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5 collector cars to put into your garage this week

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January might feel like the longest month of the year, but there has been no shortage of delights being added to the Classic Driver Market. Here's five cars that really caught our eye!



Race Ready RSR

We've all seen our fair share of wide-bodied Porsches as of late. Whether it's a unique creation from Mr Nakai San himself, or a 911 that's been made to be as wide as a tank by the talented team at Liberty Walk, there's no shortage of wide-look Porsches that are built to show off. Unlike those show cars, though, this wide-bodied 911 was built purely for racing and was introduced in 1999 as a replacement for the 993 RSR, the last of the air-cooled 911s.

You could say the 996 RSR had some rather large shoes to fill, and you'd be right, but thankfully the months of extensive testing paid off. Cars such as this one were incredibly competitive in several events all over the world. This fine example features a 3.8 litre flat-6 mated to a 6-speed sequential gearbox, making it good for over 450 horsepower, with an abundance of downforce and aero to ensure it handles too. If you've got racing on your mind, this is perhaps one of the best ways to experience it!

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Verde Over Cioccolato

Some may disagree with us here, but we think the Ferrari Roma is likely to become a future classic out of Ferrari's modern-day line-up. Unlike its assertively styled siblings such as the 488 Pista or SF90, the Roma portrays a sense of serenity and elegance rarely seen in modern car design. It's styling is timeless, and although not instantly recognisable as being born from Maranello, the Roma is the perfect car for a long cruise down to the Cote d'Azur, only to head back home in complete comfort.

This example is the dream specification too, finished in British Racing Green over the rich tones of Cioccolato. Having covered a mere 60kms from new, it's about time this Roma took a trip to Rome, just for the fun of driving!

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Race on Sunday, Design on Monday

The story of how the Porsche 962 CR Schuppan came to be is truly mesmerising. It was built as a tribute to Australian driver Vern Schuppan after his success in the 1983 24 Hours of Le Mans and 1983 All Japan Sports Prototype Championship title, both of which he won while driving a Porsche 956.

Weighing just 1,050kg and powered by the water-cooled 3.3-litre Type-935 flat-six with two added turbos for good measure, it's safe to say the 962 CR was reserved for only the bravest of drivers. Just six were produced originally, priced at an eye-watering \$1.9 million back in 1994, making the 962CR one of the most expensive cars ever sold new at the time. Out of the half-dozen made, only four now remain, making this an incredibly rare opportunity to own what is one of the most exhilarating Porsche models in their vast history of sports cars.

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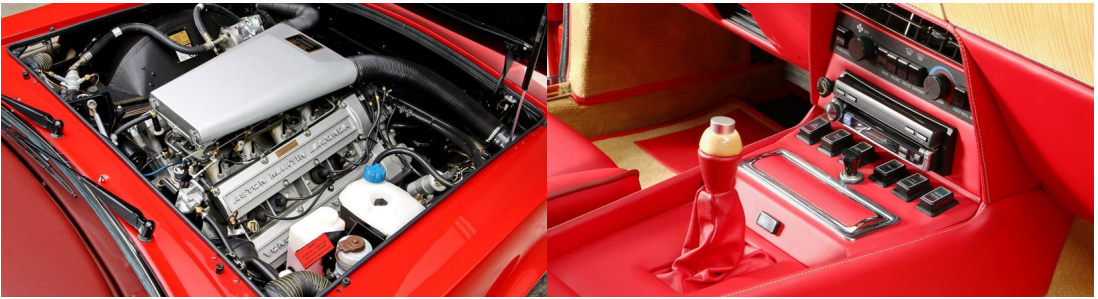
Bucking Bronco

The resurgence of popularity in American-made off-roaders from the 1970s and 1980s is certainly something we've enjoyed seeing. These rugged, park anywhere, simplistic trucks are now the go-to for those looking to get a little muddy on the weekends.

This emerald-shaded beauty heading to Gooding & Company's upcoming Amelia Island sale caught our eye, not just because of its fantastic condition, but because of its boxy styling and versatile configuration. Being the XLT variant, this 1979 Bronco is truly the cream of the crop and came with a host of optional extras over the standard cars. Hell, the name XLT stands for 'Extra Luxurious Truck' – they couldn't have made it any more obvious!

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How much is too much?

Born from a decade of emerging technology and creativity, this 1988 Aston Martin V8 Vantage stands taller than most of its more subdued, monochrome rivals. If ruby red is your shade, this car has your name all over it, even on the inside.

This example is the high-powered X-Pack, giving it an impressive 485 horsepower from its burbling V8. Just 137 examples of the X-Pack were built, often allowing customers to make even their wildest of car dreams come true, and this one is certainly unlike any other we've come across. Forgetting where you've parked will never be an issue, just look out for that glowing red interior!

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