

CLASSIC DRIVER

5 collector cars to put into your garage this week

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Struggling to find the ultimate gift to hide under the Christmas tree? Well, the good news is we have five drool-worthy cars that would make for unbeatable presents, but you will need a very large tree.



A Breath of Fresh Aero

Has the end of season rush kept you cooped up indoors for far too long? If so, there's no better way to get a much-needed breath of fresh air than in this impossibly cool 1989 Saab 900 Turbo "Aero" Cabriolet. Recently lovingly restored by the folks at 79 Retro Garage, this SAAB will have no issue turning heads with its immaculate two-tone Saab 248 Novaschwarz Metallic and Dark Grey paintwork.

Further enhancing this Scandinavian cruiser's immense appeal is its complete Saab Carlson Aero Kit, while the refurbished 16" two-tone Aero wheels provide the perfect finishing touch to this drop top's sinister aesthetic. Saab are known for producing Jets as well as cars, but this 900 is as close as you'll come to a road-going stealth bomber.

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Tame Impala

You might have a tough time domesticating an Impala for your wildlife-obsessed child in time for December 25th, but they'll forget all about the animal kingdom as soon as you roll up in this Impala Metallic 1991 Mercedes 230 GE. The G-Class is a car that appeals to people of all ages and walks of life, and there's a variation on the formula to suit almost any need, but this early 1990s incarnation of Mercedes' legendary off-roader is exactly what we'd go for; just look at those steel wheels and the fabulous fabric interior!

Admittedly, with 124 horsepower you won't be catching up to the local bush buck if you do venture into the wild, but the G-Class has always been about making sure you reach your destination— wherever that may be — not how quickly you get there. If you want a classy off-roader you can depend on, this 50,950 mile peach is ready and waiting.

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Shamal-ama Ding Dong

We can't think of a better way to enjoy your first drive in this stunning 1992 Maserati Shamal than by listening to Otis Day's 1978 hit song on your favourite winding road. Sure the lyrics border on the nonsensical, but words will likely fail to describe the sheer joy of listening to that 326 horsepower 3.8-litre biturbo V8 sing as you row through the gears.

Then there's the design: Marcello Gandini produced his fair share of head turners, and the Shamal is right up there with the best of them, especially when finished in Dazing Black. Those signature slanted wheel cutouts and the swollen arches certainly give this grand tourer a brutish charm, while the plush Pelle Nero leather interior looks to have borrowed its supremely comfortable seats from a cigar lounge. This example has covered a mere 28,889 miles, making it a prime example of the breed, so if you've been longing for Maserati's 1990s halo car like us, then don't hesitate to add this example to your collection!

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Race the Clock

New Years celebrations are not far away now, and the worst part of any end-of-year rager is the hangover on January 1st. However, if you have something ludicrously fast in your garage, say a 250 mph McLaren Speedtail, for example, you could race to the next time zone just in time to celebrate the year's end all over again, giving you twice the bang for your buck.

However, with just 106 examples ever built, you probably don't have a Speedtail parked on your drive, which is where this beautiful MSO Liquid Blue Silver example comes in handy. Showing just 53 miles, Speedtail #069 still remains in factory-fresh condition, meaning you could be one of the first people to experience its lovely blue and grey full-aniline leather interior. However, we recommend you save the drinks for the second NYE celebration.

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Black Adder

We’re used to seeing the Dodge Viper in various patriotic shades of red, white, and blue, but this manual 1995 Viper RT/10 Roadster has us convinced that black is the prime choice for this American supercar. One of only 514 examples like it, this Viper has spent the last six years being pampered in a Belgian collection and shows just 35,325 miles since new.

Powered by a monstrous 8-litre V10, this will never be the most economical way to get from A to B, but if you’re simply looking to get out and enjoy one of the greatest combustion engines ever, then this is the car for you. Just be cautious: Vipers are known to bite!

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