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# 5 collector cars to put into your garage this week

Lead In our never-ending quest to find the perfect five-car garage, we've hand selected another batch of beauties varying from GT2 race cars to elegant head turners!

#### One of Fisker's finest





We are struggling to think of a time when we saw a BMW Z8 out on the open road. These low-slung, pointy roadsters are something of a unicorn amongst BMW enthusiasts, with a total production of 5,703 cars, the Z8 certainly is a rare find. However, Alpina felt they could do better with the Roadster V8, of which only were 555 built. Of these, 450 were sold in the United States, meaning the chances of finding one here in Europe are incredibly slim, but this example is the gem you've been looking for.

Originally pencilled by Henrik Fisker, this stylish roadster has all of the right headlines: comfy suspension, a distinct lack of fiddly screens, and a high-revving V8 from the E39 M5. After the skilful hands at Alpina had finished with said V8, its torque had increased to an impressive 520 Nm, giving it more than enough grunt to blast down those Autobahns. If you're looking for something that is truly a piece of German automotive history, the Alpina Roadster V8 is just that, and it makes a glorious sound too!

## Business on the outside, party on the inside





We've all seen them, mainly plastered across supercar Instagram pages that demand our opinions to boost engagement. Cars with ludicrous interiors seem like a more modern trend, but this Alfa Romeo 6C from 1950 proves they knew how to party back in the day. Cherished by one single owner for over 50 years, this stunning drop-top is arguably one of Alfa's best-looking, with a simplistic exterior design unspoilt by the fake vents that plague today's cars. This all changes as you head inside, though, where you're greeted by a vibrant sea of green that fills the entire cabin. The uncluttered dash layout contrasts perfectly against the jet-black exterior, accentuating the chrome accents that can be found throughout. We've always been partial to a green interior, we even made a DB11 with one to mark our 20th birthday, but this Alfa Romeo really has stolen our hearts!

#### Racer in a tweed suit



Driven by Aston Martin Works drivers Sam Hancock and Chris Buncombe, this 2011 Aston Martin V8 Vantage GT2 car is a must for anyone fancying a taste of endurance racing. Built during an era where the class structure in endurance racing was changing rapidly, **this example is one of just 10 ever made into the GT2 specification**, which later became the GTE we know and love today. Building on the success of its Le Mans class-winning DBR9 programme, Aston Martin unveiled the Vantage GT2 with the help of its technical partners Prodrive.

This example competed in multiple endurance events with the highly decorated Jota race team and it still carries the same livery it wore at Le Mans in 2011. Now eligible for incredible events such as Endurance Racing Legends, Masters Endurance Legends and HSR events, this Vantage is waiting to hit the track once more.

#### **Old School Cool**



You'd be hard-pressed to find an original Landy Defender in a working environment these days. Due to their immense popularity around the world, you're unlikely to find one bursting at the seams with hay or towing a mucky digger, instead you'll find stylish beach cruisers that are built for an entirely different market. This 2006 Land Rover Defender 90 is most certainly the latter, built by Portuguese restorers House of Cool. Cool is exactly how we'd describe it, with its heritage Mint Green paint contrasting effortlessly against the distressed tan leather that fills the cabin. It's not all for show, though, as the Sand soft-top allows you to use the rear cab as intended, only now you'd most likely fill it with surfboards or only your coolest of friends!

### TDF\*\*\* me this is good



Paying homage to the Tour de France, the legendary endurance road race that Ferrari dominated in the 1950s and 60s, the F12 TDF

is perhaps the car to watch in the next decade. With prices already skyrocketing, it's likely this naturally aspirated V12 will become one of the brand's most sought after road cars, especially when they look like this one!

This example was sold in 2016 and is finished in one of the greatest specifications we've come across on an F12. Building on the heritage theme, this TDF is finished in Grigio Ferro Metallic, a shade that is part of Ferrari's historical colour range, with a contrasting Cioccolato Alcantara interior. The rich materials inside ensure any occupants know they are travelling in something truly special, with carbon fibre and unique badging aplenty. As the rarer and more extreme variant of the final Pininfarina-designed Ferrari Berlinetta, the F12 TDF is one of the most characterful and desirable Ferraris of the 21st century.

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