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Supercars, super clubs?

Stop saving now; car clubs can offer you performance and classic cars without the risk of financial meltdown

ANOTHER PRESTIGIOUS supercar club opened this month in London. The Segrave Club offers members more chance of using the best supercars than other clubs, by only offering the latest and best models; an Aston Martin DBS will soon be on its books. But a year's membership will cost you £21,000, and there are other clubs with cheaper prices.

All of the clubs offer a points system, so how much action you'll see will depend on what car you choose and when you use it.

Our favourite is the Classic Car Club; it has a limited supply of modern supercars, but does have a host of icons such as the E-type and a 1969 Mustang convertible.

But for the latest kit, the P1 Club has the widest range; it is more expensive, but it offers more time.

All the prices shown here are examples of the most expensive membership, giving you maximum time and mileage. But cheaper tariffs are available for all.

Enjoy a hairy Aston V8 without worrying about service bills

Take it or leave it... What and what not to buy

Take it… Suzuki Swift
One of the best-looking superminis around, the Suzuki makes a great used buy. The 1.6-litre Sport can now be found from £9k and the standard models are fetching as little as £5k. Residuals are stable, too.

Leave it… Toyota Auris
Already a common sight on most roads, the Auris is selling well. But it's not as good as many of its rivals, and residuals are proving average. More expensive models are losing as much as £2k over the first six months.

CAUGHT IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

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