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# This week

We think tea with Jude Law would be a jolly good thing. He is well turned out and very polite and I am sure we would have a lovely time together, especially if he drove us home afterwards in a Lexus RX. Or even better let us borrow it for a bit. That seems to be the point of the recent adverts and it certainly worked for Free Car Mag.

We've gone even more film bonkers than usual in Issue 29. We thought let's take a look at the all action London has Fallen, then the tongue in violent cheek, Deadpool and finally some proper independent British thinking film goes fare, in the tall shape of High-Rise. We loved it and there is plenty for '70s car spotters to get excited about too.

Then there is the World Rally Championship, which is rather more exciting than Formula 1, so we looked at the M-Sport as they fight for this year's title. And then there are watches, a Free Car Mag constant craving. Pulsars, as we illustrate, are worn by the toppermost rally drivers and they are fantastic value too, a proper sportsman's chronograph. Indeed, they are so stylish, that the nice Jude Law ought to have one on his wrist.

However, you can have a Pulsar by simply signing up at [www.freecarmag.com](http://www.freecarmag.com) to receive your Free Car Mag and you will be entered into a draw to win a Pulsar PX5019X1 worth £130.00



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# Ben Stiller

Yes he is slightly in Zoolander mode, pictured here in Rome recently for the premiere of Zoolander 2 with his co-star, the Fiat 500X.

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## Not Tom Cruise

The Top Gun star did not drop by MCN's London Motorbike Show at Excel, it was look alike Evan Ferrante. Evan is working alongside TEAM REALRIDER® a motorcycle App, that keeps riders safe and connected. Its built-in crash detection technology, REALsafe®, acts as a wingman for solo bikers, connecting them to the nearest ambulance service within minutes of a crash.

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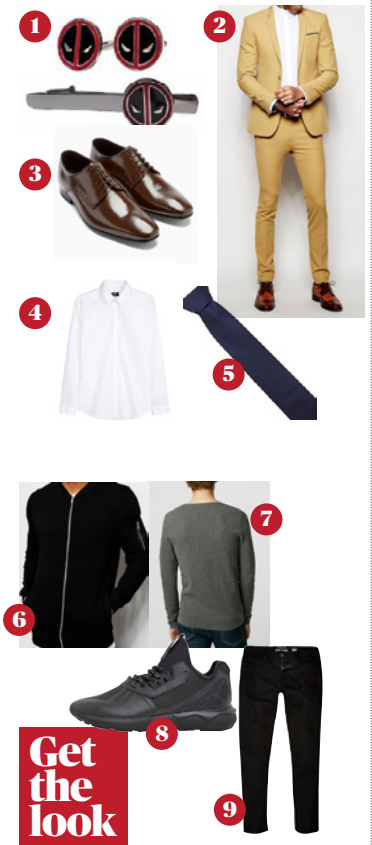
## Samantha Maria

Mitsubishi Motors made sure celebrities arrived in style for a top designers Amanda Wakeley's 2016 show at London Fashion Week. The UK's fastest-growing car brand for the past three years provided a collection of Outlander Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEVs) to chauffeur the stars including high profile blogger Samantha Maria. [samanthamariaofficial.com](http://samanthamariaofficial.com)



## Ryan Reynolds & Ed Skerlin

Pictured at the Deadpool premiere (Getty Images) we think you should get their look. Also see our Deadpool feature on page 13.



Get  
the  
look

- RYAN REYNOLDS**
- 1 Deadpool Tie Clip & Cuff Links, £44.29 [Amazon](#)
  - 2 Camel suit, £60.00 [ASOS](#)
  - 3 Brown shoes £50 [Next](#)
  - 4 Shirt, £9.99 [H&M](#)
  - 5 Tie £8.00 [Debenhams](#)

- ED SKERIN**
- 1 Black Bomber Jacket £24 [ASOS](#)
  - 2 Grey wool jumper £55 [Topman](#)
  - 3 Skinny eans £30 [River Island](#)
  - 4 Trainers £54.99 [M and M Direct](#)

**Jude Law**

# Lust for life

The actor lets us experience what luxury is all about with a little help from the Lexus RX



In case you haven't seen it, the TV ad depicts a hotel valet who is given the keys to Jude Law's sharply styled RX and takes the car on an extraordinary and fast-paced journey. Filmed from a first-person perspective, it catapults the audience into an exciting and luxurious new world. When the wayward valet returns, Law emerges to retrieve the keys and get into his Lexus. He immediately senses something is not quite right and, with a knowing look, drives off into the distance, leaving the valet behind with the memory of having experienced The Life RX for just a short while.

"I love driving and the escapism that comes with it," said Law. "The concept of The Life RX is such an interesting one, as it's true that the right car can give you the keys to an extraordinary experience. The team at Lexus envisioned bringing something to life that was immersive and included everyone on the journey, and this was something I was keen to explore."

That is something that Law acted out for real when one hundred guests moved through a sequence of 14 scenes presented at the Tom Dixon-designed Mondrian Hotel on London's South Bank. Within a secret underground bank vault, each became a star in their own personalised show. Part of a theatrical interpretation of The Life RX – a multi-sensory world of luxury, excitement and thrills.

Jude Law said: "Immersive theatre is a medium that has interested me for a while now. This is an experience where the audience is in the driving seat for a journey into an incredibly magical world. I had a lot of fun and hope everyone who came enjoyed it as much as we did creating it."

The Life RX ad is now available to view at [www.youtube.com/LexusUK](http://www.youtube.com/LexusUK). **A behind-the-scenes-video, giving an insight into how the ad was made, can be seen at [www.youtube.com/LexusUK](http://www.youtube.com/LexusUK).**



**Lexus RX**

# RXTRA SPECIAL

A luxury SUV you say? Lexus make the best of the best, here's why...



## ***RX on the Road***

Lexus Hybrid Drive of the RX 450h intelligently combines a 3.5-litre V6 petrol engine with two electric motors, delivering seamless power to all four wheels. Thanks to the instantaneous power of the electric motors, you can accelerate to 62 mph in 7.7 seconds, while emitting just 120 g/km of CO2. Alternatively, use Electric Vehicle mode to drive in near silence, using no petrol and producing zero CO2 or NOX. The RX 450h's hybrid battery never needs charging and occupies minimum room, so there is generous luggage space.



## ***RX Lights***

At the front sophisticated L-shaped headlights use the same LED light source for both high and low beam. The Daytime Running Lights have integrated sequential indicators. At the rear powerful L-shaped LEDs create crystal-like linear illumination from the rear corners of the RX to the centre of the tailgate.





### ***RX inside***

Inspired by the Lexus LFA supercar, a beautifully crafted 3-spoke steering wheel in a leather / wood design features finger rests and a cross-section optimised to fit comfortably in your hands. Integrated switches control – where specified – audio, telephone, multi information display, Adaptive Cruise Control and Lane Keeping Assist. The centre console gets your attention with optional wooden trim that is laser etched by Yamaha's piano division, creating an intriguing lined pattern. Rear passengers have ample legroom in sumptuous leather seats while enjoying the optional 15-speaker Mark Levinson® audio.



### ***RX Safety***

Lexus Safety System + is standard equipment. This includes a Pre-Crash System with pedestrian detection; Lane Keeping Assist to help you stay on course; Automatic High Beam for enhanced vision at night; and Adaptive Cruise Control, which regulates your speed to that of the vehicle in front.

### ***RX 450h SE*** from £46,995

Lexus Safety System Plus (ACC/PCS, LDA, LKA, TSR)  
Leather upholstery with 8-way D&P electrically adjustable heated front seats  
8" Multi-information display in centre instrument panel  
9 Speaker/ICD, Lexus Media Display, DAB, Rotary Remote Touch Controller  
18" alloy wheels 5-spoke: tyre size 235/60 R18 103V  
LED headlights with AHB

### ***RX450h Luxury*** from £49,995

Front and rear armrest with 2 cup holders and storage  
12.3" Multi-information display in centre instrument panel  
Wireless smartphone charger  
20" alloy wheels  
L-shaped LED headlights with AHB  
Side mirrors; electrically adjustable, heated, auto folding, electro chromatic (auto-dimming) with memory  
Roof Rail

### ***RX 450h F Sport*** £52,995

AVS (Adaptive Variable Suspension)  
Rear door sun shades  
F SPORT interior styling (unique front seats, black headlining)  
LED Low Speed Front Cornering Lights  
F SPORT exterior styling (unique front bumper & black mirror covers)

### ***RX 450h Premier*** £57,995

AVS (Adaptive Variable Suspension)  
Blind Spot Monitor (BSM) with Rear Cross Traffic Alert (RCTA)  
Semi-Aniline heated & ventilated Leather seats w/ 4 way lumbar, memory and 10 way adjust  
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# A BIGGER SPLASH

Deadpool shot to the top of the UK box office on its opening weekend.



Taking more than £13.7M, making it the best debut ever for a UK February release, beating the record previously held by Fifty Shades of Grey.

Released on 10th February 2016 and based upon Marvel Comics' most unconventional anti-hero, DEADPOOL tells the origin story of former Special Forces operative turned mercenary Wade Wilson (Ryan Reynolds) who after being subjected to a rogue experiment that leaves him with accelerated healing powers, adopts the alter ego Deadpool. Armed with his new abilities and a dark, twisted sense of humor, Deadpool hunts down the man who nearly destroyed his life.

Ed Skrein, out of Game of Thrones, is in it too and he's been on the cover of Free Car Mag 16, so it must be good.

We spotted an artfully placed Chevrolet Suburban, but essentially there is a ton of explosions, gunfire and casual violence. So quite a good night at the flicks then.

**Watch the Trailer Here:** <https://youtu.be/9vN6DHB6bJc>





# CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

It's rather more than leaves on the line, as Gerard Butler saves London from disaster, with a Land Rover in London has Fallen.

So after the death of the British prime minister, the world's most powerful leaders gather in London to pay their respects. Without warning, terrorists unleash a devastating attack that leaves the city in chaos and ruins. Secret Service agent Mike Banning (Gerard Butler) springs into action to bring U.S. President Benjamin Asher (Aaron Eckhart) to safety. When Asher falls into the hands of the sinister organization, it's up to Banning to save his commander in chief from a horrible fate.

Lots of explosions ensue, and plenty of world heritage sites and landmarks are sent back to the stone age, but that is just the way we love our action pics.

**Watch the trailer here:** <https://youtu.be/q9y3z-lx-ZE>



# End of the road for rubbish first cars



With annual premiums hitting four figures, younger people's dreams of a new car are being shattered by prohibitive prices, triggered by the poor driving record of some of their peers.

It's a reality check that may mean their only option is to settle for the cheapest used cars on the market, which can be unreliable and low on safety features.

Toyota's solution is to offer a new Aygo with one year's free cover from Toyota Motor Insurance on new cars financed through Access Toyota\*. Toyota calculates this could mean significant savings for 18 to 20-year-old motorists. It's not just young people who can benefit though; the offer is open to drivers 18 and older who have held a full driving licence for more than a year.

Eligible drivers take advantage of the offer on their choice of model\*, adding any of Aygo's cool customisation features to create a truly individual set of wheels.

For those aged between 18 and 24, the Toyota dealer will fit the car with a "black box" device which will capture data on driving behaviour. This information will help demonstrate that they are responsible drivers, and help them secure lower premiums when the free policy comes to an end.

Andrew Cullis, Marketing Director for Toyota (GB) PLC said: "A generation of new drivers is at risk of being priced out of the market, or being forced to settle for the oldest and least reliable vehicles, just to keep costs manageable. We want to provide an affordable way of enjoying all the freedom and fun that driving a brand new car can offer, while encouraging the kind of good driving that will earn lower insurance bills in the future.

"Aygo is a fantastic first car, offering great style, easy-to-drive performance, excellent safety and low day-to-day running costs. Now with the added benefit of a year's free insurance, it's a perfect choice for those starting out as drivers."

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## QUOTES OF THE WEEK

### 'Significant risk'

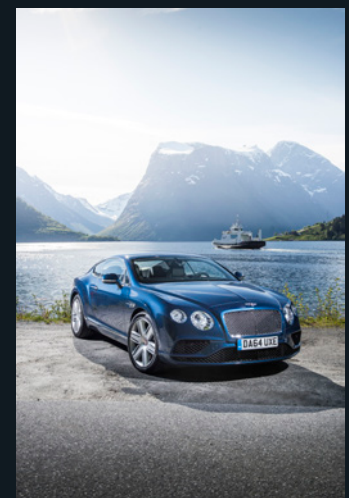
BOMB SQUAD OFFICERS WERE CALLED WHEN MORE THAN 100 SUSPECTED COUNTERFEIT AIRBAGS OF VARIOUS MAKES WERE FOUND AT AN ADDRESS IN POOLE.

### '\$1.2M or near offer'

CLASSIFIED ADVERT FOR PRESIDENT VLADIMIR PUTIN'S ZIL.

### '28 Days and fined £670'

ACTOR AND COMEDIAN STEVE COOGAN HAS BEEN BANNED FROM THE ROAD FOR DRIVING AT ALMOST DOUBLE THE SPEED LIMIT, 54MPH IN A 30MPH ZONE.



### '£13m contract'

LEICESTER STRIKER JAMIE VARDY CELEBRATES HIS NEW £13M CONTRACT AND BUYS A £168,000 BENTLEY CONTINENTAL.

# VOLVO C30 vs MERCEDES CLC

Hatchbacks don't have to be boring little shoppers, they can be prestige holdalls with a nice badge.

## WHY BUY?

Neither model is a current anymore, but that does not make them any less desirable. The Volvo is still the cool Scandinavian that looks sophisticated and modern. By contrast the Mercedes is a tad more brash but it is highly desirable for the simple fact that it is a Merc. And why not?

## WHICH MODELS?

The C30 was revamped in 2007 and was available in well-equipped S, SE, Sports and Lux trim. There are lots of diesel and petrol engines to choose from. Before the CLC was the C Class Sports Coupe. This revised model from 2008 was a far better model with lots of new parts.

## ARE THEY RELIABLE?

The Warranty Direct stats are very revealing indeed. The Volvo spreads its faults around with the electrics being the weak spot. On the whole though it is very reliable. The Mercedes has only two weak areas, the major one being the axle and suspension, but the repair costs are lower.

## HOW MUCH DO THEY COST?

Volvos are good value and can start at just under £3000 rising to just under £12,000 for a 2012 model. The Mercedes can cost below £5000. Better to spend £6000 for a tidy 200 CDI that has not done too many miles up to £11,000 for a 2011 example.

**VOLVO C30**

- Average Repair Cost: £318.45
- Engine failure rate: 17.78%
- Axle/Suspension failure rate: 20%
- Electrical failure rate: 24.44%

Warranty Direct Rating: ABOVE AVERAGE

**MERCEDES CLC**

- Average Repair Cost: £202.24
- Electrical failure rate: 20%
- Axle/Suspension failure rate: 80%
- Electrical failure rate: 20%

Warranty Direct Rating: GOOD

## SUM UP

The Mercedes is more of a coupe, but it is classy and reliable. The Volvo still looks different and is an upmarket hatch.

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# SUZUKI SWIFT SZ-L

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# TRUE GRIT

M-Sport's assault on the World Rally Championship.

Established by ex-factory team driver Malcolm Wilson, M-Sport was selected to run Ford's World Rally Championship programme in 1997, and achieved considerable success over the next 14 years, including two manufacturers' titles in 2006 and 2007.

Apart from its own team, M-Sport also runs cars for private teams and individuals, which is why Fiesta RS world rally cars are such a common sight on entry lists.

M-Sport World Rally Team is a mix of proven speed and raw talent as Mads Østberg and Eric Camilli take to the EcoBoost-powered Ford Fiesta RS WRCs 2016 FIA World Rally Championship (WRC).

As a proven podium contender on all loose-surface events, Østberg's consistent speed will see the team challenge for podiums and potential wins throughout the season.

With one victory and 14 podiums to his name, the Norwegian is a proven performer and delivered a breakthrough performance when he first took to the wheel of the Fiesta RS WRC in 2011.

Securing fourth place in this year's drivers' championship, Østberg has lost none of his speed and the team are convinced that more wins are well

within reach.

Camilli will be given a chance at the WRC's top flight – competing behind the wheel of the top-specification Fiesta RS WRC.

The Frenchman piloted a Ford Fiesta R5 in this year's WRC 2 category and instantly impressed with his natural flair and talent behind the wheel.

He may have only contested 10 WRC events to date, but M-Sport has a reputation for fostering new talent and are highly motivated by the potential he has to offer.

Despite his limited experience, the team believe that Camilli has the makings of a future world champion and aim to nurture his talents throughout 2016 and beyond.

This season Østberg managed a 4th in the Rallye Monte Carlo and a 3rd in the Swedish Rallye. The next stop is Mexico and the results can only get better.

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#### Preview

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# PULSAR WATCHES

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**B**efore we take a closer look at their Pulsar watches, here's what they have to say about the new season.

### MADS ØSTBERG

"Loose-surface rallies are my favourite, and we saw this year that the new Fiesta can be very competitive on gravel. Our first aim will be to get up to speed and challenge for strong results. Sweden is obviously a real highlight for me – and one that I will be targeting – but I think we can also be very competitive on a lot of events that follow.

"I've changed my driving style over the past two years so it will be interesting to see how that works with the Fiesta and whether or not I'll have to go back to my previous style. It's difficult to say how quickly we will be able to adapt, but I remember the Fiesta being really easy to drive. We always had good set-ups and good speed so it shouldn't be too much of a drama.

"I feel as though my driving has progressed a lot recently, and the plan is to continue that progression next year. I want to make another improvement in speed, challenge for more podiums and I think wins could also be a possibility. I want to get faster, and I think I can do that without sacrificing the consistency."

### ERIC CAMILLI

"This is an amazing opportunity for me and I am extremely proud to join the M-Sport team in 2016. I can't wait to get started. We'll have our first test this week and I'm really looking forward to getting to know the team and the car.

"I have only contested a few WRC events so I recognise that I am extremely lucky to have been given this opportunity. Malcolm is such a big part of the WRC so his confidence and faith in me really does mean a lot; it's very special.

"I want to do the best job that I can, but I know that I can't put too much pressure on myself at the beginning. I am very motivated, but I know that every driver has to start somewhere and that I will require time to be competitive at the highest level.

"This really is a fantastic opportunity and I want to say a huge thank you to Malcolm and the entire M-Sport team. Everyone has been so welcoming and I want to do them proud as I develop my skills as a manufacturer driver."

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6nxQBxsvTOQ&feature=em-share\\_video\\_user](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6nxQBxsvTOQ&feature=em-share_video_user)





# WRC PULSAR

PX5019X1 £145.00

Here is a fantastic men's sports watch from the World Rally Championship Pulsar collection. With a stainless steel case and bracelet, chronograph, black dial, date window, seconds hand, two-folded clasp with quick button release and 100m water resistance. Since 2009, Pulsar has provided the drivers and mechanics of the M-Sport World Rally team with the chronographs they need in their demanding roles on the road and each rally stage interval. The 2015 chronograph is built to meet these needs, but also to do so in style. This solar, 10 bar water resistant time piece with black chronograph dial features blue highlights, a steel case and bracelet. Designed for strength and reliability. Like all the chronographs in the Pulsar collection, it is tough, stylish and built to last. Like the M-Sport World Rally Team, it aims to win.

[pulsarwatches-europe.com](http://pulsarwatches-europe.com)



## ELTON JOHN'S MASERATI

A very special 2005 Maserati Quattroporte V, first owned by Sir Elton John, will be going under the hammer at Classic Car Auctions' (CCA) March Sale, taking place on Saturday 19th March at the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre, Leamington Spa. Estimated at between £15,000 and £17,000, and has Sir Elton's name on the V5 certificate, a mere 28,000 miles on the clock, a fresh service and with an MoT until January 2017.

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## THE FOREST

Starring Natalie Dormer and Tyler Kinney, supernatural horror. Set in the legendary Aokigahara Forest, THE FOREST tells the story of Sara (Natalie Dormer), who travels from the United States to Japan in search of her twin sister Jess, who has mysteriously disappeared. Despite warnings not to leave the path, Sara enters the forest determined to discover the truth about her sister's fate...

**In Cinemas Now.**





# TALL STORY

High altitude living has never looked better, or more disturbing in the brilliant film, High-Rise.



It's 1975. Two miles west of London, Dr. Robert Laing, Tom Hiddleston, moves into his new apartment seeking soulless anonymity, only to find that the building's residents have no intention of leaving him alone.

Being Free Car Mag, we rather adore the 1970s setting and vehicles. Indeed, the film poster we have been featuring in the Mag has a lovely Triumph Stag in it. The roof top car park though presents our inner motoring geek with a few issues. Namely that the registration number on the Stag is an X which puts it in the '80s and instead of double headlamps there are singles. Oh, and there seems to be a Ford Escort XR3i in shot. None of that matters of course because this is a spectacularly arresting film.

Directed by Ben Wheatley and written by Amy Jump (Kill List, Sightseers, A Field In England), High-Rise is an adaptation of J.G.

Ballard's 1975 novel. The film centres around Robert Laing, a young doctor played by Tom Hiddleston who is seduced by a residential tower block and its visionary creator (Jeremy Irons), who has designed the building as a luxurious world apart from the problems of the city it stands in. But when discord sets in among the residents and they split into tribal factions, Laing finds himself in the middle of the mounting violence.

There are plenty of top actors to enjoy, just take a look at this brilliant line up and the twisted grotesques that they are playing. Charlotte (Sienna Miller)... Seductive, professional, single mother, who lives upstairs. Wilder (Luke Evans)... A failing documentary filmmaker and sexual predator. Helen (Elisabeth Moss)... Wilder's heavily pregnant, long-suffering wife. Pangbourne (James Purefoy)... A scheming gynecologist with cold hands. Ann (Keeley Hawes)... The architect's indifferent, aristocratic, trophy wife. Cosgrove (Peter Ferdinando)... A television newsreader and enthusiastic troublemaker. Jane (Sienna Guillory)... A glamorous television actress. Steele (Reece Shearsmith)... Laing's sadomasochistic nosy neighbour.

Not only that, there is music by Portishead. It's worth going to see the film to hear their brilliantly doomy take on ABBA's SOS.

**Watch the Hi-Rise trailer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LYmY2tBYins>**



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That's right there's a film with not just Batman in it, but Superman too, how cool is that? So cool we have decided to cover what has to be the screen event of the decade in Free Car Mag. That gives us a great excuse to look at possible Batman cars and ones for Superman too. I mean he has to take a rest from flying sometimes. See you in Gotham/Metropolis...



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