketing material "fewer frills more thrills", and is the perfect partner for a Sunday morning backroad blast.

Open Top Whitsun-Set Racer





Built to exact FIA HTP specifications of the very first GT40 roadster, [this is a 1965 ready- to- race homage to GT/108](#) and is widely eligible for the world's greatest historic motor events. The GT40 as a model has reached a new audience with its starring role in the Hollywood blockbuster Le Mans 66. If racing at Goodwood is your tonic, what better to pilot than an open top GT40 in the Whitsun trophy, with the sun slipping behind the Sussex hills?

Rocket Red Run About



The last two years of the 20th Century saw Mika Hakkinen, The Flying Fin, at the peak of Formula 1. Factory engine suppliers Mercedes were so enamoured with their superstar racing driver that they made 250 examples of their [A-class city run around](#), as a tribute livery for the 1998 world champion. Could you imagine if Mercedes did a CLK GTR in a similar livery to mark Hakkinen's 1999 title?

2400 Excuses for a Drive



One of only 1,163 Fiat Dino Spiders ever made, [this 1973 2400 Spider](#) is one of the most desirable of the 420 2.4 litre examples, the same engine shared with the Ferrari Dino 246 GT. With ample torque, a heavenly V6 engine note, and with an open top pininfarina body, this combined to be an alluring Riviera cruiser. A fitting tribute to the beloved son of Mr Ferrari.

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