

Hatchbacks To Supercars - The Best Of 2018

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lot more car, but if driving excitement is what you're after, than this resto-mod Mini is very possibly your best bet!

9- Chrysler Pacifica Hybrid: Minivans are often not great to drive, nor are they the most luxurious vehicles on the planet – but the Chrysler Pacifica Hybrid is no ordinary van.

First of all, this is a very good looking vehicle, so no need to feel embarrassed just because you're driving a minivan. Secondly, it has a truly magnificent interior that has lots of space, and tech. Furthermore, the build quality is quite good; this certainly doesn't look and feel like any other minivan that I've ever come across!

Then, there is the drivetrain. The model I tested this year was the hybrid version, which combines a 3.6L V6 motor with an electric drive system. Unlike most hybrids, you can't choose when you can drive it in electric, versus gas – it just figures it all out on its own. Plug in into a level-two charger, and in about three hours your battery is fully charged, which will give you a range of about 50 km. Once the battery is depleted, you can carry on with the gas engine. As you're driving along, the battery gets charged while the vehicle is coasting or braking, and the car will switch back and forth between electric and gas drive, seamlessly.

On top of it all, the Pacifica Hybrid is even nice to drive, so nice in fact that I'd happily drive one for the whole year. Pricing for the Pacifica Hybrid starts at \$51,745.

8- Rolls-Royce Phantom VIII: If it is the ultimate luxury vehicle you're after, than nothing even compares to the new Rolls-Royce Phantom VIII.

This eighth-gen model is the second Phantom generation since Rolls-Royce was acquired by the BMW Group back in 2000,



The Rolls-Royce Phantom VIII



The Sporty Genesis G70

and takes on from where the last model left off. With features like a dashboard that has an art gallery, fully reclining and adjustable rear seats, a floor that can change its angle to better suit your feet, infotainment system built in behind each seat, and so much more!

While a Phantom is very much enjoyed when riding in the back, I was similarly impressed while driving it. First of all, for a huge

vehicle, it is rather easy to steer – even through the tight confines of England. Part of that is due to its rear-wheel steering aid, and partly because all the controls are very communicative – this is a big car that shrinks around you.

It'll shrink the road ahead, too, when you put your foot down! Powering this land yacht is a twin turbo 6.75L V12 that produces 563 hp and 664 lb-ft of torque

– which carries this 2,560 kg vehicle with ease.

The new Phantom is all the luxury car you'd ever wish for, but it comes at a price; in Canada it starts from \$514,000. Expensive as it may be, it isn't the most expensive vehicle on my Top 10 list.

7- Genesis G70: Hyundai's luxury division Genesis is in its second year of operation, and so

far the brand has only offered sedans, but they are all very good.

The one that impressed me the most was the G70; Genesis' most sporty model.

Available in Canada with two engine options, a turbocharged 2.0L inline-four cylinder, or a twin-turbo 3.3L V6 – I tested the latter. This twin-turbo motor produces 365 hp and 376 lb-ft of

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