

FROM SPORTS CARS TO DAILY DRIVERS 2018 LA AUTO SHOW ROUND UP



Porsche 992 911

A new 911 is always special. The latest 992 generation was debuted at LA and immediately hijacked internet traffic all over the world as scores of people stared at a familiar yet completely different shape. The 911 Carrera 4S features a 450 HP motor paired

to an ever-intelligent AWD system (driven by an 8-speed DCT) and adaptive chassis. There's more tech inside and out, with new driving modes and millennial friendly tech like a road trip app.



Mercedes Benz AMG GT C Roadster

Mercedes Benz's current flagship sports car got a whole host of upgrades dis-

played at LA. The new AMG GT R Pro features hardcore track performance, the GT R and base GT gets minor facelifts, while the GT-C Roadster gets the most obvious change—a full roof chucked out. With a stiffened chassis compensating for the structural changes, the GT-C delivers



Audi e-TRON concept

Audi claims the e-TRON concept is in a production ready skin. Considering the fantastic proportions and sleek lines of the electric sedan, the e-TRON in production form will be an astounding prospect when lined up next to its rivals from Tesla. With

Fisker long out of the picture and Tesla seemingly floundering in scaling up production, Audi might surge ahead—provided they can push the e-TRON out sooner rather than later. Make the electric car great again



Mazda 3

Mazda has always been a gold standard of how to design gorgeous cars for the mass market. The Mazda 3 has always been a looker, but the car they debuted at LA seems

a bit...opinion dividing. While the front end and rear light treatment is undoubtedly ground breaking, the window-line is a bit odd. When most manufacturers are trying to make the cabin airy and light, Mazda seems to be going the opposite way with thick pillars and massive



Hyundai Palisade

With Audi making them mainstream and Lexus taking it above and beyond, the upright radiator grille seems to be coming back into fashion, straight out of the 1930s. Hyundai's Palisade flagship SUV features a snout so upright that you almost don't

notice it has bumper mounted headlights and fender mounted DRLs—another fad that's taking hold. The gargantuan Palisade is squarely aimed at Chevrolet and GMC buyers in the US.



Nissan Maxima/Murano

Nissan debuted a new family face at the LA Auto Show, with the launch of the new Maxima mid-size sedan

and Murano crossover. While the squinty alien eyes frontal treatment sort of works (and looks good if you yourself squint) on the Murano, the Maxima just looks odd and awkward. The Maxima tries to ape the Toyota Mirai with an extra-large roof and



Racing legends on your wrist

COLLECTIBLES TLVN RX7



Ayrton Senna's Special Collection: TAG Heuer F1

Senna's love affair with TAG sparked with his move to McLaren-Honda in the late 80s, and continued even after he went on to drive for the Williams team. Each watch was styled with his famous 'S' in red, along with a beautiful tachymeter to embody Senna's racing spirit.



Moss 722 by Peter Ratcliffe

The Mille Miglia was a motor race consisting of over 1000kms of driving on public roads all around Italy. Sir Stirling Moss won the race in 1955, averaging just under 100mph for 10+ hours, with Denis Jenkinson aiding him as his navigator. This beautiful Chronograph pays tribute to this amazing victory.



The Official James Hunt Chronograph SS by Omologato

James Hunt, renowned for his off-track entertainment and close wheel-to-wheel action with rival Niki Lauda, loved flaunting his playboy lifestyle. His 1976 championship stint was made famous in the film Rush, so if you want a Chronograph flaunting his iconic red, blue and yellow stripes - the same stripes that sit on James' race helmet, this is the piece to get.



Omega 3810.12.40 Speedmaster "Michael Schumacher"

7-time F1 World Champion Michael Schumacher may be fast on the track and nearly unbeatable in terms of records, but his taste in fashion is perhaps not at the apex. This particular Speedmaster is not one of the better looking ones, but if you want a bright yellow watch dedicated to the most successful F1 driver of all time, your options are pretty limited otherwise.



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Tomica Limited Vintage Neo—an expensive proposition when it comes to 1/64 scale cars, but so worth it, you're willing to break the bank for a select few models. For me, the Mazda RX7 is in that category.

The RX7 has accurate wheels, lights and a brilliant casting. The paint is good and the interior has a terrific level of detail for the scale. Two slight issues are the size of the bumper mounted license plate up-front and the separately packed door mounted mirrors. You're expected to glue on the mirrors yourself, till you realise any drop of glue from a conventional tube will be bigger than the base of the mirror.

The RX7 is yours for around TK 2000, provided you find someone willing to bring it for you.