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## ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CLASSIC CARS

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To discuss classic cars in detail, it is necessary to first understand what a classic car is.

So what do we refer to as a classic car?

It is widely accepted that a car that is above 25 years can be referred to as a classic. UK insurance companies use '20 years and over as the age for a car to be considered a classic.

Tax authorities in the UK government use 30 years as the cutline while the US authorities take the threshold to be around 15 years, though the car should be unmodified and pretty much in the form that it was manufactured.

It is important to note that the assessment of classic cars depends on the definite age of the vehicle and not the time of manufacture or when production ceased.

It is also possible for vehicles being produced currently to qualify as classics, but this is only for certain niches. It is therefore correct to say that though mostly it is accepted that a vehicle must be out of production for it to be a classic there are exceptions: a current car model can be what is referred to as a 'future classic.'

There are a number of classifications of old vehicles that often get people confused.

There are Antique, Vintage and Classic cars.

Let us take a look at each of these and what makes a vehicle qualify to be in any one of the classes:

- **Antique cars**

An antique car is mostly accepted as a car that is above 45 years old.

- **Classic cars**

This class overlaps with the antique class though for classic cars the age limit is not lower than 20 years and not above 40 years old.

Many, however, add that for a vehicle to qualify as a classic it should not have been manufactured before the year 1925.

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- **Vintage cars**

Vintage cars also overlap with antiques. For a car to qualify as a vintage, it is accepted by most that the vehicle should have been manufactured between 1919 and 1930 (some schools of thought however give the upper limit as 1925).