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5 collector cars to put into your garage this week

Lead This week's five cars that grabbed our attention certainly come in all shapes and sizes, the big question is, which one would you most like to add to your garage?

Six wheels and plenty of smiles



If you are an aspiring Bond Villain looking for an adequate flight vehicle to escape from your snow-covered alpine reduit or underground lair in the desert, we might just have the right car for you: Dubbed 'The Lunar Jeep' for its offroad capabilities – or, as some say, its cartoonish design that is best viewed at night –, this 1982 Poncin VP 2000 Citroën is coming up for sale with Aguttes at their Peugeot Citroën archive sale on October 23.

Designed by the French entrepreneur Gilles Poncin, <u>the wedge-shaped and fiberglas-bodied 6x6 amphibious vehicle</u> is powered by a Citroën 2CV engine generating a modest 29 hp. What the Poncin VP 2000 lacks in power, it makes up in offroad capability. And just like a tank, the six-wheeler has no steering wheel – in order to change direction, you need to brake the wheels on one side using the 'joysticks' between your knees!

Delightful DBS





If a life of crime and villainy is a little too much to think about, there's always room in the 'save the world' camp, and this 007-esk 1968 Aston Martin DBS Vantage is just the set of wheels to do it in. Finished in the instantly recognisable and extremely desirable Silver Birch, the DBS Vantage ooze sophistication, with a greyish green leather interior to add a little vibrancy.

Of the circa 800 DBS produced, just 70 right-hand drive examples were manufactured to Vantage specifications, distinguishable by the rear wing-mounted vents, slimmer sill finishers and slimmer front and rear valances. As specs go, this unique example is one of the very best we've seen, and is a must for any Aston lover's collection!

Dinky Donkervoort



Built with deep admiration and appreciation of the late Colin Chapman, Dutch outfit Donkervoort are no stranger to speed. Despite its visual similarities to a lightweight Lotus or Caterham, this 1998 S8AT aims to provide the most engaging driving feel possible, thanks to chassis developments from the multiple race-winning D10 and an engine that combined the best of the Ford 2.0-litre powerplant.

The result is something truly unique and displays the humble beginnings from which this now hugely successful brand has evolved. It may be 24 years old, but this S8AT can rocket from 0-100km/h-sprint time in just 5.0 seconds, showing there's plenty still left in this stripped out machine!

Forever Young





Celebrating one of Porsche's most loved models, this 2022 718 Boxster 25 Jahre Edition combines 25 years of passion and design into one agile and enjoyable package. Limited to just 1,250 models worldwide, the influences are clear from the moment you first lay your eyes on the Boxster, featuring the ever-popular GT-Silver Metallic with a contrasting red leather interior, the very same colours that the original 1993 concept car donned, with similarly unique wheel and tailpipe designs that set off the look of the Boxster perfectly.

It's not all looks though, as in the rear is Porsche's punchy 4.0-litre engine from the Boxster GTS variant, making it a mightily impressive car out on the open road. Considering how much has changed in the 29 years since the world first glared at the original Boxster concept, it's easy to forget just how important this model was in returning Porsche to glory!

A hauler like no other



Yes, we're just as shocked as you are that this incredible piece of motorsport history is currently listed on the Classic Driver Market. Commissioned in 1954, this iconic transporter known as 'Blue Wonder' went into service for the 1955 season. Naturally, it received as much attention as the racing cars themselves, thanks to its unique design and bespoke features inside and out. At the heart of the hauler was a 3-litre straight six with a cast-iron block and aluminium-alloy head, which was sourced from the recently introduced W198 300 SL Gullwing, meaning it was certainly no slouch, even with some precious cargo strapped to his back.

The question is, why exactly did Mercedes need to assert their dominance once again? Their F1 cars were unbeatable, surely, they didn't need to conquer the transporter world too? Well, the answer was pretty simple. With the majority of races held in Europe, Blue Wonder was deployed whenever a car needed to be moved quickly from the factory to the circuit or vice versa, and thanks to its powerful engine and sleek design, Mercedes were able to have their car race-ready while the other teams were still on the motorway. This incredible example is one of only three replicas known to exist, finished in a matte blue where the original donned a glossy blue paint finish.

As if this crazy machine wasn't unique enough, step inside the tartan-filled interior and you'll find an interesting feature. Mercedes had developed an early attempt at cruise control, which was essentially a stick to the driver's right-hand side that could be deployed to keep the throttle held flat to the floor!

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