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The original Jurassic Park movie was famous for starring a fleet of Jeep Wrangler YJs, and some dinosaurs. This eye-catching JKU is one man's homage to those long-suffering old leafers – and it also happens to be his daily drive, off-road toy and future expedition truck, too...

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If you're into Land Rovers, it won't have escaped your notice that every spanner man in the country has hit on the idea of building a Spectre 110 lookalike. The originals, when they come up, sell for enormous sums, and even a rough copy is likely to get lots of love.

It's the same with Batmobiles, Bluesmobiles, Mad Max copies and so on. There's something about cars from the movies that makes everyone flock to them.

Take this Jeep Wrangler JK Unlimited, for instance. When Damien Gallivan first picked it up from PB Customs, the leading expert in Raptor paint finishes, the first thing he did was stop for fuel. By the time he came back out after paying for the stuff, four people were stood around it taking photos on their phones.

Yet back then, it happened almost by accident. 'I always wanted a Wrangler,' explains Damien. 'I bought this one two years ago, initially just to modify it and go off-road. I'm going to use it on green lanes, so I chose Raptor paint because of its robustness.'

You almost certainly know about Raptor by now. Made in Britain by U-Pol, it's a tough, textured spray-on protective coating of the sort that used to be used solely for truck bedliners. A few years ago, someone hit on the idea of doing a full-body treatment with it, then it proved to be tintable in any colour under the sun and now here