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5 collector cars to put in your garage this week

Lead

To be honest, 2017 has been a pretty rough year for the world. So, in celebration of its imminent end, we searched the Classic Driver Market for some cars that will bring the most smiles per mile — let this set a precedent for 2018...

Time to shine



We're all experiencing a bit of déjà vu this week with the announcement of the new [Lamborghini 'super SUV'](#), as the same mixed reviews were voiced when the LM002 came out 30 years ago. While many believe it was ahead of its time at its release, this boxy bull is all the rage nowadays — promising for the Urus. This [blue example](#) has fewer than 30,000m on its odometer, and with eight new spare tyres accompanying the beast, it's ready to make up for lost time.

Get Planted



There are many cars that claim rock star provenance, but there are few that have actually been owned and loved and driven by these celebrities — as is often typical of rock stars, their interest wanes rather quickly. A true car aficionado, Robert Plant from Led Zeppelin owned this [Dubonnet Rosso 1965 Aston Martin DB5](#) for over 15 years, and we could ramble on and on about how fantastic it is, but from just one look, you can tell it's been given a whole lotta love over the years...

On par





Every once in a while, there are cars that are just so wrong they're right — and this [1990 Volkswagen Golf Syncro Country](#) is one of them. Let's consult the spec list: Montana Green Metallic paint, Montanakaro fabric sport seats, 1.8-liter four-cylinder engine paired to a five-speed manual, tubular bumpers, a swing-out tyre carrier, skid plates, big fender flares, a high-riding suspension, and a syncro all-wheel-drive system. Written out, none of it really makes sense, but when you see it, you just can't help but smile.

The original P1



When Porsche CEO Ferdinand Piëch had the idea to produce a fast estate, he went to Audi to make his idea a reality. Known internally as the P1, the Audi RS2 featured many Porsche influences, like the mirrors, side lights, wheels, and brakes. This [Polar Silver example](#), with 68,000m and one owner from new, has been meticulously maintained over its 20-plus years and is still ready to out-perform any modern estate in the drop-off queue at school.

Mandarin machine



While an orange may bruise rather easily, this [Tangerine dream Porsche 911S](#) is still ripe for the taking. The car was supplied new via Hong Kong Porsche importer Jebson Motors to Teddy Yip, founder of the Theodore Racing team, with the intention of running at the Macau Grand Prix. To facilitate the Guia circuit, the car was fitted with modified gear ratios, a limited slip differential, and a 100-litre fuel tank — fortunate, too, as it finished 1st overall in the ACP Final with Dr Henry Lee. Now restored and residing in the UK, the sweet taste of victory could be yours with this mandarin machine.

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