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5 collector cars to put into your garage this week

LeadWe're back with five more bonafide collector cars just waiting to occupy those pesky empty slots in your car collection. From 1940s grand tourers to cutting-edge track tools, you'll find something for everyone below.

Racing shark

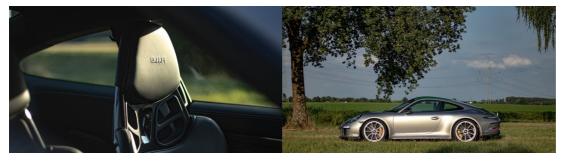




Creating a follow-up to the utterly fabulous E9 coupes was always going to be a challenge for BMW, but the angular shark-nosed E24 6 series was a more than worthy successor, especially in the case of the 635 CSI. This particular BMW 635 CSI from 1981 was rebuilt to be perfectly in line with period Group 2 FIA specification. That means under the hood is a M30B34 dry sump engine pushing out a mighty 340 Bavarian horses, a Getrag Sport gearbox, a welded body, and a Matter roll bar. Combine those tasty upgrades with the 635 CSI's sweet weight distribution (53.6% front and 46.4% rear) and you have one hell of a track day toy with an incredibly attractive design.

Wingless genesis





While the idea of a wingless GT3 in 2022 seems totally normal (and totally irresistible), when the 911 R launched back in 2016, it was almost too much for the collector car world to handle, with values skyrocketing as a result. Somewhere between a wingless GT3 and GT3 RS, the hard-core 911 R immediately became the car of the moment. 50 kg lighter than a GT3 RS and powered by that car's 4.0 naturally-aspirate flat-six, it was a Porsche addict's wishlist on wheels. Oh, and did we mention it was manual only? This stunning 2016 911 R has barely been driven since it left Stuttgart, with just 5,344 miles on the odometer. Finished in a stunning combination of GT Silver with green stripes, for many this would be the only car you'd ever need.

Six cylinder symphony





One of just 60 cars ever built, this 1949 Maserati A6 1500 Gran Turismo is one of the most famous and fabulous examples of the breed. Bodied by Pininfarina and powered by a sonorous 1.5-litre in-line six producing 65 horsepower, this Maserati is a gorgeous reminder how sweet and simple grand tourers used to be. Frequently chosen by Maserati to displayed at events such as Goodwood Festival of Speed, this car's next custodian can rest assured that this A6 is one of the best in the world. If you're looking to steal the show at any of the many classic car events we've featured this year, you could hardly do better than this Grigio Scuro beauty.

Just add race fuel



If our recent article on Sportec got you in the mood for some track action, then might we interest you in this 2021 KTM X-Bow GT2? Tuned under the direction of Sportec's resident racing guru Marcel Fässler, this X-Bow is the ultimate track tool. Powered by a raucous 2.5-litre Audi five-cylinder engine producing as much as 600hp, this carbon monster weighs in at a scant 1048 kilos, which means it rivals the Bugatti Veyron with its power-to-weight ratio. So, if your worst nightmare involves being the second fastest car at your local track day, then you can rest easy with one of these in your garage.

Retromodern masterpiece





As Lamborghini recently demonstrated with their revived Countach, building a universally-loved retro-inspired supercar isn't as easy as simply clothing a modern chassis in a classic design. However, if any car in history has nailed the formula, it was the Ford GT, first unveiled in 2022 in concept form as a tribute to the Le Mans-winning GT40. This 2005 Ford GT is an incredibly stunning example, especially in Centennial White with those vibrant blue racing stripes. Riding on a set of eye-catching BBS wheels, this example is practically factory-fresh with just 2,250 miles since new. As one of the it-cars of the noughties, this V8 all-American icon would make for a fantastic addition to any collection.

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