

# 10 Most Exclusive Abandoned Cars In The World

**Voiceover script: Shannon Patridge**

**Video research: Shannon Patridge**

## **INTRO:**

It's one thing to see a shoe abandoned by the road. But an abandoned sports car? You have to wonder what happened! Regular people can keep cars for decades, but it looks like losing a luxury car is another high cost of being ultra-wealthy. From a forgotten Ferrari to an abandoned Bentley, here are the 10 most exclusive abandoned cars in the world!

## **10 – Ferrari Enzo (Dubai)**

The first mysterious ride with no rider was found in Dubai. It's a Ferrari Enzo, an incredibly rare vehicle. Seeing any model of Ferrari is unusual for most people. Seeing one abandoned is crazy! Especially when it's an Enzo. Ferrari only sold 399 of these beauties to the public. This Enzo was spotted at an impound lot in 2011. It looks so sad just sitting there!

Dubai is a hotbed of big business, and just like when high stakes poker players lose, when the Middle East's oil tycoons, developers, and old-money investors make a false move, they lose big. This Enzo was in impound six years later when fans followed up in 2016. The car is part of an Interpol investigation, so the lot has to store it away from thieves, vandals, and lookaloos like us! On the bright side, when they can auction it, it will be so rare that the town will make a hefty profit when the police can auction it off. That is, if the blistering desert heat doesn't destroy the car in the meantime...

Images:

<https://www.topspeed.com/cars/car-news/abandoned-enzo-in-dubai-heading-to-auction-ar128510/pictures.html#451307>

2011:

[https://www.motorauthority.com/news/1065521\\_ferrari-enzo-abandoned-in-dubai](https://www.motorauthority.com/news/1065521_ferrari-enzo-abandoned-in-dubai)

2016:

<https://whatson.ae/dubai/2016/02/thedhs11-million-ferrari-thats-impounded-dubai-6-years/>

## **Now It's Time for the Star Topic**

This rogue rouge roadster was sent in by one of our loyal viewers. Looking at the paint, this beauty has been double parked in a sandstorm a while, but is the driver ever coming back? Won't the interior be dusty? Do you think this convertible is really abandoned or just caught on cam looking a little weathered? Comment down below with the hashtag #StarTopic, and we might PIN the best comment in relation to this picture. With that said, let's keep things moving!

Star topic thumbnail

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/10W0sl7WMhtfp-79r3TlmxmiEUSfTB1H4>

## **9 – Bentley Continental GT and another Bentley Flying Spur (China)**

This next item on our list is like if there was a TV show combining “American Pickers” with “Crazy Rich Asians.” There is a small lot in Chengdu, China where an unusual gathering of cars languishes. They call it the “Tyrant’s Car Park.” This lot has, among the high-end SUV’s and motorcycles, TWO Bentley’s. There’s a Continental GT, and a Flying Spur!

This luxury car dumping ground is overgrown with trees, bushes, and tall grass. You would think that after auctioning off just one of these cars, some worth upward of 3 million Yuan, or Four hundred twenty thousand US Dollars, that they would pave the lot, or hire a landscaper to keep mother nature from ruining the value of all these cars.. but what do we know? Maybe the trees make them harder to steal!

<https://designyoutrust.com/2016/06/inside-chinas-trash-park-where-bentleys-and-mercedes-worths-millions-are-abandoned-by-their-rich-owners/>

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/peoplesdaily/article-3627735/Where-luxury-motors-die-inside-overgrown-tyrant-s-car-park-Bentleys-Mercedes-totalling-millions-abandoned-rich-owners.html>

### **8 – Porsche (Singapore)**

Despite being prosperous, Singapore is a famously strict country with severe penalties for criticizing the government, for printing an unauthorized newspaper, even for littering and vandalism. It’s a wonder that this sad sight has been allowed to sit untouched. This Porsche sits booted at the Woodlands Industrial park. Reporters found only one clue. A ticket saying the owner has to pay 160 Singapore dollars, 116 US dollars, to have the boot removed. If Singapore fines are anything like the parking tickets in my town, the fine spiked up way higher before the dust had a chance to settle!

The mysterious yellow sports car caught the attention of international car fans. Pictures of it circled around on social media, with facebook user “Car Jay” posting a new photo to the facebook group “Singapore exotic car spotter” and blogger Lihane Wanbao confirmed the car sat abandoned for over a year and a half. It just looks dirty, so who knows maybe the story isn’t over for this sunny little sports car.

<https://stomp.straitstimes.com/singapore/are-you-the-owner-porsche-abandoned-outside-woodlands-industrial-park-for-over-a-year>

<https://mothership.sg/2017/02/abandoned-porsche-in-woodlands-is-the-saddest-thing/>

### **7 – Lotus Esprit (Hong Kong)**

This next luxury car has seen better days! It’s a Lotus Esprit. If you’re a gearhead, you probably already know that the Esprit is a historically significant design. It was one of the first example of Giorgetto Giugiaro's groundbreaking “folded paper” designs. It’s got a rear mounted engine and a sharply pointed hood, for aerodynamics and as a design statement.

Car blogger David Tracy shared this particular abandoned sports car to the blog Jalopnik after his brother Michael spotted it near his Hong Kong apartment.

This neglected Lotus was probably really fun to drive when it was on the road, now it is just a curiosity peeking behind a fence. Enthusiasts who pined for this lost faded treasure speculate it’s probably a series 2, or 3, based on the softer hood and no spoiler. It doesn’t take an expert to tell that this car has been sitting in the punishing Hong Kong climate, beaten by rain and bleached by sun for years and years.

Video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vgiuFleSHSs> at 3:53  
<https://jalopnik.com/the-cars-i-found-abandoned-and-junked-in-hong-kong-will-1823380662>

## **6 – Jaguar XJ220 (Qatar)**

Let's head back to the Middle East for the next crazy example of a beautiful machine forgotten and left to the elements. If this car looks sort of familiar, it's because the X series Jaguars were the models that starred in the ubiquitous sports car poster that made its way around every school book fair and shopping mall poster rack in the 80s and 90s.

You're looking at a Jaguar XJ220. This model is special for a couple of reasons. The XJ220 model was something Jim Randle and his coworkers cooked up in their spare time between formal projects. They called it "The Saturday Club". The goal was to have a version of Jaguar that was like the golden era models from the 50s and 60s, but met racing regulations. They designed a 12 piston behemoth that could allegedly go up to 350 miles per hour. When it debuted in 1988, collectors lined up to pay a deposit of fifty thousand British pounds.

During production, designers were challenged with new emissions standards and had to change it from V12 to a supercharged V6 engine, disappointing Jaguar fans everywhere. The anticipated top speed dropped to 220, hence the model name. Then Jaguar met adversity from another outside factor, a changing economy. By the time the car was ready in 1992, it was one of the most expensive cars on the market, going for around 470 thousand British pounds. A lot of those buyers who put down deposits either lost interest after the engine change, or were unable to pay the balance because they weren't ultra wealthy.

This faded LeMans Blue XJ 220 sitting here in Qatar is a mystery to us, especially with only 900km on the odometer! The blogger who first shared the photos says he knows the original owner's identity, but chooses to keep that info to himself out of fear from retaliation! Is he being dramatic or is this car tied to a real intrigue? What do you think?

Images here:  
<https://www.topspeed.com/cars/car-news/abandoned-jaguar-xj-220-found-in-qatar-desert-ar87837/pictures.html>

<https://jalopnik.com/jaguar-xj220-leaving-a-big-cat-to-die-5510502>

<https://www.topspeed.com/cars/car-news/abandoned-jaguar-xj-220-found-in-qatar-desert-ar87837.html>

<https://www.motor1.com/news/21094/jaguar-xj220-left-to-perish/>

## **5 – BUGATTI VEYRON (Russia, Moscow)**

Here's another rogue roadster that may be part of a bigger mystery. Legend has it this Veyron got rear ended by an Aston Martin in 2013. Bugatti fans in Europe agree that although whoever leaked this photo tried to protect the owners' identity, the blurred logo looks like it belonged to the luxury dealer Autolehmann. For anyone to crash into a Bugatti is unlikely, but for it to be an Aston Martin, the stars must have aligned! Or, there were an unusual amount of luxury sports cars in Moscow for the Auto Exotica Car Show...

Maybe the driver of the Aston Martin was taking a selfie and didn't see the Veyron slowing down. Or maybe the driver in front was at fault, the accident records aren't public so our super sleuths couldn't find out. But considering the rarity, the fact that the damage is on the

rear bumper, and that it's in Moscow, it wouldn't be too shocking if this dealership made this car "disappear".

<https://www.autoevolution.com/news/this-bugatti-veyron-is-reportedly-abandoned-in-russia-93876.html#>

<https://autojosh.com/10-most-expensive-cars-that-were-found-abandoned-photos/>

<https://gtspirit.com/2013/07/08/car-crash-aston-martin-db9-rear-ends-bugatti-veyron/>

#### **4 – Aston Martin (USA)**

Speaking of Aston Martins, it is with this sporty little model that we turn our attention to the US. It is fairly common for collector's cars to sit in storage most of their life, kept away from the acid rain, the paint-fading sun, and the wear and tear of day to day transportation. It is really peculiar to see a rare car sitting outside for years and years like someone's old Buick! But that is the fate that has befallen this Aston Martin DB4, located in Massachusetts. After sitting on some rural property for fifty years, this beauty found its way to an auction in Arizona, a much better climate for an old car. The auction house was able to gather a little info from the public records. Apparently in 1960 it was manufactured in the UK and shipped over to the US, and registered in 1961. At the auction, this DB4 sold for 374 thousand dollars US. Imagine how much it would be worth if it didn't need a total restoration! Once that's done, the new owner will be able to tear it up on the highways, or maybe the back roads, at 140 miles per hour.

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/2444730/aston-martin-found-languishing-in-woods-for-over-40-years-to-sell-for-more-than-350000/>

<https://www.express.co.uk/life-style/cars/756382/Aston-Martin-DB4-abandoned-wreck-sells-auction>

#### **3 – Abandoned Ferrari 275 GTB And Shelby Cobra 427 (USA, North Carolina)**

This next item on our list will have you seeing double! Once upon a time in North Carolina, two amazing cars were adopted like siblings, then abandoned! Ok, cars don't have feelings, but looking at these "orphans" makes me so sad!

Here are a 1967 Shelby Cobra 427 and a 1966 Ferrari 275 GTB/2, sitting in purgatory inside this garage.

The gossip around the neighborhood is owners only trusted one mechanic, and once he passed away, the cars sat in limbo, with only spiders and mice enjoying their deluxe interiors. The cars became local news when developers were ready to demolish the house for a new build. Apparently these cars sat untouched for 27 years! Moving them offsite became a news item because with an estimated value of 4 million dollars, no local towing company would agree to take the risk! Maybe they should have slapped on some fake honda emblems and tried to roll under the radar? Anyway once they found their way to the auction block, these beauties were born again! The 66 Ferrari sold for 2.53 million dollars. It's brother, the 67 Shelby Cobra was extra rare, and sold for over a million dollars! Imagine if you bought that abandoned house at auction as-is and found out moving day that you owned a fortune in rare cars, what a flip that would be!

<https://jalopnik.com/this-abandoned-ferrari-275-gtb-and-shelby-cobra-427-mak-1822775693>

<https://www.motor1.com/news/228645/amazing-ferrari-cobra-barn-find/>

<https://www.hagerty.com/articles-videos/articles/2018/03/09/barn-find-cobra-and-ferrari-sell-at-goding-auction>

## **2 – Maserati 5000 GT (Saudi Arabia)**

Number 2 is a Maserati, a 500GT model. There are only 34 in existence, designed for Shah of Persia, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi who wanted a better Maserati 3500GT. Almost every one of these was custom built for the buyer.

This GT was built by Ghia, making it especially rare on the market. Add to that its owner history, renowned collector Rubayan Alrubayan owned the car for decades before his relatives liquidated his estate.

<http://www.nzautocar.co.nz/autocar-news-app/rusty-abandoned-1961-maserati-selling-for-more-than-1-million>

<https://silodrome.com/maserati-5000-gt-coupe/>

<https://rmsothebys.com/en/auctions/mo19/monterey/lots/r0169-1961-maserati-5000-gt-coupe-by-ghia/793226>

## **1 – Ferrari 250 GT California Spider (France)**

Number one on the list was found in France. This Ferrari 20GT spider, with its alluring covered headlights, is one of 37 made. It tops our list because despite being one of the most expensive models ever sold, this particular one was found by the collector's grandchildren in a treasure trove of 60 classic cars. Just this one sold for 23 million. If he never bothered to tell his grandkids about his cars, this grandpa's other stories must have been epic!

<https://edition.cnn.com/style/article/classic-cars-abandoned-for-decades-in-french-barn-valued-at-20-million/index.html>

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2946778/Incredibly-rare-Ferrari-rusting-French-farm-fifth-expensive-car-sold-23-million-auction-sale.html>

## **OUTRO:**

Are you going to be looking a lot more closely at abandoned cars now? What would be your dream ride to find in the rough? Also, check out our other cool stuff showing up on screen right now. See you next time!

By Shannon Patridge