



Gladiator gives FCA a midsize truck to sell

Fiat Chrysler Automobiles' **Jeep** division unveiled its pickup companion to the Wrangler, and here it is. The **Gladiator** is based on the four-door Unlimited, but with a new frame and considerably more overall length. A 285-horsepower V-6 is standard, while a 260-horsepower V-6 turbo-diesel will be optional in calendar-year 2020. The Gladiator could be seen as FCA's midsize competitor to the Ford Ranger and the Chevy Colorado/GMC Canyon, although the Jeep's starting price will likely be considerably higher.



A new Lamborghini hybrid supercar is rumored to look like the company's Terzo Millennio concept.

Lambo's ultimate car

Italy-based **Lamborghini** has a new, ultra-expensive, limited-production exotic in the pipeline. The unnamed model, which is rumored to look similar to the automaker's **Terzo Millennio** concept (above), will reportedly be priced in the \$3-million range. It will come with a hybrid powertrain consisting of a V-12 engine and at least one electric motor. Output is estimated at about 840 horsepower. In place of batteries, the Lambo will use super capacitors for energy storage. They allow high volumes of electricity to move quickly to the motor(s). A version of this system is expected to be part of the next-generation **Aventador** and **Huracan** sports cars. Oh, and as an added bonus, the wheels and paint glow in the dark. The finished product will be revealed in March at the Geneva Motor Show in Switzerland. It should provide the company with a halo hybrid car to match — or best — the McLaren P1, Porsche 918 and the Ferrari LaFerrari.



1975 Chevrolet C10 pickup: The kids' second most popular pick for collecting.

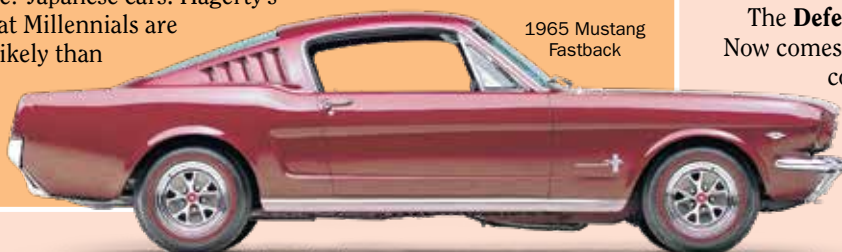
Younger buyer scoop up more classic cars

The **Hagerty** company, which specializes in insuring classic and collector cars, reports that Millennials (those born in the early 1980s to the early 1990s) and Generation X-ers (born in the mid-1960s to early 1980s) have now overtaken Baby Boomers and older buyers in requesting insurance quotes.

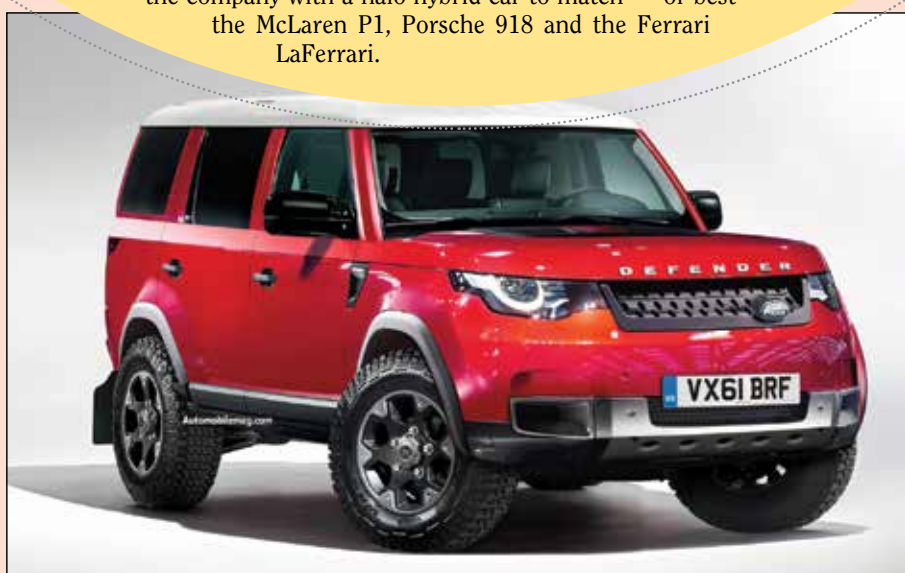
"Given current trends, Millennials, who comprise the nation's largest generation, will become the hobby's single largest group within five years," the company said.

They're mostly buying 1960s cars — first-generation Mustangs, Camaros and Corvettes remain popular across all three age demographics — but Hagerty sees a new twist among the young: Trucks and SUVs. Gen X-ers and Millennials are 35 percent more likely to collect a truck or SUV than Baby Boomers. The **1973-87 C/K Series Chevrolet pickup** is the second most popular among Millennials and fifth among Gen X-ers. Often overlooked as collectibles, vintage pickups offer an affordable way for younger buyers to enter the hobby.

Another favorite? Japanese cars. Hagerty's statistics show that Millennials are four times more likely than Boomers in seeking to buy a vintage car made in Japan.



1965 Mustang Fastback



The Defender was the successor to the classic original Land Rover. It's now back.

The Defender offensive

The original **Land Rover** that dates back to the late 1940s is considered the Holy Grail of off-roading, at least among the brand's faithful.

The **Defender** model, produced from 1983 until 2016, was the spiritual successor. Now comes word that a new Defender is destined for worldwide consumption and could go on sale in 2020 as a 2021 model. Don't expect affordability to be a key selling point, however, as the revived nameplate will likely compete with the Mercedes-Benz G-Class that carries a base price of \$125,000.

There's also word that both short- and long-wheelbase versions will be available. Supercharged V-6 and V-8 engines are likely, as well as a plug-in hybrid model.

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2019 Mitsubishi Outlander

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automatic headlights.

A trio of rheostats located midway up the center stack control HVAC functions. Operation is easy and non-distracting. Just above is a 7-inch touchscreen that is the access point for sound system controls. The display doesn't accept input from a winter gloved hand, but there's an actual (not virtual) knob for power and volume, and secondary steering wheel controls for volume and preset channel switching (on all but ES). The system is

also compatible with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto (again, all but ES), so you can import your favorite smartphone apps, for navigation, tunes and the like.

The look and feel of the interior materials is consistent with entry level offerings. Sport is sized such that six-footers are a tight squeeze in back in both head and leg room, if those seated ahead of them are tall. Row two seatbacks fold forward to a fairly flat load floor, and doing so boosts cargo capacity from 21.7 — 49.5 cubic feet, with a reason-



The 2019 Mitsubishi Outlander's center console underwent a redesign last year. Now, a 7-inch touchscreen accesses the sound system controls. There's an actual (not virtual) knob for power and volume.



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able, loading lift over height in back. Our segment subset counters with 23.2-55.9 (HR-V), and 18.5-50.8 (Renegade).

Stepping up to the GT level expands the standard equipment to include HID headlights, auto on/off headlights, added soft-touch interior materials, automatic windshield wipers and the aforementioned package of safety related tech features: lane departure warning, forward collision mitigation and automatic high beams.

Outlander Sport makes its strongest case as a value pick in the subcompact crossover class.

But in recent years, few markets have grown further, faster than this segment has. The current competition includes the Honda HR-V, Jeep Renegade, Nissan Kicks, Chevy Trax, Ford EcoSport, Buick Encore, Hyundai Kona, Subaru Crosstrek and the Mazda CX-3, among others.

That makes for tough sledding, for a model that made its debut in 2011, and is competing against fresher faces.

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