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Thunderbirds
Are Go!



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This week

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Free Car Mag absolutely adores Thunderbirds are Go! Some of us on the staff remember it first time around. Others are second time arounders and still have the Tracey Island they made with Blue Peter in the loft. So we make no excuses for going slightly big on what is the best children's TV show on the telly.

Deciding on what Parker might drive if he didn't have FAB 1 caused a big office argument, but what we all agreed on is just how fabulous the Honda CR-V is. If you have a family, then this is the vehicle for you. A big boot for all your stuff, loads of room inside for the kids and all their stuff. Plus it is comfortable to sit and drive with a ton of safety kit to keep everyone out of trouble. The cherry on top is the highly reasonable asking price. Whether you lease or buy, its great value. Being a Honda it won't break down either. Yes we really liked it.

We also enjoyed looking at repmobiles with motors.co.uk. The truth is that ex company cars are the most underrated family transportation on the market and we take a close look at what's on offer.

For the moment though, Thunderbirds are Go!



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THE GOLDBERGS GO DELOREON

So how else do we know that it is the 1980s in a film or TV show? Well, that would be wheeling on a DeLorean. We are not entirely sure what's going on here, though the suspension looks a bit iffy. What we can be certain of is that it will be funny because it is an American sitcom. So tune into E4 at 7.30pm on Tuesdays and watch what happens as an 11-year old Adam Goldberg starts his film-making career by documenting his family's life in 1980s suburbia with his parents' video camera.

Paras at Brands Hatch

Infiniti Support Our Paras Racing began its march to success in the Dunlop British Touring Car Championship at the opening round at Brands Hatch. The team's Infiniti Q50 race cars are prepared by injured ex-servicemen from the Parachute Regiment, with all team profits being donated to Support Our Paras, the official Regiment charity. For more information on Infiniti Support Our Paras Racing, please visit the official www.parasracing.com website, 'like' the official Facebook page and follow @ParasRacing on Twitter.





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OUT AND
ABOUT

Stallone's bread & butter

Best known for advertising bread, here's Sylvester Stallone at the Rome Film Festival a few years ago promoting 'Bullet to the Head' and stepping out of what we believe to be a Lancia Thema that you can't buy in the UK anymore. What we can't help noticing though is just how well turned out the King of the action film franchise (Rocky, Rambo, Expendables) is. That's certainly a look worth getting.

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Thunderbirds Feature



THUNDERBIRDS ARE GO!

THE GREAT NEWS IS THAT THUNDERBIRDS ARE BACK. THUNDERBIRDS ARE GO, IS BACK ON THE TELLY THAT'S ITV AT 5PM ON A SATURDAY.

Just as the puppets were state of the art in the '60s, a combination of fantastic and very real sets combined with CGI. It looks great and includes international superstars like Rosamund Pike and the original Parker, David Graham.

So let's recap for those who may not remember Gerry and Sylvia Anderson's original. Whenever disaster strikes, International Rescue answers the call! From their hidden island base in the south Pacific, the five Tracy Brothers pilot remarkable, cutting-edge Thunderbird vehicles from the depths of the oceans to the highest reaches of space all for one purpose: to help others in need.

International Rescue's identities may not be widely known, but their heroism is legendary. Even the devious schemes of mysterious international criminal 'The Hood' can't weaken their resolve, or stop them from battling the dangers of the year 2060.

Supported by mechanical genius Brains, stealthy operative Kayo, their jet-setting London agent Lady Penelope and her loyal driver Parker, Scott, Gordon, Virgil, John and Alan Tracy live for these three words: Thunderbirds Are Go!

David Graham, on Parker the droll, unflappable Cockney bloke who always refers to Lady Penelope as "m'lady."

Why do you think the character remains so popular?

It just appealed to people. It was a fairly small part originally, and it just grew and became Gerry Anderson's favourite character. Parker just seemed to resonate with people, and I hope he still does. I think people like that Parker's a reformed character and Lady Penelope keeps him on the straight and narrow.

What's it like working with Rosamund Pike as Lady Penelope?

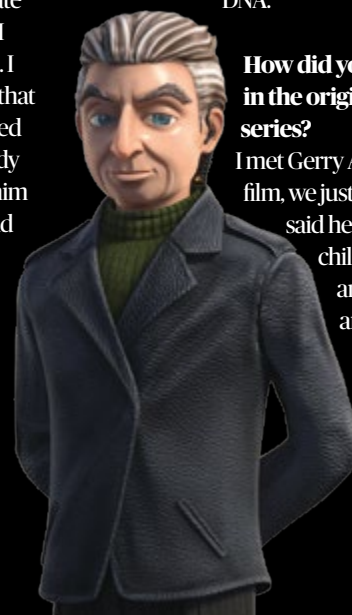
It's great. Rosamund is lovely to work with and she's very good. I feel like we've just left off where we began. I did see *Gone Girl* too, it was wonderful, she was the best thing in it!

Has the character changed at all?

I think he's just his old self, his old charming villainous self. I never thought it was easy to do Parker's voice again, it's in my vocal DNA.

How did you become involved in the original Thunderbirds series?

I met Gerry Anderson just on a TV film, we just got talking and he said he was hoping to make children's programmes and needed some voices, and that's how it started.



Rosamund Pike talks about being Lady Penelope Creighton-Ward.

Can you tell us a bit about your character?

Lady Penelope is the daughter of Lord Creighton Ward, a political figure who obviously has important standing in society. She seems to the outside world as a flighty it-girl but she is far from it. Her education, background and her father's network of high powered contacts opens all the social doors she needs them to, but she has found a way to use these keys for more interesting things than merely furthering her own standing in society. She has teamed up with International Rescue, who use her as their operative in London. Lady Penelope often plays up the frivolous elements of who she is – a girl who loves clothes, pink cars, little dogs – to blindside people, and conceal what she is really up to at any given point – usually breaking in somewhere she shouldn't be, extracting information from people, finding out secrets in the most dangerous of situations. She has a great ally in Parker, her driver and bodyguard. I like to think that Lady P perhaps met Parker in prison when she was doing prison visits as part of her charity work! Now that Parker has served his time, Penelope often disapprovingly alludes to his 'misspent youth' but you sense that she also rather enjoys the fact that she runs with someone who has been on the wrong side of the law

– his safe-breaking, lock-breaking and of course get away driving skills stand them in very good stead.

What was it like working with David Graham who was in the original cast?

David Graham is so charming and so funny – his Parker is iconic and the story behind his creation of the character and how he found the voice in a waiter in an East End restaurant is delicious. I love working with him, and the bond between Parker and Penelope and the humour that is batted between them is really fun to play. David is a gentleman and I am extremely fond of him. I am also so looking forward to exploring more Parker/Penelope dynamics in the next series.

Why do you think Thunderbirds has such an enduring appeal?

Thunderbirds empowers young people in an incredibly exciting way. International Rescue is made up of five boys and a girl and then of course there is Lady Penelope, and they are all entirely canny and she enjoys living on the dangerous side of life. Though, of course, she also enjoys a nice cup of tea.



WHAT WOULD PARKER DRIVE... ...IF **FAB1** WAS IN FOR A SERVICE?



FREE CAR MAG ABSOLUTELY ADORES LADY PENELOPE'S WHEELS, AS WELL AS HER MANY OTHER ASSETS AND WE JUST IDLY WONDERED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF PARKER HAD TO DRIVE M'LADY AROUND IN SOMETHING ELSE.

Range Rover SVAutobiography

We think the Range Rover may have been invented purely for the high living, high riding Lady Penelope. The latest SVAutobiography is the most luxurious and powerful series-production Range Rover in the model's successful 45-year history. Exclusively crafted at Special Vehicle Operations' (SVO) Technical Centre in the UK, SVAutobiography features unique exterior design enhancements, an exclusive premium leather interior with unique trim finishes. Lady Penelope would have bags of room in the back. Best of all a Range Rover will never leave this Lady stranded in a muddy field..



What would Parker driver?



Project Cullinan

Parker and Lady Penelope could only be seen in a Rolls Royce and this recently revealed project car would appear to be the perfect FAB I back up.

This early engineering model, which is known as a 'mule', is based on a shortened Phantom Series II body, has been created purely to begin the development of an all-wheel drive suspension system that is being designed to deliver a ride that the company claim will be 'Effortless ... Everywhere'.

This project rides on the first design of an all-new suspension that will assist Rolls-Royce engineers in developing a final all-wheel drive system that delivers Rolls-Royce's hallmark "magic-carpet" ride not only on the road, but off-road too. So this is effectively the basis for the poshest 4 x 4 ever.

What we love is the rear wing which seems to suggest that it might actually fly. All it needs is a dab of pink paint.



What Parker did drive...

Back in 2004 there was a film called Thunderbirds, but Rolls Royce were not keen on being involved. Ford though had a Thunderbird model of their own and it was just a matter of adding a few extra wheels, stretching it to 27- feet, painting it pink and sticking a canopy on top. Incredibly it could transform from car to jet plane and then take to the waves as a hydrofoil. Not exactly a pretty sight is it?

Britain's best family car?

The Honda CR-V is the world's best selling Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV) for a very good reason, it looks after you and your family. Now it is even better than ever and built right here in the UK. We tell you everything you need to know. PHOTOS WITH PEOPLE IN THEM BY STUART PRICE

PRICE
£22,340 gets
a 2.0 petrol



Honda's CR-V has changed for the better and there is a raft of important changes designed to make it even more family friendly. For the technically minded there's a new diesel engine and nine-speed automatic transmission. There's world-first safety technology; an all-new connectivity and infotainment system; as well as enhanced suspension and optimised refinement.

What that really means is that the CR-V is better to drive, has engines that are more economical than ever, technology that will help drivers avoid accidents and the ultimate in high tech connectivity which keeps every single passenger entertained and happy.

Let's take a closer look at what makes the new CR-V such an outstanding family car.



Under the Bonnet

There is a new 1.6-litre i-DTEC engine with more power than before and reduced CO2 emissions (129 g/km), which says Honda has the best power-to-consumption ratio of any engine on sale today and that means overall it has a combined miles per gallon of 57.7. That new nine-speed automatic gearbox has a lot of gears, however the benefit is smooth progress and better economy. A more powerful version of this engine is also available. Otherwise buyers can go for a 2.0 litre petrol which is quiet and perfect for many of us who may not do that many miles (under 12,000) every year.



INTERIOR App-driven connectivity

On the Dash

It is called Honda Connect and it runs Android the world's most popular Smartphone operating system – employing the familiar 'pinch, swipe and tap' functionality of a Smartphone. The seven-inch display can be customised to suit an individual's preferences with two different 'skins' to choose from, allowing users to make the system their own. Colour-coded icons ensure navigating through the touchscreen menus is quick and simple.

Honda Connect gives front-seat occupants fast and easy access to everything from vehicle information and rear-view parking camera, to music and Bluetooth connectivity for smart phones. The new system's functions include internet access, two pre-installed apps, Honda App Centre, optional Garmin satellite navigation, DAB / FM / AM / internet radio, phone interface and Bluetooth connectivity, rear-view parking camera with dynamic guidelines; and a range of vehicle information, such as trip meter, fuel economy and journey time.



What it'll cost

Prices start at £22,340 for a petrol powered, two and not four wheel drive 2.0 I-VTEC S. A four wheel drive petrol model with an automatic gearbox, high EX specification the full Honda Connect and Navi system is £33,435. As for the diesel model a 1.6 I-VTEC S is £23,400 and the top EX model is £35,620. Please note that there are lots of options in between so there is bound to be a model for you and a personal leasing plan to suit your budget.

In the Boot

I mean what do you really need to know? It's a boot, but the great news is that in its class this the biggest as the CR-V has a whopping 1648 litres of flat load space. Just to help you a large suitcase will swallow 117 litres so that means you will get fourteen in the back.

Safety for Everyone

Well that's a nice way of putting it and Honda's new Intelligent Adaptive Cruise Control (i-ACC) system is capable of predicting and automatically reacting to other vehicles 'cutting-in' to the vehicle's lane, based on extensive real-world research of typical European driving styles. The system uses a camera and a radar to sense the position of other vehicles on the road. It then cleverly predicts the likelihood of vehicles in neighbouring lanes cutting-in, enabling the equipped vehicle to react quickly, safely and comfortably.

There is also the Lane Keep Assist System to stop drivers wandering all over the road and even nodding off on the motorway. The City-Brake Active system uses laser radar technology, applying the brakes if an imminent risk of collision is detected. Forward Collision Warning detects vehicles in front and can adjust the distance to a safe one. There are a brace of these super intelligent systems including, Lane Keep Assist, Cross Traffic Monitor, Traffic Sign Recognition, Lane Departure Warning and Blind Spot Information, keeping the CR-V safe under normal and many abnormal, driving conditions.

In Your Pocket

Chances are that buyers will opt for a personal finance plan to spread the cost over a set period. Five year service plan is £500 which means owners can predict the cost of running their CR-V

Conclusion

The Honda CR-V has the space, value, looks, safety kit and all round ability that makes it pretty much the perfect family car. Buy one.



The General Election is looming...



So Free Car Mag, in another first for magazine publishing, invite you the threadbare motorist to join us in a new political movement.

If you, like us, have seen some of the election coverage and thought, "but who can I vote for to have an actual impact on my life?"

Well, our political correspondent was recently in a Westminster pub and overheard a real-life story which shows that the General Election really can have tangible and immediate results for your the everyday motorist.

In one constituency at the last election, where the candidate for Parliament was from the same party as the sitting council, the candidate dropped leaflets and knocked on doors inviting people to report potholes.

He or she, or his or her minions, then got their right honourable council friends to fill those very potholes. Then, said candidate and his or her minions, contacted the happy voter to see if they had any other concerns which could be addressed after the election.

Whether those other concerns, which presumably ranged from NHS to social care, through tax to unemployment were ever addresses after the candidate swept to power

(which she did) is unclear. But the opportunity is obvious - and if you will pardon the pun - it's a two way street.

The prospective MPs want your vote, and they'll promise a lot to get it. But why not ask for a little advance - why not ask all the candidates in your area to fix the potholes and promise them your vote if they manage to get it done before the election?

It may not have a massive impact on your life, but it will certainly have an impact on your car's suspension.

"Why not ask for a little advance - why not ask all the candidates in your area to fix the potholes and promise them your vote if they manage to get it done before the election?"



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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"I got confused - instead of the brake, I pressed down on the accelerator"

INSTEAD QUIETLY TAKING THE FERRARI 599 GTO INTO THE HOTEL EXEDRA CAR PARK, ROBERTO CINTI CRASHED INTO A SHOP FRONT.



"Everything I drive will be measured against my Ford Transit"

GUY MARTIN WRITING IN THE SUNDAY TIMES WHILE JEREMY CLARKSON IS AWAY.

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AUDI A8 vs FORD MONDEO

If you need to do a lot of motorway miles, you need a little comfort. But the question is, do you buy the automotive equivalent of Lidl's best, or Waitrose nearly-gone-off Car?

Your choice of car says something about you, whether you like it not.

You can protest that practical concerns like spending a lot of time on the motorway, and wanting to feel fresh when you step out at the other end is what's behind your choice, but even that says something about you.

With a decent budget, like £20,000 (well, low interest loans are out there again), you have a lot of motorway cruisers to choose from. My advice would be to pick either a Ford Mondeo (top of range Titanium X) or an Audi A8.

No other car magazine has ever put these two head-to-head because they not competitors. The Audi is a luxury limousine, designed to ferry European leaders from the Parliament in Brussels to Eurostar. The Ford Mondeo used to be aimed at the middle income family man, now it's posher, but it's just what you have if your company car fleet is not with BMW or Audi.

One is a saloon, the other a hatchback. At this budget you can have a one year old Ford or a four year old Audi. One turns heads, the other doesn't. One is going to be very expensive if it goes wrong, the other is going to be just expensive. One is under manufacturer warranty, the other is 'sold as seen.' The lack of similarity just goes on.

But they are both very good at cruising down the motorway, at 45-50MPG, while supporting your lower back. Both have Sat Nav, air con, electric windows, good sound systems and well, what else do you really need?

So how do you decide between the two? Well it depends how you see yourself. Conventional, then it's the Ford, or more dynamic, then go for Audi.



Next week:
Ford S Max vs
Volkswagen Sharan



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Family repmobiles

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It is worth remembering that this country would be in a terrible state if it wasn't for the men and women (company representatives) who tear up and down motorways selling stuff. So it's a good job that they have some decent tools for the job, often referred to as repmobiles.

The idea is that a repmobile should be comfortable, reliable and economical to run. That's all. Style isn't important, but hard graft is. Oh and space, a big boot for the samples and loads of room for when one rep just won't do.

More often than not the engine is going to be diesel so that the rep doesn't have to waste time filling up with fuel when they could be selling stuff. So what has all this got to do with you, the careful car buyer? Absolutely everything.

If you have a family and need a car then an ex-repmobile is perfect. It will also be a sensational value. Manufacturers make loads of them, they sell new at a discount, are often loaded with extras and once used the large numbers around means prices are very friendly. Even better you can buy with confidence and full service history with Motors.co.uk.

RELIABLE REPARTEE



Volkswagen Passat 2.0 TDI 2009 £7091

Spacious, comfortable, refined and economical, here is the almost perfect repmobile. That's because it is almost completely anonymous and just gets on with the job of doing its job, all whilst returning up to 60mpg. It's a saloon, but the boot is ginormous.

One we found 2.0 R Line TDI CR DPF 110 at Quicks Hull (01482 272870) £7,091. That's the longest model name in the world. It has only done 44,681 miles with one owner, officially will return 51mpg and is loaded with equipment and the R Line adds some stylish touches.

REPITITION



Vauxhall Insignia 2.0 CDTi 2011 £7000

Company car fleets buy these without thinking, but they are right, here is a car which pounds up and down the motorway all day and night long. There could be a bit more room in the back, but you can't argue with the no the long service intervals.

One we found an Insignia 2.0 CDTi SE at Carbase 01934 331471. Everybody loves white and lots of extras and this model ticks those boxes. It has covered 85,000 miles with one owner and families would find it easier to live with because this is a hatchback. Full service is good and the claimed 60mpg even better.



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Toyota Avensis 2.0 D-4D 2009 £7000

Reps don't usually need a bullet proof car, unless of course they upset someone. The Avensis is tougher than anything else out there. Some think it may be boring, but they are completely wrong. That's the whole point, excitement is out, unburstable engines and masses of room is in. Buy one. **One we found** a Toyota Avensis D-4D TR at Highline Cars 0161 825 9148. Here is a very smart four door with 63,000 miles covered by the previous owner. The service history is very comprehensive and the dealer offered a comprehensive warranty. This very tidy car is ready to drive out of the showroom and into someone's life.

AWARD WINNING REP



Mazda 6 2.5 Sport 2009 £7000

Rather worryingly the styling of the Mazda 6 is almost exciting. Not only that this Mazda, like smaller, sportier ones, is actually very sharp to drive. Combine that with outstanding building quality and what you have is the perfect combination of repmobile and real world family bus, so well worth finding.

One we found a Mazda 6 2.5 Sport at Landford Car Centre 01794 725390. Some families want to have fun, so how about a seriously sporty petrol hatchback. It has covered 60,000 miles with a documented main dealer service history and would come with a fresh MOT..

THE APPRENTICE REP



Kia Optima 2012 1.7 CRDi £9972

There should be a picture of a Ford Mondeo, but instead we decided to take a closer look at the new breed of repmobile from South Korea. This does everything that you would expect by being economical, spacious and has a ton of standard equipment. There should also be a reassuring balance of the five year warranty.

One we found a Kia Optima 1.7 CRDi 2 Tech at Evans Halshaw Renault 01302 511805. For those who dare to be different, here is a saloon that has covered 64,000 miles with one owner and it comes with a raft of extras and luxury touches like leather, privacy glass and rear parking camera.

Buy now



SPORTS UTILITY VEHICLE (HANDY SIZED 4 X 4)

SUZUKI VITARA

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TIN - FILM

Based on a notorious, real-life banking fraud and concerns a down-at-heel touring opera company, which arrives in a Cornish village to perform Beethoven's 'Fidelio'. Their efforts to engage with the local community meet with limited success until they become tangled up in a scam to offload shares in the ailing tin mine. Stars Jenny Agutter. www.tinmovie.com

FLIPPING FAST FORDS

There is something going on at Ford. After being a bit quiet and sensible for a while Ford are bringing out a brace of fantastically exciting and very fast motors. Here is a brief user's guide to all that's flippingly quick.



The American Supercar Ford Mustang

The great news is that for the first time ever, we are able to choose the colours, extras and carpets and then put a deposit on new Ford Mustang – more than 50 years after the iconic car first went into production.

Equipped with a sensible little 2.3-litre EcoBoost engine or a stonking 5.0-litre V8 engine, the new Ford Mustang fastback and convertible models are available to order from FordStores priced from £28,995.

Available for Apple and Android devices, an app enables customers to first select bodystyle, exterior colour, and alloy wheel options. They can then view the car in their chosen setting in real-time using the camera feature of their mobile device. Users can even hear realistic engine sounds, and also share photos of their virtual Mustang. Free Car Mag used it and became convinced that we had a real one parked outside our office, it's that good.

Available with six-speed manual or automatic transmission, all-new Ford Mustang features as standard: 19-inch wheels, a performance brake package, powerful automatic HID xenon headlamps and bright LED tail lamps. Further standard equipment includes dual-zone climate control, a nine-speaker sound system, and SYNC 2 voice control connectivity with an eight-inch colour touch screen.

Additional options include climate control seats and premium 19-inch alloy wheels with Lustre Nickel finish (available as part of the optional custom pack). Ten exterior colour choices include exclusive Competition Orange and tri-coat Triple Yellow.

Have fun ordering now and playing with that app, but vehicles won't get to the UK until late autumn.

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The People's Supercar Ford GT

For those who have been waiting for the return of Ford's supercar, they can now relax and enjoy the all-new Ford GT. Built to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Ford GT racing cars. It uses an aerodynamic lightweight carbon fibre body and fuel-efficient twin-turbocharged V6 EcoBoost engine. The GT's acceleration, handling, braking, safety and efficiency are optimised through the use of advanced lightweight composites including a carbon fibre passenger cell and body panels, and aluminium front and rear subframes. That means it is light and powerful which is the perfect combination. Ford won't say just how many they will build, how fast it will go and what it will cost. Free Car Mag reckons it will crack 200mph and cost £150,000 plus. Sign up with Ford.co.uk and they will keep you up to speed on developments.



The Affordable Supercar Focus RS

For the car buyer who isn't convinced by the American dream in the shape of the Thunderbird, and who can't quite make the savings stretch to a supercar like the GT, there is always the RS. The all-new Focus RS is the 30th car to wear the legendary RS "Rallye Sport" badge, reserved for Ford models that have pioneered performance technologies. Focus RS follows in the footsteps of Ford models including the 1970 Escort RS1600, turbocharged Sierra RS Cosworth of 1985, and four-wheel-drive 1992 Escort RS Cosworth.

Ford Performance All-Wheel-Drive (AWD) with Dynamic Torque Vectoring enables up to 70 per cent of the power to be diverted to the rear axle for enhanced handling, traction and cornering speed. Selectable Normal, Sport or Track Drive Modes deliver optimum performance in road or circuit driving conditions, and an industry-first Drift mode means that you can drive like that Stig chap and go sideways around corners.

No prices and you will have to wait until 2016, but a Ford spokesman confirmed to Free Car Mag that it will be "affordable".

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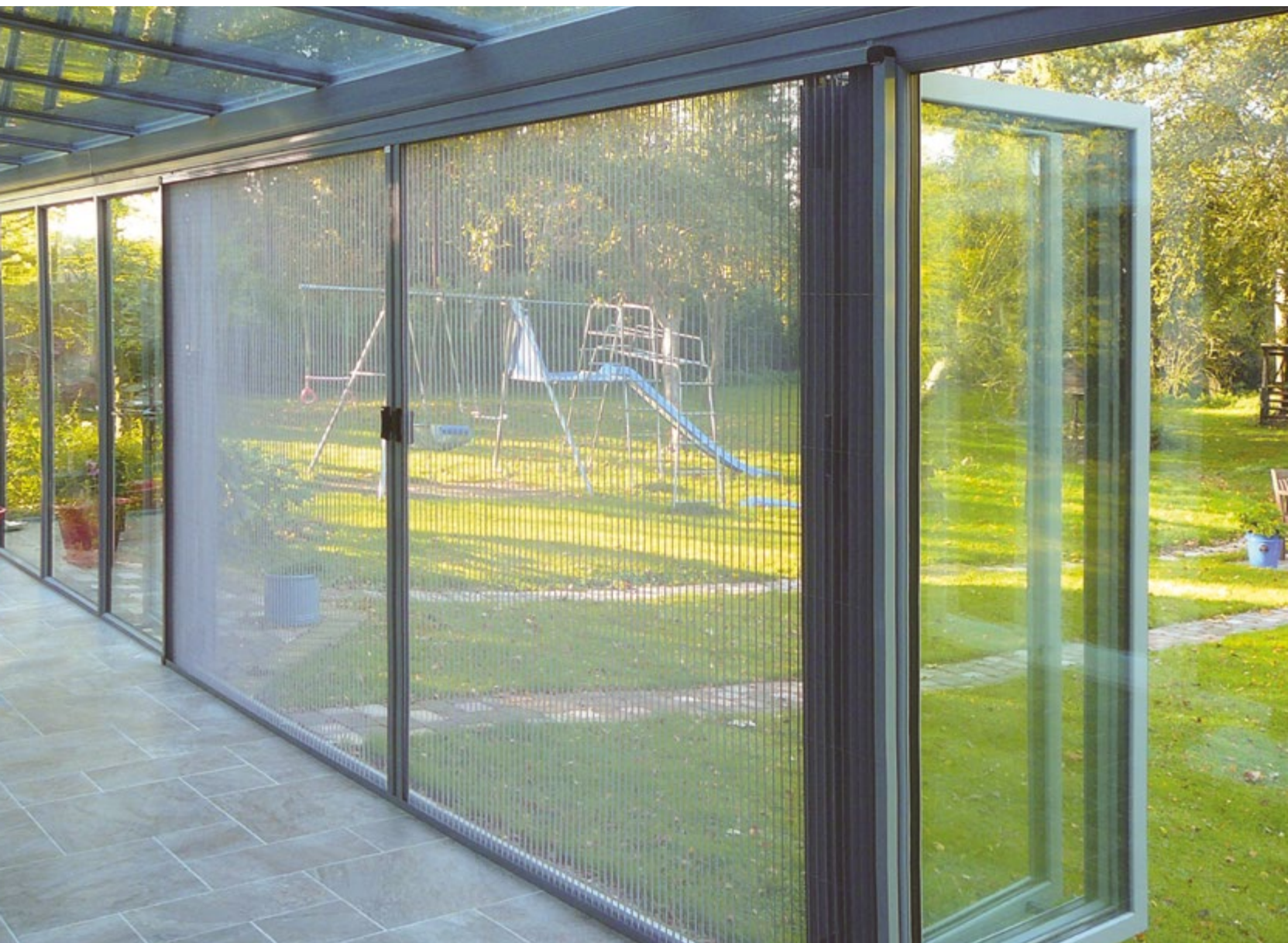
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This is a 'For the Love of Cars' special. Philip Glenister and Ant Anstead chat about what makes them fall in love with cars, there is an outbreak of pure Beetlemania and we make our old Land Rover look a bit daft...

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