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5 collector cars to put in your garage this week

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There's a distinctly modern flavour to this week's selection from the Classic Driver Market — although, the one car that hails from the 1960s, a fascinating Panhard, truly stole our hearts when we discovered it this week...

Improving on perfection





Besides being even more beautiful (and who'd have thought that possible?), the benefits of the drop-top Alfa Romeo 8C is the chance to hear that soul-stirring V8 growl in all its unadulterated glory. This example from 2010 was specially ordered in grey, and while you might have thought the shade would mute the sensuous shape, the result does quite the contrary — it looks sensational. Showing just 7,000km on the clock, the car's been fitted with upgraded Novitec suspension and wheels — features that, as the listing is keen to point out, are entirely reversible.

As track toys go...





If you're looking for a relatively affordable modern track toy, you'll not go far wrong with a Porsche 997 GT3 RS. In spite of the car's bold livery, low splitters, and sizeable rear wing, this generation RS looks far purer than the later Gen2 and 991 variants, at least to these eyes. This 2007 example currently for sale in Canada is in the less common shade of Arctic Silver Metallic, with orange accents. Having so far enjoyed a 'pain-free' life, there's only one destination for which we'd head after collecting it — the track.

Panhard pizzazz





We must admit, we weren't familiar with the Panhard CD until we happened on this delightful 1964 example in the Classic Driver Market. Its design feels like a concoction of great 1960s styling flairs, just take the Zagato-style double bubble and the Giulietta SS-like rear end for example. After an eventful search, the owner of this CD had the car restored by a marque specialist in 2005, and over the course of its life, it's competed at the Le Mans Classic numerous times, smashing the performance index record in the process. A pocket rocket, this most certainly is.

A working over





For Mercedes, there's AMG; for Porsche, there's RUF; for BMW, there's Alpina; and for Range Rover, there's Overfinch. This 1993 Range Rover Vogue SE was sent by its first owner to Overfinch for a makeover in 1994, at a cost equivalent to 27,000 euros — a not insignificant sum at the time. Since then, it's undergone a comprehensive restoration by a marque specialist in Italy, and suffice to say, it looks sensational.

From Mauritius with love





We love Alpinas here at Classic Driver. They're understated, luxurious, and comfortable, yet also boast supercar performance and razor-sharp handling. This 1992 Alpina B12 Coupé 5.0 is number 53 of just 97 examples built, making it one of the rarer models from the marque. And despite the fact it's covered over 80,000 miles, the Mauritius Blue Metallic beauty looks to be in fantastic condition. Perhaps that's of no surprise — owners of these cars tend to be marque aficionados and, thus, look after them meticulously. We're not sure the same can be said for BMW's 'M' cars.

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