Cool cars that won’t cost a fortune (at least, not to buy…)

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Jeep (and other cars) on the Cheap! Ten attractive vehicles that you can buy this Christmas for less than the price of an iPhone X…

London, 14th December 2017 – The iPhone X is the must-have cool gadget this Christmas, but retailing at £1,000, this slice of cutting edge tech doesn’t come cheap. So, how about spending the money on a cool car instead?

Car buying comparison site Motorway.co.uk has researched the used car market and found 10 vehicles that possess a cool quality, whether it’s because they were classic cars of their time or because of their quirky design. All these vehicles can be purchased today for the price of an iPhone X or less.

The Jaguar XJ is one of the most iconic British cars ever built, instantly recognisable by car aficionados. Motorway.co.uk has found a 2004 XJ8, with 204,000 miles on the clock, currently for sale for just £595 (please click HERE to view). It may not last another 100,000 miles, and it may not past its next MOT, but (they say), who cares when you’re cruising through town in a motor this cool?

Or how about the sporty MG MGF, which was launched in 1995 to worldwide acclaim? It quickly shot to the top of sports car bestseller charts and Motorway has found a 1996 MGF on the market for just £690 (please click HERE to view).

Alternatively, what about a VW Beetle Cabriolet? Yours for £690 (please click HERE to

view).

The following table shows ten cool cars recently valued on Motorway.co.uk that you can currently purchase for the price of an iPhone X or less (links to cars available on request):

Brand	Model	Mileage	Year	Price (£)
Jaguar	XJ8	208,000	2004	595
Chrysler	PT Cruiser	78,000	2008	655
MG	MGF	95,000	1996	690
Volkswagen	Beetle Cabriolet	154,000	2005	690
Alfa Romeo	T Spark Lusso	147,000	2003	795
Jeep	Cherokee CRD Sport Auto	147,000	2004	795
Mini	Cooper Hatch	130,000	2005	900
Mitsubishi	Shogun Pinin	11,000	2003	999
SsangYong	Rodius 2.7	102,000	2008	1,000
Triumph	TR7	57,000	1981	1,000

The £1k used car market

Motorway.co.uk has also had a look at the £1,000 or less used car market as a whole, to see the size of the market for anyone thinking a grand would be better spent on a car than a phone.

On the Auto Trader website, there are just under 11,000 cars (10,792) for sale at £1,000 or less. Of those, the car makes that top the list in terms of numbers are Ford (1,817), Vauxhall (1,666) and Renault (1,005). It's even possible to pick up luxury brands for less than £1,000, with Auto Trader currently listing 221 BMWs, 218 Mercedes, 175 Audis and 104 Jaguars.

If you're hoping to pick up a car for less than £1,000, then something has to give in terms of the condition and specification. Not surprisingly, the majority of these cars have been around the block a few thousand times. Half have more than 100,000 miles on the clock and just 95 have covered less than 35,000 miles.

Alex Buttle, director of car buying comparison website Motorway.co.uk, comments:

"When we looked into the £1,000 used car market, we were surprised by the sheer number of cheap cars for sale that were cool when bought new a few years back and are even cooler today.

If you can see past a few miles on the clock and the odd mechanical failure, you can pick up a little piece of auto history for less than the price of an iPhone X. Not only that, but it may last more than a year before needing an upgrade!"

Kim comments… "There are many interesting, enjoyable to drive and potentially reliable cars available for low asking prices, if you are not worried about not having the latest model. If you are prepared to check the vehicle VERY carefully, you could end up with a real bargain. HOWEVER, my advice is to closely check the history of the car, also to ensure that at the very least it is structurally solid and safe, with sound mechanical units too. If in doubt, have the vehicle checked by a mechanic or a truly knowledgeable friend before you buy. A low asking price doesn't necessarily mean a cheap car, especially if the one you buy is on its last legs!" (Guess

how I know?).