



Stars in small cars: celebrity Mini Cooper owners

The diminutive, distinctive Mini Cooper enjoys celebrity status in the automobile world.

The black leather interior of her new-style BMW Mini makes cockney singer Lily Allen “Smile” as she drives around her beloved London.

Minis are perfect for city living, their small proportions making it easier to find a parking spot. New Mum and former child star Charlotte Church has been a Mini owner for years and listed a Mini convertible amongst her heart’s desires when drawing up her 18th birthday present wish-list in 2004.

Over the pond, Hollywood stars are downsizing. The Mini’s fans Stateside include Jennifer Love-Hewitt, Goldie Hawn, Elijah Wood and Madonna. “I Know What You Did Last Summer” star Love-Hewitt can often be seen driving her Mini Cooper along Los Angeles’s boulevards, and perhaps the pint-sized Mini

appeals to the Hobbit in “Lord of the Rings” star Wood. The Material Girl could no doubt have her pick of the world’s cars, but she has a real soft spot for her Mini.

Did you know?

In the early 1960s, the Mini Cooper inspired the naming of Mary Quant’s most enduring fashion creation. Why? Quant said, “because neither is any longer than absolutely necessary”.

With stars all over the world shunning 4WDs and people carriers in preference for a more-environmentally friendly vehicle, the time is once again right to drive a Mini. Small but perfectly formed, it’s a true classic that finds new fans in every generation.

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