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5 collector cars to put into your garage this week

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What better way to end the week than with another edition of Market Finds? This time we’ve scoured the Classic Driver Market to bring you an American icon, a legendary German super wagon, and a British hot hatch bargain among other amazing classics. Take a look below!



Sneaky Pete

Want to know our favourite factoid about the legendary Dodge Viper? The snakes emblazoned on the different generations’ badges each have a nickname. In the case of this ballistic 1998 Viper GTS-R, the serpent goes by Sneaky Pete, which is far too endearing for a car with this much bite.

Only 100 of these hyper-potent Vipers were built to commemorate Viper Team Oreca’s win in the 1997 FIA GT2 championship, and we doubt you’ll find another in such pristine condition. This example shows just 9,500 miles on the clock, meaning it’s 454-horsepower V10 should be just about worn-in and ready to rip. If you’re looking for one of the wildest driving experiences ever to emerge from the USA, Sneaky Pete might be able to help.

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That RZ Rizz

Kids say the darnedest things, and the latest gem gifted to us by Gen Z is ‘rizz’, which in a nutshell means charisma. Despite the nickname ‘Il Mostro’, we can’t think of any car with more rizz than Alfa Romeo’s most polarising creation, and this rare RZ turns it up to 11 with the addition of stunning Nero Etna paintwork.

Just 278 Roadster Zagatos ever rolled out of the carrozzeria’s Verrazano di Rho factory, making it even rarer than its coupe counterpart, the SZ. This example was the 149th car built, and gained its unusually gorgeous paintwork in Japan, where it was first registered. Currently showing 19,548 miles, we can’t think of a single car we’d rather be seen in than this RZ.

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Nailed It

While the two door Hammer is cool, we’d argue the greatest pre-merger AMG of them all has to be this: the Mallet. AMG’s brute force approach is even more unassuming and surprising in estate guise, and we’d argue there’s no better car for the school run than this 6.0-V8 powered T124.

Boasting 380 horsepower and capable of reaching speeds of 180mph, the Mallet is the absolute definition of a sleeper. While some T124s would struggle to reach 60mph in under 10 seconds, the Mallet does it in 5 flat, making it a sure-fire way of giving your kids the petrol head bug!

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Metro Boomin

At Classic Driver, there are two things we can't get enough of: 1990s hot hatches and good deals, and this 1991 Rover 114 GTi is both! Finished in Flame Red, this British hot hatch is in stellar condition and shows just 24,234 miles on the odometer, making it a prime choice for any collector of Blighty's best.

Known as the Metro in Britain, this Rover 114 was sold new to Madrid Spain, which likely saved it from years in England's notoriously corrosive conditions. Admittedly, with 103 horsepower on tap from its 16-valve four-cylinder engine, this GTi won't be coming first in any traffic light drag races, but considering it's listed for less than 8,000 euros, we're sure you'll feel like a winner regardless.

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East or West, Cricket is Best!

When we think of Aston Martin’s finest hues, we usually jump to Aston Martin Racing Green or Silver Birch, but we must admit this Cricket White 1974 Aston Martin V8 Series III looks simply breathtaking. Featuring the distinctive hood scoop designed to accommodate four twin-choke Weber carburettors, this 1974 example predates the arrival of strict emissions regulations, meaning you get the full-fat 310 horsepower V8 experience.

Amazingly, this example has had just two owners in 50 years, a testament to what a joy it must be to own. What’s more, since 2016, over 50,000 euros have been spent to keep this Aston in tip-tip condition, so it should offer its next custodian plenty of joyous drives in that stunning Connolly Vaumol leather interior.

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