

COOLEST TAILLIGHTS

the best reds you'll ever see on a car

Taillights are crucial to cool cars. After all, it's the last thing other people see as you drive off from a cloud of dust/smoke/tears/whatever it is you prefer driving away from. Here's our roundup of the best taillights we've ever seen. We might have missed a few, so do us a favour by letting us know via our Facebook page.



Ferrari Testarossa - very cool 80's cocaine fuelled slab sided styling that has aged well. Rear lights were simple affairs hidden behind a vertical grill.



Nissan Skyline R34 - big and small lights shouldn't work this well but it is one of the most iconic JDM styling cues.



53 Cadillac Eldorado featured a gas tank cap hidden behind a swivelling tail light. Why? Who knows.



4th gen Supra defined overkill. Hollow carpets for weight reduction. Four lenses per tail light when everybody did, at most, two. And it worked.



All new Bugatti Divo has craziness in its veins, which comes out in its whacky taillights.



Ford Lotus Cortina had nuclear tails. Sign of the Cold War era times?



New Ford GT has floaty, hollow taillights that should've had the exhausts exit from inside them. Too whacky? Corr!



Think of the Lamborghini Aventador the next time you see these tails on a Toyota GT86 in Dhaka.



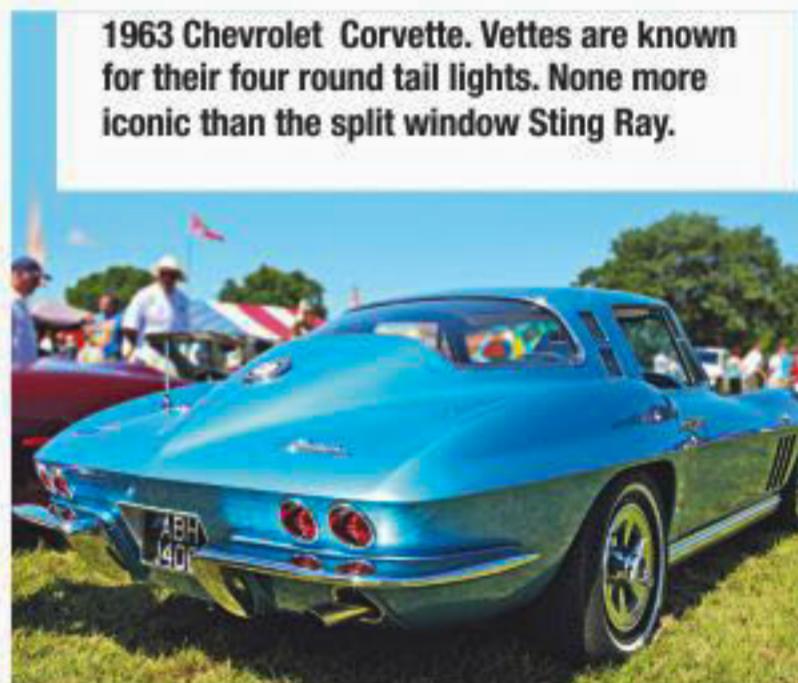
McLaren P1 redefined the hypercar, and how thin taillights could be. Made famous by weird haired Canadian hip hop artists.



Toyota Altezza - Responsible for starting the trend of clear aftermarket lights with round lenses.



Ferrari Daytona tails aren't really special on their own. But this Riviera cruiser's rear design is plum.



1963 Chevrolet Corvette. Vettes are known for their four round tail lights. None more iconic than the split window Sting Ray.



1968 Dodge Charger - featuring the famed 426 Hemi. Hidden heads and very cool round tail lights. The only time they tried it.



Mazda Cosmo tails should look awkward but don't. Genius idea - bumper as a splitter.



Jag F-Type started the sleek, modern trend. Who says Jaguars need to be old timey and stumpy?



Ford Thunderbird - best representation of the fighter jet crazy 60's. Those are turbines, we swear.



Mercury Cougar - hidden headlights behind a razor blade grill and same treatment to the rear.



Aston DB11 tails so sleek, you can barely see them. Yikes. What's the point you ask? Coolth.



1959 Cadillac Eldorado defined excess in chrome and super-sizing. And it still looked cool especially with those bullet shaped twin tail lights.

AUTO NEWS

Mud crawling in luxury – new BMW X5



BMW has revamped their best-selling SUV, the X5, with bigger dimensions, more efficient engines and an all-new design. Up front, there's all-new, standard LED headlights, with optional BMW Laserlight heads that brighten up everything in sight. There's new trim everywhere, with a brand new rear end featuring chunky taillights and squared off shoulders running down the sides. There's 20 and 21 inch wheels, both in M and Individual spec, with more M goodies available to spice up your off-roading experience (read: ruin all the body bits). As ever, the X5 has top of the line off-road tech that compensates for its softness on-road.

We're sure Executive Motors, official local dealers of BMW vehicles, will bring it over soon. More news then, along with an official review.

COLLECTIBLES

Road Signature – fine(ish) models

If you can't really afford the crazy high-end makers of 1/18 models like Autoart, Kyosho and ERTL, there's a cheaper option that gives you a similar kind of joy—Road Signature. These might not have the best paint, most amount of detailing or the rarest models on offer, but what they lack in flair, they make up for in accuracy. Their 1/18 Jaguars, of which I personally own four, are special standouts in a

lineup mostly consisting of European models. If you want some classic European models with a decent level of craftsmanship, pick one up—they cost between 5k-7k, depending on rarity. Available on Ebay, if you can find someone to bring it for you.

