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5 collector cars to put into your garage this week

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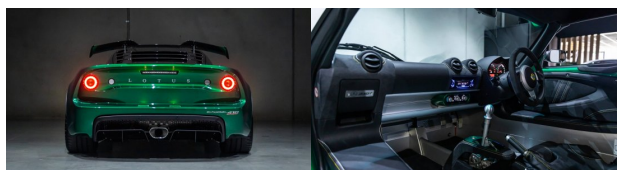
This week's Market Finds trades practicality for flamboyance, with four cars your mother-in-law wouldn't approve of, and one she just might be on board with anyway - if she has a soul that is. See if you can figure out which is which...

Back in black



For a long time it seemed that Maserati was never going to release its rumoured supercar: years would pass with a glimpse of a test mule here, and a design concept there, but still the GranTurismo held down the fort. However, good things come to those who wait, and this brand-spanking new [2021 Maserati MC20](#) looks very good indeed. One of the prettiest new supercars in what feels like a decade, the MC20 features a mid-mounted 630hp 3.0 biturbo V6 beneath the rear window, which features some very cool trident-shaped louvers. This car shares more than a little with the new Ferrari 296 GTB, in fact it's almost the same car minus the electrically assisted rear axle, although we're sure the boys in Maranello wouldn't want you to know that. So if you don't want to wait for the Ferrari and don't mind ditching the electric motor and keeping some extra cash, Ruote Da Sogno have the car for you.

The grass is always greener...



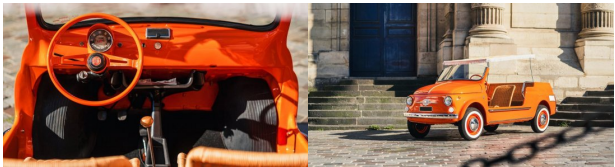
Part of our criteria for a future classic is that one day, we'll look back on the model and realise it possessed something that has since disappeared from the automotive landscape. In the case of this [2020 Lotus Exige 111 Sport 410 Coupe](#), a catchy name isn't that thing, but the fact that it's a proper Lotus with a proper combustion engine is. As the Evija heralds Lotus' transition into milk float production, this stunning Motorsport Green Pearl Exige represents a high water mark for the driver-focused, dino juice-powered sports car. With under 1000 miles on the clock, it may even have some running-in left to do, but at least you can be safe in the knowledge that the stunning exposed shifter hasn't become the resting place for any errant crisps. If you're choosing your final fling in the world of combustion, we certainly wouldn't stop you from picking this.

Colour us interested



Can we agree that, almost without exception, a special order paint colour always makes a car cooler? [This 2014 V12 Vantage S](#) in its enchanting shade of Viridian Green certainly helps prove the point. One of the most highly-specced Vantages we've ever seen, this Aston narrowly misses out on modern classic bingo with its automatic gearbox, but when you consider the perfect design, naturally aspirated V12, and whiplash-inducing colour, I think we can forgive missing pedal. With just over 20,000 miles on the odometer, this LHD sports car has plenty of European touring to catch up on, so if this Viridian ride has you green with envy then we suggest you contact L'Art De L'Automobile.

What season?



Summer may officially be over, but that doesn't mean spiaggina season has to end. All that's required to pilot these beach cars deep into the Winter is a change of wardrobe and a change of mindset, and what better car to see you through to the summer months than this appropriately autumnal orange [1975 Fiat 500 Jolly Beach](#). Recently benefitting from a full restoration, this Jolly may not be one of the original Ghia-produced run of cars that lasted until 1966, but it is registered with the Carrozzeria Ghia Club Italia Registry, along with all the original Jolly Beaches. If you've got a sunny outlook and thick skin, or maybe just a thick winter coat, then we fully endorse this irrational purchase.

Grand Prix Perfection



As fellow Porsche enthusiasts, we feel it is our duty to keep watch for any rarities on the market and notify the world if any appear. With a production run of just over 1000 examples, this [Grand Prix White 993-gen 1995 Porsche 911 Carrera RS](#) is one such car. With a 300hp 3.6-litre flat six powering the rear wheels only and a rad VarioRam intake system, the RS was the Porsche for people who drink double espressos well past 3pm without a second thought. Visually set apart from lesser 993s with a snowplow of a front splitter and a massive fixed wing, the 993 Carrera RS has aged splendidly, and with around 30,000 miles on the clock, this low-mileage example is simply begging for some extra seat time.

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