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5 collector cars to put into your garage this week

LeadIn this week's Market Finds, the Classic Driver Market's finest hypercars rub shoulders with some vintage metal! Let's take a look at our chosen five...

In it to wing it





It's a car that helped to create some of the most intense, wheel-to-wheel motor racing ever witnessed, smashing apexes and wing mirrors with its arch-rival, the BMW e30 M3. The Mercedes-Benz 190 E Evolution II is the true king of early 90s touring car racing, and the road-going version isn't half bad either.

One of just 502 examples built to comply with homologation rules, the EVO II is certainly the most aggressive of the usually sedate Baby Benzes. Released just one year after the EVO I, the second generation focussed on increasing the car's aerodynamics and handling, while its high-revving 2.5 litre 16-valve engine gives it plenty of punch when required. This example might just be one of the cleanest we've seen, having covered just 47,000km from new. Its iconic Blue-Black metallic paint has never looked better, contrasting perfectly with the chequered cloth interior.

If you're longing for one of Mercedes' most cherished performance cars, you'd be hard-pressed to find one as good as this example!

110 years of blistering speed





As blank canvases go, a Bugatti Chiron is a pretty great starting point to celebrate a 110-year anniversary, and in true Bugatti fashion, this 110 Ans edition is a magnificent piece of automotive design and engineering.

The relationship between the old and new is abundantly clear in this extremely limited car, of which just 20 examples were ever produced. It combines Bugatti's constant zeal to be the fastest, bravest, and most elegant car manufacturer with innovative technology that allows the car to really rocket. Its now-iconic W16 motor propels the bravest of occupants from 0-100mph in just 4.4 seconds, and onto a top speed of 261 mph, making it one of the fastest cars on the market right now. All twenty cars were finished in matte Steel Blue paintwork with steel blue carbon fibre accents, with its huge wheels painted in Nocturne matte black with French Racing Blue emblems. Interestingly, this example boasts a blue painted number 16 on the grill, a feature which most other 110 Ans Chirons don't have!

O Romeo, Romeo...





Cast your mind back to the swinging sixties. You're planning on heading to your local racetrack to lay down some laps in your Giulia GTA or plucky Abarth race machine, but you need a utility vehicle to haul said racecar, as well as enough space to carry spares, should the worst happen. This 1960 Alfa Romeo Romeo 2 might just be the perfect machine, especially if you're a lover of all things Italiano.

Carrying 61 years of patina and memories, this faithful old truck comes complete with an incredible history file, stretching back to the very first day of its life. With just 30-40 Romeos ever made, this is an incredibly rare piece of Alfa Romeo history that has been very well cared for throughout its life!

What's more, if you're looking for the perfect race-ready machine to accompany this Romeo 2, you might want to keep reading!

The GT3's finest hour?





So, my colleague and fellow Market Finds host Mikey announced a bold statement when we were shortlisting the cars for this week's post. "The 991 GT3 Touring is the 2.7 RS of its time" – a bold statement, but one many will agree with.

It's a car that just screams 'drive me!'. Any journey, no matter how small or tedious, would be enjoyable in a car like this. With its precise manual gearbox and roaring 4.0-litre flat six, the GT3 Touring is perhaps the only car you would ever need in your garage. This example really showcases the subtly of its design too, finished in GT Silver metallic with contrasting black alloy wheels. The dark theme is continued inside, with black leather flowing effortlessly around the cabin.

It's a car that has all of the thrills of its slightly racier siblings, but in a usable package that encourages you to drive it every day, making it a truly unique car and one that rightfully deserves a place on this week's shortlist!

The Italian trifecta





Offering a rare chance to experience three of Italy's finest automotive brands, this 1957 Abarth 750 Zagato is truly a sight to behold. It may look like a design-led, stylish cruiser, but the reality is something far more potent. It's a car with racing in its blood and an insatiable urge to nail those apexes.

The combination of a Fiat 600 chassis with Carlo Abarth's technical capabilities was always going to result in something special. We are aware it has just 44bhp from its 750cc engine, but when Zagato is in the driver's seat of the exterior design, you're in for a real treat. The aluminium body weighs just 540kg and has been designed with optimal aerodynamic performance at its core, where it also features the iconic 'double bubble' roofline synonymous with Zagato. This is your chance to get behind the wheel of number 17 of just 21 examples in existence, and we couldn't think of a better way to blast through some narrow Italian streets!

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