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The ever-changing mix of machinery in the Classic Driver Market always delivers the goods – here are five cars that caught our eye this week.



It all starts with an A

Love them or hate them, there is something undeniably cool about the earliest generation of Range Rovers. As the newest versions push the limits of refinement and passenger luxury, models such as the Suffix A were built to be used on any occasion, all in effortless style and comfort.

Much like its sibling, the Defender, there is a growing cult following for Classic Range Rovers, and nobody does restorations of these boxy boys quite like Solihull's. Based in Bahrain, Solihull's make Range Rovers as good as they can possibly get, ensuring reliability and ease of use. This fine Range Rover is finished in Sahara Dust with original PVC palomino seats. In fact, this is one of the first 600 examples to be produced. Now it has been lovingly brought back to its former glory and leads the charge in both rarity and price.

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The return of RotSow

It's one of Mercedes and AMG's finest creations, even if it was somewhat of an unintentional one. In 1971, AMG entered a race-prepped 300SEL 6.8 into the Spa 24 Hours with big dreams but ultimately low expectations, but then this scarlet bruiser went on to secure a class win and second overall, right behind a much more agile Ford Capri. From then on, 'Die Rote Sau' has been a certified legend, and one that designers Bussnik would use as inspiration for five special edition AMG GTs.

Celebrating AMG's 50th anniversary back in 2017, all five examples were built with plenty of nods to the original 6.9, most notably the four huge spotlights that dominate the front-end. Some special editions often present a whiff of 'parts bin specials', but this collaboration between AMG and Bussnik saw them take time and care when recreating a modern-day interpretation. This ultra-rare machine is now available at AutoSL.

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Merry Berry

It seems we can't stop ogling and sharing brightly coloured Ferrari Dinos lately. We first fell in love with this [Verde Germoglio example a few weeks back](#), and it seems cupid has struck us hard yet again with this Viola Metallizzato example for sale at Tom Hartley Jnr.

One of only three UK supplied GTs to be delivered in this colour combination, this example also boasts the highly-desirable Nero Daytona seats with standard wheel arches. This is one low-slung prancing horse that is sure to cause quite the stir wherever you take it!

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Press Start to race

There are few things cooler than a track-attacking 1990s race car, and almost nothing comes close to a wide-arched, sticker-littered Nissan R32 GTR.

Built to JGTCC-GT1 specification by Hasemi Motorsport in collaboration with the Works Nissan racing outfit NISMO, this 1994 Nissan Skyline GT-R helped to solidify the Japanese marque's name in motorsport history. This wicked GT-R was driven by the Japanese cult racing hero Masahiro Hasemi, aka 'Mr. Skyline', to a second place finish in the 1994 All Japan Grand Touring Car Championship. If you're trying to make your Gran Turismo dreams to come true, this is how you do it!

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Does it tickle your fancy?

Before we saw this car, we would have said it's almost impossible to make the original mini not look adorable. Its rounded body, simpler than simple interior, and human-like front end is exactly what made so many fall in love when the Mini launched, but that didn't stop a few outfits from giving it a makeover.

One of those outfits just happened to be Aston Martin's subsidiary, Tickford. Being exclusively dedicated to building Aston Martins, Tickford naturally did all the customisation in-house, creating this one-off, left-hand drive example for the Saudi Arabian Prince in 1984 for the eye-watering price of £50,000! If quirky Minis are your thing, it doesn't get much quirrier than this, and it's going under the hammer at Bonham's upcoming sale!

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