

# CLASSIC DRIVER

## 'The Professor' is a McLaren P1 that will teach you the meaning of speed

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One of the highlights of RM Sotheby's upcoming New York sale on December 8th is this highly-specced McLaren P1, dubbed 'The Professor'.



Will there ever be another trio of hypercars as impactful as 'The Holy Trinity' — consisting of the McLaren P1, Ferrari LaFerrari and Porsche 918 — that debuted during the 2010s? The recent record-breaking sale of a 918 belonging to 'The White Collection' for over 3.8 million dollars would suggest not, so now could be the perfect time to add McLaren's paradigm-shifting hybrid hypercar to your collection. As luck would have it, [RM Sotheby's New York sale on December 8th](#) has one of the finest examples of the McLaren P1 we've ever seen, and like all great automobiles, it has a nickname: 'The Professor'.







The name comes from its eye-catching paintwork, a unique colour called Professor 2 Blue that contributed to nearly 140,000 dollars worth of MSO options when this car was commissioned. Even by today's standards, the P1 is nothing short of a rocket ship, boasting a total output of 893 from its hybrid V8 drivetrain and a top speed of 217 mph. A decade after production started, there are still very few cars that can touch the P1, and this example looks as fit as any we've seen, showing just 2,700 miles on the odometer.



While Porsche built 918 examples of the 918, McLaren only produced 375 P1s, making it far rarer than its rival from Stuttgart, and you'll have a hard time finding one with as many choice upgrades as this example. So, if you've been a very good boy (or girl) this year, why not treat yourself to the ultimate Christmas present?

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