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This week

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We've got Zlatan Ibrahimović on the cover for one very good reason, he's everywhere. Manchester United would like him to be all over the pitch, but the season is still at an early stage. Zlatan is a 21st century Eric Cantona and that's why we like him. He's a brilliant combination of supreme confidence and skill, plus he looks right at home in the new Volvo 90.

What a lovely looking vehicle the new 90 is, which is why we spend some time explaining why it is so special. Indeed, it is shaping up to be as much of an icon as the classics. That's why we have a double page of classic Volvo wonder.

Then there is the Honda Civic which is a jolly important car, not just for the company, but also Britain where it will be made. It is the family car that is right at home in the UK and we take a sneak peek at the new improved model before it officially goes on sale.

And finally, Free Car Mag seems to be 40, yes unbelievably we have made it to Issue four, zero. Apparently, life begins at that ripe old age, yet we feel as though we're only just getting started. Free Car Mag are very grateful that you continue to read us and a big thank you to our sponsors motoreasy and Zlatan for parking a Volvo on the cover.

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London Fashion Week

Land Rover UK partnered with Storm Models by providing its most luxurious model, the Range Rover, as official transport for the modelling agency for London Fashion Week. An impressive sight in the Capital.



SPOTTED
OUT AND
ABOUT

Rihanna

The inaugural FENTY PUMA by Rihanna apparel, footwear and accessories collection was launched in New York. Apparently Rihanna drew inspiration from contemporary Japanese street culture and tradition for her debut collection with PUMA. Mixing cultural influences with gothic overtones and exaggerated volumes and proportions, the fashion icon challenged the traditional male and female silhouettes and blurred the lines between genders that are often times too rigid for her fashion tastes.



Jude Murray

"Tennis on the Road is about inspiring and supporting parents, teachers, volunteers and coaches to increase participation and grow tennis in their local areas using whatever space they have. You don't need a tennis court to get kids started!"
"Being able to attend the sessions at the various schools and tennis clubs is really important to me and having the PEUGEOT 508 will get me, and all my equipment, to as many of these as possible."



Get the look

Emma Stone

The actress attends a photocall for 'La La Land' during the 73rd Venice Film Festival. She won the best actress award too. We think she looks lovely stepping out of a Jaguar F-Pace, so how could we possibly get that look? (Photo by Annalisa Flori/Getty Images).

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PLANET ZLATAN



The legend has landed in Manchester and we will be seeing a lot of footballing legend Zlatan Ibrahimovic over the coming years.

ZLATAN DOES VOLVO

Ibrahimović has been a crucial part of Volvo Cars' new V90 campaign. More details about the brilliant new estate car in the following pages.

The campaign shows the former Paris Saint-Germain striker, a long-time Volvo driver and fan, looking back at his rise from humble beginnings in one of Sweden's toughest neighbourhoods in Malmö to international sporting stardom.

"I've seen the new cars, I've driven and tested them, and I think they're fantastic. Just like me, Volvo have gone their own way and dared to think differently," said Ibrahimović.

The V90 campaign has been live on UK social

media, digital and video on demand platforms for months, and the TV advertisements are wonderfully cinematic. That is not surprising as it features a new and unique score by Hans Zimmer, the world-renowned and Academy Award-winning composer behind the scores of films such as *Gladiator*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *Inception* and *Interstellar*.

"I've always been a fan of Swedish icons such as Abba and Zlatan, so doing this project with Volvo Cars and Zlatan made me experience the best of Sweden. Working together has been truly rewarding," said Zimmer.



ZLATAN DOES TYRES

We would buy a Zlatan High Performance Radial like a shot. For the time being though Apollo Tyres and Manchester United Football Club, announced a global sponsorship agreement for the next three years. Apollo Tyres are now the official 'Global Tyre Partner' for the world's leading football club. Here is Ibrahimović pictured with his teammate Wayne Rooney.



ZLATAN DOES CLOTHES

A-Z is short for "amateur to Zlatan" and aims to show the brand's commitment to enabling athletes to reach the top through hard work and endurance. A-Z is a collaboration between Swedish football genius Zlatan and Petter Varner, head of the Norwegian clothing giant Varner. A-Z's mission is to make getting active accessible to everyone.

"What I went through. All the hard work. Feeling different, from where I came. There wasn't a lot of opportunities," said Ibrahimović. "But I took my opportunity. I trained harder than everybody else. This is my way of giving back to all the people out there. This is the people's brand. I am the people's man"

A-Z is dedicated to the idea that you don't need to save up for fancy equipment before you can work out, you just need the basics. And the grit. It's simple, durable sportswear that gets out of the way and lets you work. It's about getting you from A to Z, no matter the gear, and the only one who can do that is you.

In celebration of A-Z's launch, Ibrahimović has released a short film titled Inner Voice, which provides a closer look at the brand's spirit—one that encourages hard work, determination, and resilience.

Volvo S90 and V90



WE LOVE THE 90s

Never mind The Spice Girls and the World Wide Web, we celebrate the return of Volvo's premium saloon and estate car, which sets new standards for style, comfort, safety and technology.

MOMENTUM

Both the saloon S90 and estate V90 are luxuriously equipped. The entry-level Momentum cars come with leather upholstery, LED headlights with active high beam, two-zone climate control with 'CleanZone' air-filtration system, keyless engine starting and heated front seats. The S90 gets a powered bootlid, too, while the V90 benefits from a powered tailgate. Both models will initially be available with a choice of two 2.0-litre, four-cylinder diesel engines – the tax-efficient D4 and the powerful and refined D5 PowerPulse – and in two trim levels, Momentum and Inscription.

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PILOT ASSIST

Volvo's innovative semi-autonomous drive feature, is standard on every S90 and V90. It automatically keeps you at a set speed or distance from the vehicle in front, braking and accelerating with the flow of traffic, and gives gentle steering inputs to keep the car within lane markings at motorway speeds up to 80 mph. Unlike previous versions of the system, it no longer needs to follow another car. Pilot Assist is another step towards fully autonomous driving.

INSCRIPTION

Nappa soft leather upholstery, powered front seats, a 12.3" active TFT driver's information display (Momentum cars get an 8" version),

18" diamond-cut/silver alloy wheels, keyless entry and handsfree boot/tailgate opening and closing. Additional premium touches include walnut interior inlays, rear footwell and side step illumination, and chrome exterior details.

XENIUM

The optional package is available across the range and adds a powered tilt and slide glass sunroof (panoramic in the V90), a parking camera system with 360° surround view, and Park Assist Pilot, which includes automatic parallel and 90° parking.

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R-DESIGN

Sporting a new front-end design with spoiler-integrated foglights, the R-Design models come with a unique grille and piano black trim on both the front and rear. A new five-spoke matt black diamond-cut wheel adds to the performance feel.

A wide range of styling cues are included on the inside – from unique deco trim, pedals and mats, to the sporty contour seats and special steering wheel, including a high-level interior illumination package.



V90 CROSS COUNTRY

The higher riding, just as practical and even tougher version of the V90 which completes the model line up.



CITY SAFETY

This system is fitted to every S90 and V90. This includes automatic emergency braking with pedestrian and cyclist detection, and the world-first application of large-animal detection. This feature helps to avoid or limit the severity of collisions with large animals such as deer or horses both at night and during the day.



ESTATE OF THE NATION

Generations of British families, antique dealers and dogs owe a debt of gratitude to Volvo's brilliant load luggers.

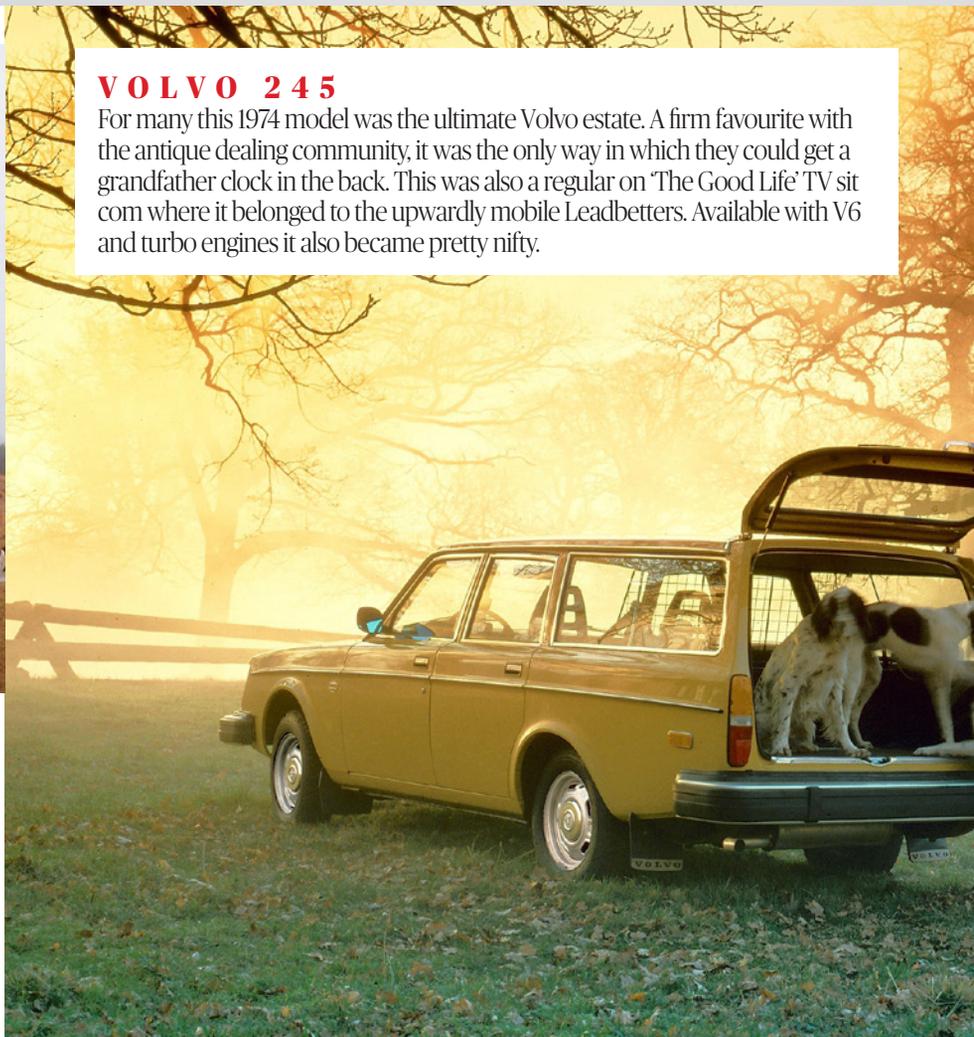


VOLVO 1800

The very pretty P1800 coupe, best known for its starring role in TV Series 'The Saint', became even more handsome in 1971. That's when the wonderful 1800ES was announced with its delicate glass tailgate. The ES had an impressive list of safety features including side impact bars in the doors, a fire resistant interior and impact absorbing bumpers. A stylish way to pick up your groceries in the '70s.

VOLVO 245

For many this 1974 model was the ultimate Volvo estate. A firm favourite with the antique dealing community, it was the only way in which they could get a grandfather clock in the back. This was also a regular on 'The Good Life' TV sitcom where it belonged to the upwardly mobile Leadbetters. Available with V6 and turbo engines it also became pretty nifty.





VOLVO AMAZON

The Volvo 120 was the Amazonian that we first took to our hearts. The name Amazon stuck although Volvo had to stop using the name because it had been registered by a motorcycle maker. It was tough as old boots and managed to combine that with cool Scandinavian charm. A solid and sensible car the estate version arrived in 1962 and was a true people carrier. Arguably the most lovable Volvo ever built.

VOLVO 850 R

A new generation of Volvo the estate version arrived in 1993. It wasn't just big, it was safe too, being the first car in the world to be offered with side-impact airbags. The 850 did not hang about either with the introduction of turbo engines to produce the phenomenally quick T5 and 850R. Indeed, to Volvo's eternal credit they entered an 850R estate into the British Touring Car Championship.



VOLVO 960

A new large Volvo estate to replace the old 760 arrived in 1990. The 960 was at least 200 times better than the old model and powered by a new six-cylinder engine. As was the norm with Volvo it came with a raft of safety features. These included, three-point inertia-reel seat belts and an adjustable head restraint in the middle of the rear seat, all world firsts.

HIGH JINKS

Proving how versatile the New Discovery seats are, by skydiving...



World-renowned British adventurer and well-known Land Rover owner Bear Grylls took to the skies to put the New Discovery's Intelligent Seat Fold technology to the ultimate test. The system allows Discovery owners to configure their vehicle seating through the InControl Remote app on their smartphone from anywhere in the world - even in mid-air.

Having jumped from a plane with six members of the Royal Navy Parachute Display Team and freefalling at 125mph, Bear was able to change the vehicle's seating layout at the touch of a button on his smartphone before he had to deploy his parachute.

Once on the ground all the skydivers were able to jump into a camouflaged prototype of the New Discovery, which comfortably seats seven full-sized adults.

The world-first Intelligent Seat Fold technology allows the two rear rows of seats to be fully reconfigured in as little as 14 seconds via the InControl Remote app downloaded on any iOS or Android operating system.

Bear Grylls said: "Land Rover is proving why the New Discovery is the ultimate family SUV. The fact that they have created this world-first Intelligent Seat Fold technology is impressive in itself and for the remote function to work while we are freefalling from a plane is pretty cool!"

"I'm not sure many people will be using it in such a manner but the technology to operate the car remotely in this way will undoubtedly be a real winner for busy families who want to be prepared."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZzN4pZpO-a8>



Plane Crazy

The best way to prove that your 4 x 4 is seriously quick is to pitch it against a plane.

Two ingredients needed to stand out from other high performance 4 x 4s is a race track and a worthy rival.

Jeep has displayed the raw power and speed of its 6.4L V8 HEMI engined Grand Cherokee SRT by becoming the first 4x4 vehicle to race a plane around a track – and winning.

The Jeep vs plane challenge was inspired by the origins of the HEMI engine which was first developed for the Republic P-47 Thunderbolt fighter aircraft, and is now, in its latest form, housed under the bonnet of the Grand Cherokee SRT.

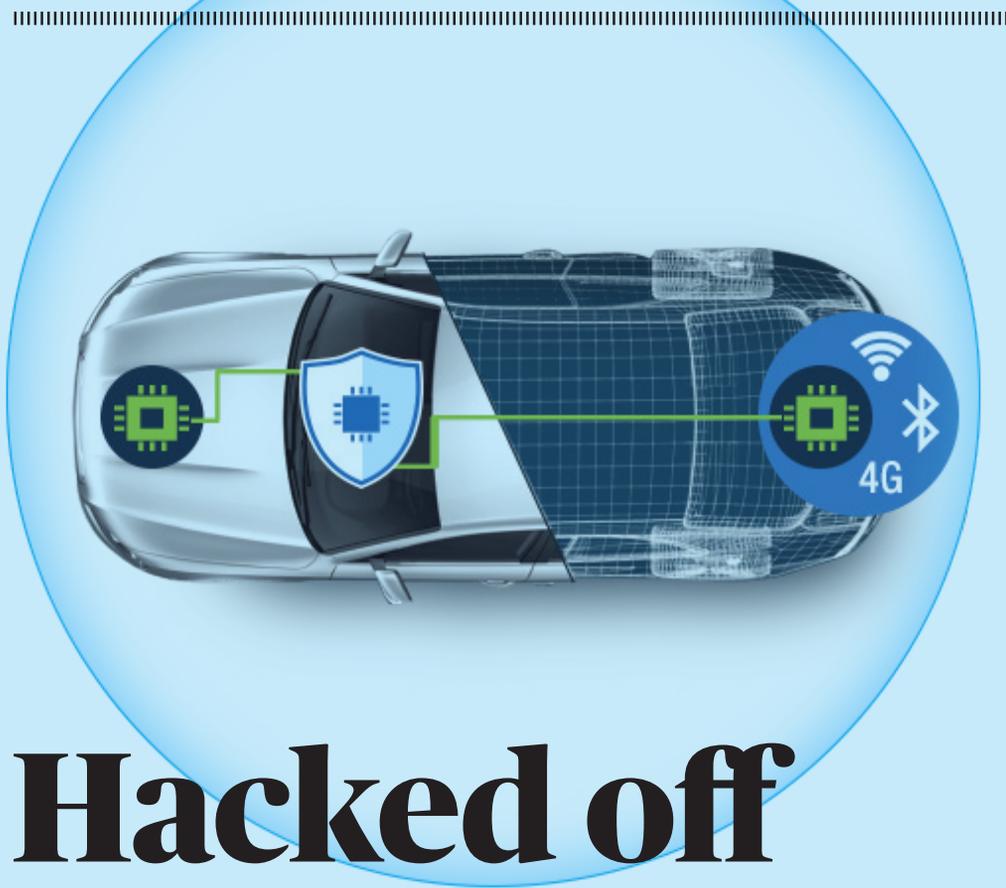
Blyton Park Driving Centre, Lincolnshire, hosted the head-to-head around its 1.8 mile circuit and saw both car and plane reach speeds in excess of 140 mph. While the Grand Cherokee SRT tackled the race track, the Silence SA1100 Twister plane navigated around seven-metre high pylons, as they both attempted to reach the chequered flag first.

Capable of reaching 0-62mph in less than five seconds, the 6.4L V8 HEMI powered Grand Cherokee SRT delivers a massive 461hp, and is packed full of high-performance technologies including launch control, Selec-Trac transmission and air-cooled 6 piston Brembo brake callipers which have a stopping distance of 116ft from 60-0mph.

The Grand Cherokee SRT was driven by Ed Morris – the youngest ever British driver to compete at Le Mans 24 hour, while the Silence SA1100 Twister plane was flown by Peter Wells, a specialist aerobatic pilot with over 25 years of flying experience.

Starting price for Grand Cherokee SRT: £66,865 OTR
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Hacked off

Cyber Security is now a really big issue in your car and has huge implications for our road safety. At least Harman are now doing something about it.

Automotive electronics giant HARMAN is pioneering the new field of automotive cyber security, as the prospect of cyber-attacks on vehicles becomes an increasingly serious one. More and more customers want or even demand a 'connected car' and, in theory at least, any form of wireless link – even via a separate mobile phone or tablet – could provide the conduit that hackers need to access the main vehicle systems like brakes or engine.

There seems to be a unique brand of fear associated with the idea of car hacking. One minute you're driving down the road, the next someone remotely hijacks your car. Brakes jammed on in the middle of the motorway; headlights disabled in the dead of night; stereo suddenly playing Justin Bieber. None of it bears thinking about.

HARMAN has devised a specially-developed 5+1 security framework which consists of a series of layers that protects the 'connected car' systems from being compromised and used to access safety critical systems such as brakes, stability control or even lighting.

At the deepest level, security keys are stored in hardware, and inaccessible to hackers. Safety-critical functions like brakes are isolated from potential areas of access using a system known as a hypervisor.

The next level monitors and controls access to the

memory, storage and peripherals. If, for instance, your CD player suddenly wants to control the brakes, it's a good indication that something is wrong and the security framework can step in.

After that the sandbox function simply keeps newly downloaded apps separate from the main system so they can easily be removed if they're malicious.

The fifth level is network protection. This controls everything coming into and leaving the car and continuously checks for any signs of hacking.

ECUSHIELD continuously monitors the vehicles main control unit to provide real-time detection of malicious communications and prevents them from reaching the vehicle's critical systems.

TCUSHIELD integrates with existing vehicle entertainment and information systems and uses highly advanced algorithms to protect both internal and external networks. This level has the ability to spot patterns and uncover a threat, even if the threat is attempting to disguise itself as a legitimate function such as a software update.

The final '+1' level is the ability to install over-the-air (OTA) updates to various systems within the car. By keeping the software up to date, it helps to ensure that the car is protected from the latest attack methods.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

“What is the point of these driverless cars? There's already enough cars on the roads with people in them.”

Tarmac Adam from Birmingham writing to Viz.



‘I wasn't trying to time travel’

Insists DeLorean driver Nigel Mills clocked by police at 88mph. Case dismissed.

‘Less trustworthy than bankers and estate agents’

Used car dealers are considered the least trusted major industry in Britain with just 7% of consumers claiming to trust them.

‘I'm essentially being fined £110 a day for parking on my own driveway.’

Residents in Surbiton Surrey fined £110-a-day for parking on their own driveways as permit holder only spaces and parking bay enforcement rules are changed.

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TOP 5 USED

VOLVOS

Reliable, safe, practical but not very exciting until we discovered that there was more to Volvos than Labradors and green wellies. Volvos can be stylish, exciting and also great value used buys.



VOLVO C30

Has style aplenty both inside and out. Maybe though it is a teeny bit too small with a less than adequate boot and not nearly enough legroom for the two rear seat passengers. Makes a change from a boring old VW Golf. Large number of recalls means a full service history is essential to check that everything has been 'done'.



VOLVO S60

Broke the old dull, brick shaped mould and it is a fine executive saloon especially with diesel power. Quick, frugal and refined the engines allow the S60 to soak up long journeys without any fuss. Niggly faults can spoil the enjoyment as the electrics including the central locking and cruise control can go on the blink.



VOLVO S80

For those who want lots of equipment and a comfortable way to cover long distances this is the perfect vehicle. The S80 is very well put together with excellent fit and finish, plus a generally good reliability record. Volvo badge does not help values and depreciation is massive. Needs looking after otherwise steering and electrical issues become serious.



VOLVO V70

As you would expect there is masses of room in the load area and it also has lots of nets and hooks and straps to keep everything in place. A waste bin and an umbrella holder are neat and useful touches whilst at the back the centre of the seat has a useful pop-up worktop. In service electrical niggles but there are some engine issues concerning rough running.



VOLVO XC90

Essentially a civilised 4 x 4. Certainly engine and road noise is kept to a minimum. Seven seats as standard, the rearmost seats fold flat to the floor, which creates a massive boot. Rear seats can be adjusted individually for maximum comfort. Reliable, but the Geartronic automatic needs watching. Diesel injectors will be the biggest expensive if blocked.

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TOYOTA GT86

There's a lot to cover, but the basics are, the super coupe has a stronger, stiffer chassis, retuned suspension, improved aerodynamics and a new "track" mode. Revised driver's cockpit with new small-diameter steering wheel. New TFT multi-information display menu includes new performance data options. There are two new models - GT86 and GT86 Pro, with Toyota Touch 2 multimedia system with Bluetooth and DAB, cruise control new-design 10-spoke 17-inch alloys and smart entry with push-button start as standard. GT86 Pro adds leather/Alcantara upholstery, suede-effect trim and optional rear spoiler. Clearly the GT86 'Wow' factor has been turned up to 11.





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MINI JOHN COOPER WORKS CHALLENGE

We are a bit late with this model, but never mind. Here is a limited edition inspired by the latest MINI Challenge racing car and based on the MINI John Cooper Works, packing 231hp and capable of 153mph top speed. It has adjustable suspension, high-grip Michelin Pilot Sport Cup 2 tyres, lightweight alloy wheels, limited slip differential, upgraded braking power, Genuine MINI JCW Pro Accessories. Nothing challenging, just very, exciting. Take it to a track near you and have fun.



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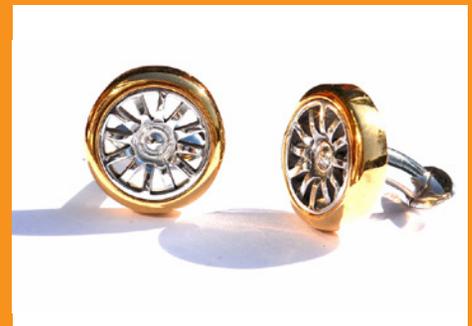
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DAINESE SUPER SPEED D1 £559.95

Essentially the upper half of a race suit, as it's specifically designed to be matched with racing-styled leather Dainese trousers. Apart from its superior protection - which includes race-grade D-Skin 2.0 leather and composite CE rated protectors - the jacket also includes Dainese's S1 stretch fabric and microelastic inserts. It features a Nanofeel antimicrobial liner and has perforated areas to give the rider a more comfortable and dynamic fit.

dainese.com



BUGATTI CUFFLINKS £295

TMB Art Metal has used its expertise to make stunning cufflinks entirely from parts of an original Veyron OZ Racing wheel. One of the first production Veyrons on the market, the donor car has been based in Monaco, France, throughout its life. TMB Art Metal was offered the opportunity to create the bespoke cufflinks using metal from the original front wheel from the car.

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Honda Civic

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Civic Pride



It's bigger inside

The driving position and visibility has been optimised. Front shoulder room has been increased by 10 mm, and space between the front seats has increased by 30 mm. Rear seat shoulder room in the hatchback is up by 20 mm, while passengers in the back will also enjoy 95 mm more legroom, as well as 45 mm more knee clearance.





There's more in car Technology

A new seven-inch colour TFT-LCD Driver Information Interface (DII) display makes up the largest central section of the all-new reconfigured instrument binnacle. It includes a large digital tachometer and speedometer readout. Integrated into the DII display is a large area in which the driver can switch between a variety of infotainment screens, including navigation instructions, SMS and email text display (complemented by voice activated responses), audio track information, smartphone contacts, journey trip information, and smart vehicle maintenance information.



It's Safer

The Honda SENSING suite of active safety and driver assist technologies is standard across the new Civic range. Honda SENSING is among the most comprehensive sets of safety technologies in its class. It uses a combination of radar and camera information, plus a host of high-tech sensors to warn and assist the driver in potentially dangerous scenarios.

Also fitted as standard are Vehicle Stability Assist (VSA®) with traction control, which enhances control capability while the vehicle is accelerating, braking and cornering. There is also a Tyre Pressure Monitoring System.



Made in Britain

Honda UK Manufacturing (HUM) has recently become the global production hub for the new Civic hatchback, with the model set to be exported to more than 70 countries around the world, including European markets, North America and Canada.

There are new engines

There's a perky but economical three-cylinder 1.0 litre VTEC TURBO petrol unit and a larger four-cylinder 1.5-litre VTEC TURBO which is tuned for performance.

The boot is huge

In terms of volume (478 litres), as well as ease of access and versatility the Civic is brilliant. The rear seats split / fold 60:40, low sill height and wide boot opening (1,120 mm) combine with the flat boot floor to make the loading of heavy, wide and long items easy. A hidden underfloor compartment (not the Sport) offers a further secure storage area.

FCM 41

We do owe you some exclusives involving Formula One Racing Drivers and a Hollywood film star called Tom Cruise and you never know they may just happen. We will have some Example (see right) and perhaps some other exciting music related things. We can certainly promise some supercars, one with a McLaren badge and the return of the legend that is the Honda NSX. See you then.



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Kool Kawasaki

The picture location is Denmark Street in London, which still manages to look like it belongs in a late '60s timewarp.

The bike is a Kawasaki W Series and it is the last of the fifty year long line.

Christened the W800 'Final Edition', the last model in the line is resplendent in its remarkable Candy Brown and Candy Sunset Orange paint scheme.

The air-cooled 4-stroke vertical twin air-cooled motor displaces 773 cm³ complete with a bevel gear driven camshaft. Its distinctive tank badge is styled to resemble the original W series item.

If we were called Free Bike Mag we'd buy it and stick it on every single cover. The W Series costs just £6899 and it is seriously cool.

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