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Thirty years ago, a flamboyant entrepreneur named Ferruccio Lamborghini set out to build his own version of the perfect GT. The company he founded has since become synonymous with "exotic," thanks primarily to three raging bulls: the Miura, the Countach and the Diablo. Contributing Editor Peter Egan travels to Florida to study firsthand the evolution of the GT species in Legendary Lamborghinis. Also in this issue, the road test of Chrysler's much-awaited Neon.

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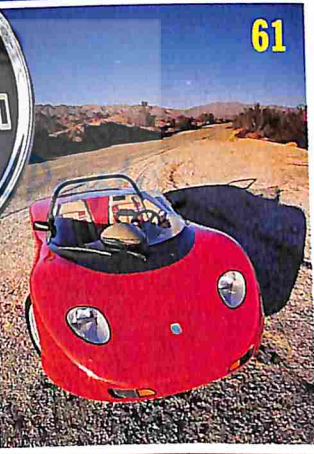
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*The Mighty
Miura S*



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