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THE CARS THAT MADE US

What got you interested in cars? We asked this question on our social media group to try and find out what set people down the path to being full on petrolheads, and perhaps explain their preferences for certain cars or manufacturers. Be it a car they had in the family, a game they played as a kid, a magazine they read or a movie they watched, one thing is clear – when you're passionate about something, you can always trace it back to when it started. These are the cars that got our fans hooked.



SHAHER REAZ

For me it was my cousin's wedding car - a bright red W123 Merc E class that he had borrowed from a friend to take his wife home in. The year was 1998, and I got my first taste of the smell of unburnt fuel, the rattles, shakes and general awesomeness of this thing. Of course, I had no idea what it was at the time, just remember it by the distinctive round lamps inside the square headlight and that famous hood ornament. Issues of Classic Car and Road and Track lent to my by the same cousin sent me well on my way in the coming years.

ASEEF ONI AHMED

A red Toyota MR2 belonging to Samar from A&Z Motors in 1995. He used to drive it around at night in Chittagong. There was nothing else like it and I have never seen anything like that back then - so low, so fast and that MR2 sticker on the rear window.

HASEEB CHOWDHURY

5th gen Chevrolet Camaro. Being the JDMfanboy I am today, many will find it hard to believe that it is actually an American muscle car that got me into cars. The first transformers movie came out in 2007 when I was a wee 7 year old. Robots that turned into cars sounded super cool. If you've watched the movie you'll remember when the old Camaro transforms itself into the new one, the Camaro Concept at the time. Boom, I was hooked, which led to an insatiable hunger towards automobiles and everything around it.

ASAD MOYEEN

It started too young. Mainly hooked onto old Mercedes since early childhood. Son following similar footsteps. It requires a great passion. Must be in-built. And from the heart.



IMTIAZ AMIN CHOWDHURY

The family (Toyota Corolla) KE70. I loved it. Was too young to appreciate it for what it was, didn't know the technicalities either. Was kind of happy when it was replaced by a Corolla AE100, as it had more creature comforts. I still miss Big Red though. It was sold to a driver who I think used it for rental purposes in Chittagong. As much as I remember there was quite a bit of rust issues, especially the floor.

ZAEEM AZIZ

For me it was the Porsche 911, Nissan Skyline GTR and old Mercs. Only one to go.

MASHRUR MOBIN

Around the age of three or four I had a 1:18 die-cast Jaguar XJ220. Used to just stare at it sometimes. Was obsessed, still have it. That's what got the car fever going.

ALVI JAIN SHAWMIK

Like most people here my obsession started from childhood. Love old muscle cars and anything old, but when I first started watching Leepu I became crazy about customization. Emailed him and one day he just called me up and started teaching me bodywork. Had a turbo wagon. Added a V6 engine, bodykitted it, added wheel spacers, etc. Sold it. Then I did my most controversial build - a wannabe Bentley based on a 1990 Toyota Cresta.



ASHFAQUE HOSSAIN

A 1972 lime green Ford Pinto that my father bought from an American Engineer named Tony Reveli working at that time with Petrobangla. My father was his colleague. He sold it off later on in the 80s. Sadly, I don't have pictures of it.

NABIL RASHID

Family was always buying cars and we had a BMW E30 and a Benz W124 at the same time back in 1999. We kept the W124 until 2012 and I got to drive it. Then it got scrapped.



AUTO NEWS



LEXUS LF1 LIMITLESS CONCEPT

The folks who designed this new Lexus crossover concept at CALTY Design Research in California call this "simple, yet elegant". They're saying the design language takes inspiration from the swords wielded by Japanese samurais, with the sharp edges and fluid surfaces apparently resembling a "molten katana". The LF-1 Limitless concept is neither simple nor elegant, but it's certainly interesting. We can almost see that ugly spider face growing on us, and aside from the front end, the rest of it is surprisingly good looking, especially the rear three-quarters. It undoubtedly previews a crossover Lexus in the future, possibly slotting in under the RX300 and competing in a highly crowded market. It's also slated to have hybrid drivetrains.



COLLECTIBLES

DCCCB MEET 2018

Scale model enthusiasts were treated to another fantastic evening of displaying and talking about each other's fantastic collections at the Diecast Car Collectors Club of Bangladesh meet, held on Saturday, 27th January. With everything from 1/64 Hot Wheels to 1/18 Autoarts, there was a little something for everyone. There were some great custom work on display as well, including several JDM models and a brilliant one off model inspired by Sweet Tooth from the Twisted Metal game. Keep collecting and customising!

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Custom Datsun in bright green, with re-done interior.



1/18 Autoart Ford Mustang Mach 1 in all its aggressive glory.



Sweet Tooth from cult classic action racing game, Twisted Metal.

