

Timeless cars

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We take a look at cars that will always look good

Cars with designs that are considered so timeless that they have become icons in automotive design. It's not often that we get cars like these with sleek silhouettes and contours that seemed to have been penned by geniuses. Thankfully there have been a few of them over the years. Here is a small selection of these design classics in no particular order



BMW 3-Series E46

Many might consider it a reach to place an E46 in the same group as some of the most sought-after icons of the automotive world, but the Bimmer does have a place in this hall of fame. Brought out in the 1990s, it was the car of choice for the middle management-types who wanted a saloon with good looks and decent handling. Though it's been nearly 20 years old, its styling remains so contemporary it could take on many new cars today



Mercedes-Benz 300SL

Gullwing

Regarded by many as the car that saved Merc from financial ruin, the 300SL Gullwing is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful cars ever created in automotive history. It may not have been particularly comfortable to drive or to sit in for that matter, but, because of its breath taking beauty, it still costs millions to own one.



DeLorean DMC-12

Made famous by the Back to the Future franchise, the DeLorean was built to be a sports car that was out of this world. A fibre-glass underbody with stainless steel panels and gullwing doors made it one of the most distinctive cars from the 1980s. Production issues meant that this car almost sank without a trace but Back To The Future has given it an almost cult-like appreciation. Thank fate that the movie producers chose this over their initial choice, a refrigerator.



Ferrari F40

A far cry from a luxurious super cruiser, the F40 was one of the most extreme back to basics supercars the modern age has ever seen. Bare carbon fibre bodywork, turbocharged 2.9-litre engine, no carpets or soundproofing... basically, it was a high performance go-kart with cool pop-up headlights.



Ford GT40

A deal that went sour between Ford and Ferrari led the former to build a sports car that would destroy anything the Italian automaker brought to the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Ford accomplished that successfully, winning the annual endurance race four times on the trot. Since then, the automaker has been a force to be reckoned with in the world of motorsports.



Aston Martin DB5

One of the coolest classic cars ever, the DB5 had the perfect blend of style, flair and performance for its time, which made it the perfect car for secret agent types. The James Bond movie franchise has featured many amazing cars but many would agree not one of them can come close to matching what the DB5 brought to the table.



Jaguar E-Type

Clearly one of Jaguar's best works, the E-Type was a sports car that epitomised automotive beauty. A 3.8-litre straight six engine sat underneath the exceptionally long and sleek bonnet, which looked it stretched for miles. It was the kind of car that looked like it was travelling 160km/h while standing still. Despite its age, the E-Type Jag still looks as good as it did in the 1960s.

