

CLASSIC DRIVER

5 collector cars to put into your garage this week

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Love is in the air, and it's clear to see there's plenty of love and attention that has gone into these hand-picked classics. We take a closer look and the weird and wonderful machines that have caught our eye this week...



Perfezione su route

Whether you love or hate the 612 Scaglietti (we most definitely love them), it's hard to ignore when Ferrari makes a car that has evolved from some of their finest iterations of by-gone years. The format has been unchanged for decades, a V12 engine at the front, an opulent cabin with enough space for two (and perhaps two children), all wrapped up in pure elegance and charm on four wheels.

This 612 currently for sale at DriverSource is as good as the somewhat controversial gran tourer ever got and is one of the cars that launched Ferrari's now widely used tailormade program, which was once called One To One. Cars such as this one featured Ferrari's revised dual-plate clutches in the F1 "Superfast" transmission (before the 599 received it), a new steering wheel with Ferrari's Manettino dial on board for track-oriented suspension adjustments, 20-inch Challenge polished wheels, a sportier exhaust, even carbon-ceramic brakes, and an awful lot more. OTO cars were, therefore, not ordered from inventory, but each custom tailored by clients, and generally feature special interiors, options, and details.

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The French and the Furious

Now we added this onto into this week’s article purely because it brough a smile to our face. Old French cars have a way of doing that. They may not be the fastest, their styling might be a little off-the-wall, but their character and uniqueness is completely off the chart, and this 1986 Citroen BX from FS Automóveis is all of that, and more.

The traditional hydropneumatic suspension is present, of course, but it is the engine that makes BX Sport special. It features a 1,905-cc engine with double Solex carburettors, making it good for 125 hp and 160 nm of torque! Somewhat Impressive numbers for a saloon born in 1986, since the BX Sport weighed just over a tonne, and when pushed, could hit a maximum speed of 195 km/h!

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Lord of the Ring

It’s a car often seen barrelling through Antoniusbuche or Hatzenbach at the Nürburgring, a car that had perhaps some of the biggest shoes to fill thanks to its multi-championship success and ultimate road car testimony, and thankfully, BMW’s M Division knew exactly what they were doing when creating an M3 version of the E46 generation 3 Series.

It’s high-revving, high-pitched 3.0-litre in-line six is good for 343 horsepower, combined with dynamic handling and an unrivalled level of driving feedback. This example available at the appropriately names Cool Classic Club is one of the best we’ve seen, finished in Steel Grey Metallic over a vibrant tan leather interior, adding a far more subdued look to the usual Phoenix Yellow and Laguna Seca Blue examples. If you’re looking for a capable and extremely usable future icon, look no further!

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Classic Driver in vehicular form

Stop the search everyone, put down those phones and trackpads, for the quest to find the most loveable car on the Classic Driver Market has been completed, and by a Fiat Ritmo, no less.

This gloriously bronzy brown beast (officially known as Rame Metallic Orange) is exactly what we love in a classic car. It's loaded with quirks, it has only the essentials, and, above all, it just makes us smile. Launched back in 1978 at the Turin Motor Show, the innovative design was penned by Sergio Sartorelli, who created an arguably far more stylish rival to the Mk1 Golf or Ford Fiesta. Available now at Kaeve Cars with only 19,493 km from new, we're more than happy to take this one off their hands!

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Rally-ready rocketship

Before we even get started on this Lancia’s bonkers body styling and rear-mounted engine, let’s just take a moment to appreciate that buttery smooth interior. This 1985 Lancia Delta S4 Stradale was once owned by none other than Gianni Agnelli in 1990 in his family colours. This true unicorn machine is something that is likely to truly take your breath away, and with the high-revving, rear-mounted engine screaming away just behind your ears, there’s plenty to love about this Group-B monster with number plates.

Ready to be enjoyed and loaded with documentation dating back to when the car was new, this example at Messina Classics is perhaps one of Lancia’s rarest iterations of the menacing Delta, a car which holds an incredible amount of popularity amongst both rally and motorsport enthusiasts!

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