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5 collector cars to put into your garage this week

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Sometimes weird, always wonderful; the cars that populate the Classic Driver Market never fail to disappoint. This week is no exception as we provide you with five irresistible Market Finds, just in time for Christmas.



Verdant V6

The Ferrari Dino 246 GT was already an exceptionally attractive car, but it's examples like this Medium Green Metallic Dino from 1972 that set unrealistic beauty standards for other vehicles on the road. If this car was an Instagram model, we could chalk it up to photo filters, but this Dino's pristine exterior is the result of an exhaustive restoration at the hands of Auto Storica's master craftsmen.

The interior — finished in Nero Ferrari — is equally spectacular, rounding off an absolutely jaw-dropping ownership proposition. With just 10,706 miles on the odometer, this Dino is a prime specimen, so we say forget the Christmas tree because there's no way it would bring as much festive cheer to you and your family as picture-perfect Ferrari.

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Art Dec-woah!

Designers often use a healthy dash-to-axle ratio to make their rides as attractive as possible, and that seems to have been taken to the extreme with this jaw-dropping 2007 Deaux Coupe. Drawing inspiration from the great grand tourers of the 1930s, [this absurdly long Deaux shocked us way back in 2006](#) when we learned it weighs in at just 1,125kg, thanks to its combination of a fibreglass body shell and a mild steel frame chassis.

Despite the grandiose appearance, its performance is also rather spritely as a result of the 361 horsepower 5.7-litre Chevrolet V8 hiding under the louvred bonnet. While most of its 4.8 metre length is dedicated to that gargantuan front end, Deaux still managed to incorporate an appropriately luxurious interior filled with polished wood, machined aluminium, and acres of leather. So, if you're in the market for a car most people will have never heard of, the only Deaux Coupe ever delivered to Europe should satisfy your desires.

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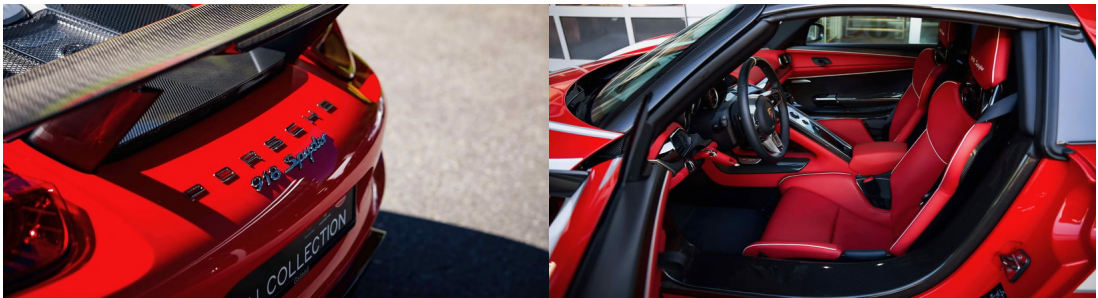


“A sprinter in a dinner jacket”

That’s exactly how the motoring press described the Lancia Aurelia B20 in the early 1950s. This example from 1953 is a veteran of the 1955 Mille Miglia, as well as the Coppa D’oro Dolomiti among other rallies, meaning it has true racing pedigree.

As one of only 720 Series III Aurelias ever made, this Lancia represents the sweet spot for Aurelias, combining the lightweight body of the earlier cars with a hearty 2.5-litre V6 engine pushing out 118 horsepower. Rumour has it, this maroon missile could top 115 mph, which was positively blistering for the early 1950s. So, if you want to compete in the 2024 Mille Miglia, there are few cars as well suited to the task as this.

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Psychedelicious

The 918 Spyder seems to be on the rise as of late with examples achieving record-breaking figures at auction, so now could be the perfect time to add Porsche's hybrid hypercar to your stable. This example, number 680, boasts one of the most magnificent specifications of any 918; take one look at the exterior and we think you'll agree.

That hand-painted PTS Rosso Corso and Carrera White psychedelic livery is a great tribute to the legendary 917, while the interior is no less eye-catching, finished in Indian Red leather with Keder Bianco piping. Also of note: this car lacks the (rather garish) acid green details found on most 918s, which is a welcome omission as it would clash with that outstanding paintwork. Showing just 463 miles on the clock, this Weissach Pack-equipped 918 is the ultimate all-weather weapon.

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Racing Green Brit

Designed by Ian Callum and unveiled at the 2001 Geneva Motor Show, the original Aston Martin Vanquish is one of our favourite post-millennium grand tourers, especially when finished in the perfectly appropriate shade of British Racing Green, like this 2005 Vanquish S.

Purists may scoff at the lack of a manual gearbox, but an auto is arguably more suited to the Vanquish's nature as a cross-continental cruiser. Besides, only 375 right-hand-drive examples of the Vanquish S were ever produced, so this 7,700 mile minter is likely as good a car as you'll find anywhere. We say: sit back, relax into your Onyx Black leather driver's seat, press the throttle, and savour all 520 horses from that glorious V12!

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