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5 collector cars to put in your garage this week

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This week's Market Finds is as varied as ever, with Porsche's infamous widowmaker, an iconic American truck, and Mercedes' current King of the Nurburgring all making the cut. Take a look below if you think you can resist the temptation.

The OG widowmaker





The 911 Turbo is now one of Stuttgart's most instantly recognisable badges, but that wouldn't be without the original making a big impression. Gaining infamy for the treacherous power delivery of the then-cutting edge Turbob charged flat-six, Porsche's first 911 Turbo was a car that demanded a huge amount of respect from behind the wheel. This 1975 930 Turbo, available with Weekend Heroes, is number 303 of the first 400 made for homologation purposes, and is therefore equipped with the 930/50 engine. Presented in stunning unrestored condition, the dazzling platinum diamond metallic paint has recently been renewed to an impeccable standard, while a light patina lends this intimidating Turbo a charming character. If you're looking for a car to keep you on your toes, this might be the one.

Trusty steed





While the title of most well-known of American off-roader likely goes to the Jeep, there's no denying the Ford Bronco's star quality, so it's no surprise that it's so widely adored by celebrities to this day. This 1971 gloss black example from Redline Automotive Restorations certainly looks the part with its meaty 33 inch tyres. If you're worried about those enormous wheels impacting drivability, this car's power steering and upgraded suspension will surely help it to turn as easily as the heads of those around you. Perfect for an off-road expedition or just a cruise to the beach, this could be the ideal truck for summer adventures.

Rally-ready Renault





While the Clio Williams continues to gain in popularity and sticker price, despite its dubious connection to the F1 team, the first-generation Clio's handsomely angular design makes any variant of Renault's city car an interesting proposal. If you weren't to go for a Williams, then this 1993 Clio 16 S GR A rally car is about as spicy as you could possibly get. Available with Automobilia Franco Lembo, this rally pocket rocket comes equipped with a new AP Racing brakes, LP Racing suspension, and a recently revised sequential gearbox to ensure slow shifts don't get in the way of your times on the rally stage. If you fancy hitting the gravel, then look no further.

Blood orange is the new black





If there's any car that has the credentials to back up this loud Blood Orange paint scheme, it's the AMG GT Black Series. Bestowed with a completely revised flat-plane crank V8 that puts out a whopping 721 deranged stallions, it's no surprise that Merc's latest monster to bear the Black Series moniker managed to topple the Nurburgring production lap record. It's practically a GT3 car with number plates. This nearly box-fresh example, available with Rosier Classic Sterne, has covered just under 2000 km and is ready for another attempt at the 'Ring record, should you feel brave enough.

Road-bound Messerschmitt





Laviolette is no exception. Entirely hand made and powered by an Audi V8 from the R8, the C8's incredibly rigid aluminium trellis chassis helps to keep weight to an admirable 1,275kg, lending this car a similar power-to-weight ratio to that of its contemporary Ferraris. However, one look inside the interior is enough to make you realise that this car isn't about the stat sheet. Where there isn't sumptuous diamond-stitched leather or machine turned aluminium, there's chrome — such as on that jaw-dropping exposed gear linkage. If you want a piece of automotive jewellery like no other, then Classic Youngtimers Consultancy have the car for you.

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