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# This week

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At Free Car Mag we've always had a soft spot for Jenson Button. The more we learn about old Jenson the more we like him. Read a bit more about the most friendly Formula One driver as he explains where his strength comes from and also shows Kaiser Chief Ricky Wilson around his McLaren office.

On the subject of Formula One we profile the bloke in a Vauxhall who teaches most of the drivers how to drive proper. Then there is Leonardo Di Caprio going on about the environment and electric cars. Well, we edited that bit out, but the Formula E racing we love, so left all that in. I think you will enjoy the interview.

We drove the new DS 4 and DS 4 Crossback rather liked it. A prestige hatch is always a good thing and proof that you don't need a great big motor to feel special and comfy.

And finally we go a bit 911 bonkers. We can't call a Singer a 911, even though it is a rebuilt and reworked one, which is fine tuned to perform and a brilliant book about them. Also, brilliant telly in, The Bridge, is made even better by a Porsche 911S. All in needs in Jenson to turn up and make it even better.



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# Drive it like Beckham

A very special Range Rover Sport first owned by David Beckham has been sold by Classic Car Auctions (CCA). The 2007 car was exclusively designed and upgraded for the ex-England football captain by Kahn Conversions at a cost of £100,000. Presented in Beckham's favourite black with a striking Kahn body kit and black five spoke alloy wheels. There is also plaque bearing the moniker "Designed for David Beckham", as well as the Beckham name embroidered into the floor mats.



## He'll never drive alone...

Newly appointed Liverpool Football Club Manager Jürgen Klopp will drive a Vauxhall Insignia in his new role with the Anfield club. In its role as 'Official UK Car Partner' of Liverpool Football Club, Vauxhall are right to point out that Jürgen Klopp changes his club but not his company car and obviously he'll never drive alone.

## SPOTTED OUT AND ABOUT

### Elle Eyre & Fernando

Singer-songwriter Ella Eyre has taken delivery of her new FIAT 500 from Marylebone Motor Village in London. The 21-year old musician opted for a 500C Lounge in one of the latest colours in the range, Coral Red, combined with a contrasting tan convertible roof. Ella commented: "I'm in love with my New FIAT 500! It's so much fun to drive and perfect for city living!" Like so many FIAT 500 drivers, the talented artist has even named her car, introducing "Fernando" to her quarter-of-a-million Twitter followers.



# Beckham in Dubai

Global icon and footballing legend David Beckham opened the new adidas HomeCourt concept store in the Mall of Emirates, Dubai to the delight of thousands of fans who caught a glimpse of the sporting superstar during a whistle-stop visit to the United Arab Emirates (Photo by Warren Little/Getty Images). This makes a much easier than usual Get the Look. Let's do it anyway...



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the  
look



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Chronograph  
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3.0 SDV6 225 HSE 40K miles  
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**Jenson Button**



THE 2009 F1® WORLD  
CHAMPION AND MCLAREN  
HONDA DRIVER JENSON  
BUTTON REVEALS THAT  
JOY IS THE DRIVING FORCE  
BEHIND HIS SUCCESS.

# THE JOY OF JENSON



**J**enson Button has been announced as one of a select group of inspirational ambassadors in a new global campaign from Scotch Whisky brand Johnnie Walker® called Joy Will Take You Further. The campaign is informed by decades of scientific research into happiness which shows that when people are happier, progress is more likely.

Known as the fittest man in the pit lane, Button said he finds his joy in the pursuit of physical power – from intensive strength work in the gym to conquering grueling triathlons.

#### What is the secret of success in racing?

"There's so much more than just being able to drive the car. Your mind and body have to be in perfect shape, requiring a dedication to training and fitness – and this is something which has always brought me great joy".

#### Is there a work life balance?

"Within my life as an F1 driver, there are certain things that give me great happiness – and having the opportunity to have fun off-track through fitness whilst enhancing my performance on race days is definitely one of these."

#### Do you consider yourself lucky?

"I'm one of the lucky ones that loves my job. I do something that I think everyone growing up would love to do, to race Formula One cars for a living."

#### Is joy important in your career?

"It's been a massive part of my career. Obviously you have difficult times, which can be tough but you remember the good times, you remember when joy was in your life, when you won a Grand Prix or you fought for that podium. So yeah, it's been important in my career. I have had to have joy to succeed and I think that's the case for many people."

#### Can joy help you through challenges?

"I think when you're doing something you love and you're passionate about, when you do have tough times, you can work through them better than other people. I've had periods in my career, even years in my career, where it's been really difficult, and the team as a whole hasn't performed as we would like. But because I love this sport so much I feel that I've been able to find a way out of the situation and be more positive and help the team move forward."

#### When are you happiest?

"I think in Formula 1 you're not always going to be in a winning car; we all dream of being in a winning car and we all work towards being in a winning car – but not every season is going to be great. So for me, when I'm at my happiest is when I know I have got the maximum out of what I have been given."

#### How important is positivity in a team environment?

"Formula One is a massive team sport and it's very important that everyone within the team stays positive especially when times are difficult and having a good rapport and a good atmosphere within the team is key to succeeding."



# DREAM GIG

RICKY WILSON ON TOUR  
WITH JENSON BUTTON,  
WELL SORT OF...



**R**icky Wilson, lead singer of the Kaiser Chiefs and Honda Civic Type R ambassador, spent a day being given an exclusive guided tour of the McLaren Technology Centre by McLaren-Honda driver Jenson Button, as well as taking on the McLaren F1 simulator.

In front of a huge crowd of fans on the Honda stand at the Goodwood Festival of Speed back in June, Jenson invited The Voice coach and Radio X DJ to the state-of-the-art facility in Woking to see the production side of McLaren for both F1 and road cars but due to the pairs busy schedules the tour has only just been able to take place.

As well as taking in the state-of-the-art Formula One facility, the immaculate McLaren Road Car production line and the on-site wind tunnel, Ricky was put to the test in the F1 simulator. This is where Jenson prepares for each

grand prix, learning the tracks and refining the car's set-up for the weekend ahead. For Ricky, it was a baptism of fire – he was given a crash helmet and a pair of driving gloves before immediately being strapped into the cockpit for some super-fast laps of the Circuit Of The Americas, the venue for the US Grand Prix.

"I am so glad Jenson had gone by the time I got into the simulator as I don't think the boys at McLaren had ever seen anyone roll it before now," said Ricky Wilson. "When it comes to toys; they don't come any bigger or better than that and I feel extremely lucky to be one of the very few people to have experienced it. I thought my Civic Type R was quick but that is a whole new level.

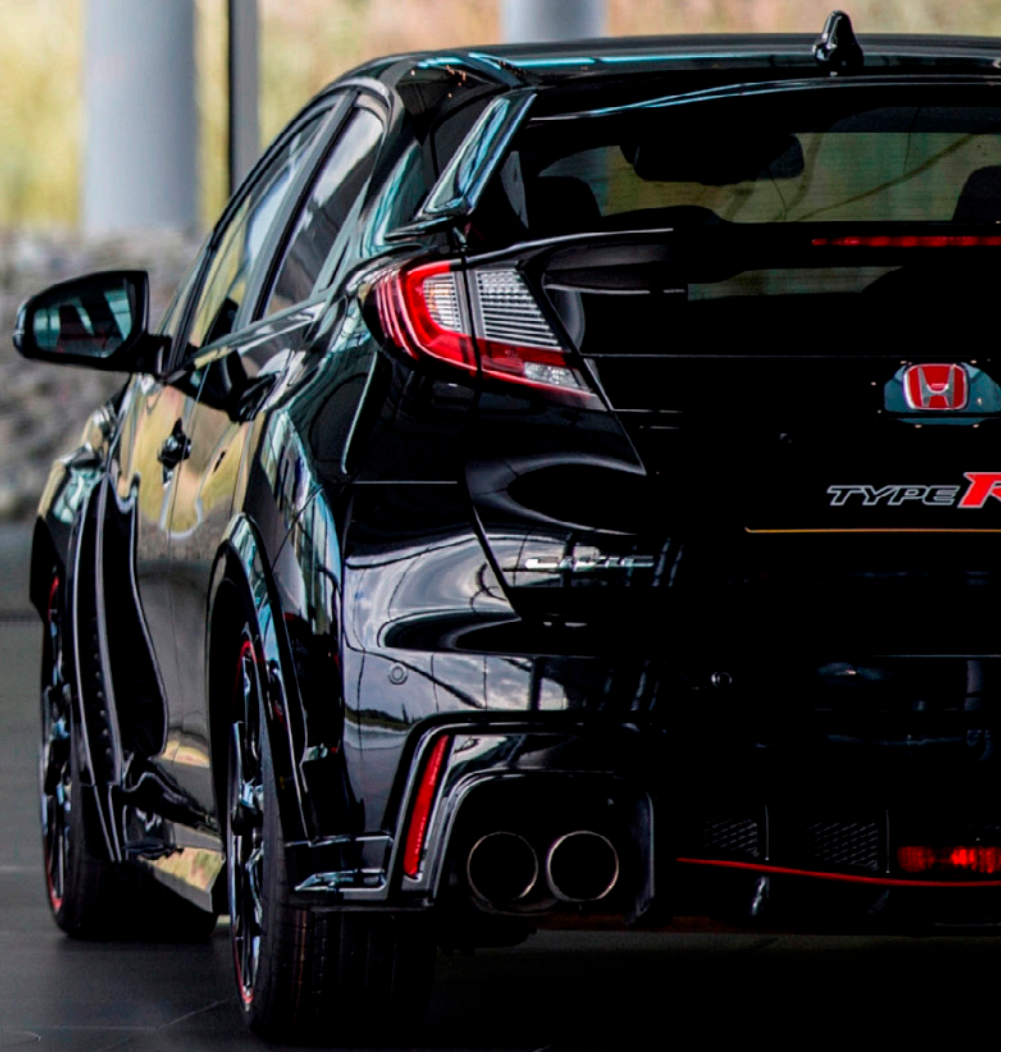
"Becoming an ambassador for the Civic Type R has been fantastic and I'm doing some amazing things and going to some amazing places, like the MTC. From earning my race licence up at Knockhill with the 2015 BTCC champion

Gordon Shedden to taking on the Goodwood hillclimb this summer at the Festival of Speed to now experiencing the wonder of the McLaren Technology Centre; every day I am loving it more and more!"

"It's his turn to invite me to something now," said Jenson Button. "He owes me VIP backstage passes to the next big gig he does and I am not taking no for an answer!"

"Signing Ricky to the Honda family was a fantastic decision," said Phil Crossman, Managing Director of Honda UK. "Not only is he a rock star but he's now a fully qualified racing driver with a race car for the road in the new Civic Type R. Jenson taking him around the McLaren Technology Centre can only serve to further fuel his passion for all things automotive.

"Plus I sincerely hope that Ricky will also provide me with me a couple of VIP backstage passes to his next gig!"





There's a sort of Hogwarts  
for Formula 1 drivers  
and they use Vauxhalls  
for all the lessons.

Rob Wilson is possibly one of the most important players in Formula One racing that you've never heard of. Based at Bruntingthorpe Proving Ground in South Leicestershire, Rob is instrumental in carving split seconds from the lap times of at least 12 drivers on the current grid, and his key training weapon is... a standard Vauxhall Astra bearing the famous Griffin badge.

As improbable as it seems, Rob's Astra Sports Tourer – along with a GTC and Insignia Sports Tourer – are perfect for his training sessions, which also benefit drivers from Indycar, DTM and even WRC.

"The Vauxhalls will do everything that an F1 car does dynamically, just at a far lower speed," said Rob. "This allows me to explain the physics behind what the car is doing out on the track in real time, which I'd never manage in a

performance car. The other advantage is that the driver's engineer can ride along too, and this is crucial since a change in driving technique could result in a different set-up for the race car."

Rob's techniques, which have been honed from his own long and successful career in motorsport, assume a very high base-line in driving ability at the start of his sessions. The focus is on cornering and braking weights, and how to minimise both by adopting sometimes counter-intuitive cornering lines; even gear-changing comes under the microscope: "Many top drivers have never heel-and-toed during down-changes, because they've never needed to. But the discipline makes them appreciate the importance of smoothness and how it can have a positive effect on the balance of the car into

corners," said Rob.

So of all the production cars Rob could have chosen over the past 15 years that he's been running his sessions, why has he opted for Vauxhalls? "Stability, handling predictability and durability – these seem to come as standard in every Vauxhall I've used," said Rob. "The cars have an unbelievably hard time out on our track, as drivers try to beat my lap time, so I need to know that they're not going to break, or do something unexpected when we're cornering at over 100mph."

And Rob's road wheels for his 200-mile daily commute between his home in London and Bruntingthorpe? "A Vauxhall Insignia Sports Tourer – after spending a day being looked after on the limit in Vauxhalls there's really no other option!"



Di Caprio Formula E



NEW ROLE FOR  
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**AA: WHY HAVE YOU DECIDED TO SUPPORT FORMULA E?**

**LD:** I first heard about Formula E in New York over three years ago when it was just an idea. Since then, I have supported the championship and I've been amazed by how far it's come in these first few

years. Some were critics and believed Formula E would fail, and I think you and your team have done an incredible job proving those critics wrong and making your vision a reality. Formula E really can be a powerful tool to change people's perception of electric cars.

I was also drawn to the fact that Formula E only races in city centres. I'm concerned about cities. They represent an environmental time bomb. In 20 years, 80 per cent of the world's population will live in cities and this means a constant and growing demand on already dwindling natural resources – more than the planet can possibly handle.

Cities of the future need to be smart and sustainable. Technology will be key for this. One of the most important ways to reduce pollution in cities is through investing in smart transportation solutions. This is where electric cars come into play, because the more electric cars on the road, means improved air quality to benefit both people and the planet.

I dream of these cities, where people and transportation are interconnected and wisely use sustainable, available natural resources such as solar energy. That is a future worth fighting for. Projects like Formula E will help make this come true.

**AA: YOU'RE AN ELECTRIC CAR DRIVER. WHAT'S SO DIFFERENT ABOUT EVS?**

**LD:** The first the general public knew about my green credentials was my appearance at the Oscars at the wheel of a Toyota Prius. I'm constantly photographed when I leave my home – so this is a creative way that I could showcase my commitment to being an environmentalist.

I believe it is important to endorse new technologies that are trying to make a difference. The future of our planet depends on our ability to embrace solutions like fuel-efficient, clean-energy vehicles.

The best thing about electric cars is the way they sound – the way it drives and the ease. They're also fast, easy to use and very cool. You just plug it in every night like you would your mobile phone.

I'd love to have a go in a Formula E car. Maybe you'll see me in a Formula E car soon!



**L**eonardo DiCaprio (**LD**) heads the newly created Formula E Sustainability Committee and will be joined by the CEOs of the Championship Partners and Shareholders, as well as Alejandro Agag (**AA**), CEO of Formula E Holdings.

**AA: WHAT IMPACT DO YOU THINK THE FORMULA E SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE WILL HAVE?**

**LD:** Climate change is both a moral and business imperative. The committee, by uniting the top 10 global mobility and

innovation players on the subject of sustainability sends a clear sign that we are on the frontlines of helping to solve the climate crisis. Formula E provides these players with a strong collective global voice.

Sustainable business is the way of the future. I applaud companies like Formula E, for launching a global electric car championship, and Apple, who operates on 100 per cent renewables in the US, and Warren Buffet's Berkshire Hathaway Energy that is ditching coal in favour of renewable energy sources.

# HOLLYWOOD STAR TO LEAD NEW INITIATIVE TO DRIVE USE OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES

# Build your Own Supercar at Home

Ford can do it and now so can you with a smart piece of high tech...



**H**ere's the best reason to add a 3D printer to your Christmas list: the technology can now be used at home to print models of some of Ford's most desirable cars, including the all-new Ford GT, Ford Mustang, and Focus RS.

Ford uses 3D printing to reduce development time through the production of prototype parts that enable designers and engineers to quickly test and refine different approaches. Traditional prototyping methods require special tools and can be timeconsuming. Ford can print a 3D part in a few hours and, for as little as £750, open up the opportunity for more experimentation and more radical, innovative design.

For the Ford GT, designers used laser 3D printing techniques to help create the FI-style steering wheel with integrated driver controls and the transmission paddle-shift controls. Engineers also printed key lightweight structural components for the upward-swinging doors.

For customers with their own 3D printer offers the first car manufacturer authorised one-stop store for 3D-printable files. As well as enabling customers to print their own Ford GT, templates for a further 1,000 models also include the Fiesta ST, Focus ST and the F-150 Raptor.

Ford bought the third 3D printing machine ever produced in 1988, and has since produced its 500,000th 3D printed part globally - an engine cover

for the all-new Ford Mustang. Today's printers are quicker, more cost efficient, and incredibly accurate and can be used to produce prototypes for a wide variety of parts.

Rapid Prototyping helps to evaluate the design and uses one of a number of techniques to create the piece they are working on, including 3D printing. The latter requires CAD software that "slices" parts into paperthin layers that can be built up into a 3D printed prototype. How robust the prototype part needs to be determines the material used. It can be plastic, sand, or metal. Layer by layer, the materials are fused together into the desired shape using a laser.

After printing, excess material is dissolved away and the part can be finished by sanding or painting. The completed part is then available to the design studio or test facility. However, you don't need to go to all that bother, simply download your own Ford model at the Ford 3D Store <http://3d.ford.com>



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## QUOTES OF THE WEEK

**'Wrong shoes can cause crashes'**

ONE IN 10 MOTORISTS HAS AN ACCIDENT FROM DRIVING IN INAPPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR, ACCORDING TO NEW RESEARCH

**'The car was travelling at 24mph in a 35mph zone. As the officer approached the slow moving car he realised it was a Google Autonomous Vehicle.'**

POLICE STOP GOOGLE CAR FOR TRAVELLING TOO SLOW



AN UNKNOWN GUEST HAS GIFTED A PLAQUE TO SIMONSTONE HALL HOTEL IN YORKSHIRE.

**'There's supposed to be a thorough check on all tickets and associated 'evidence' before the issue of a ticket and yet they still sent a ticket for payment of a fine for the shopping trolley.'**

PARKING CAMPAIGNER MR LYNN ROBINSON GETS A PARKING TICKET ON A SHOPPING TROLLEY AFTER ATTACHING HIS CAR REG PLATE TO IT...

# FIAT GRANDE PUNTO vs SEAT IBIZA

Superminis can be stylish fun and great value. So which is best, the Italian or the Spaniard?

## WHY BUY?

The Punto has it all really, looks stylish, is spacious inside, is very sporty to drive and there is lots of standard equipment and safety kit. Built by VW but cheaper is the main appeal, SEAT's though have a sporty style too, but the handling is not as sharp and ride bumpy.

## WHICH MODELS?

This is the pretty restyled Punto launched in 2006 and made until 2010. All came with electric windows, CD player and great brakes, Dynamic model is fitted with air con. The revised Seat Ibiza from 2008 features very sharp and distinctive styling and is decently equipped. The S model comes with air conditioning.

## ARE THEY RELIABLE?

Both cars are easy to live with and cheap to service. However, the stand out Warranty Direct statistic is the repair costs as the Fiat is significantly cheaper to fix. Electrical issues are always annoying, but the engine problems with SEAT are always going to cost more to sort out.

## HOW MUCH DO THEY COST?

Prices start at around £1800 and that will get a very tidy 2006 1.2 Active model. If you want to spend £4000 and get a very recent 2012 1.2 POP. £2700 buys a 2009 1.4 TDI Ecomotive from a dealer with a warranty. £4000 will get a 1.2 S 5 door with a petrol engine.

### FIAT GRANDE PUNTO



Average  
Repair Cost  
£212.87

Axle &  
suspension  
28.57%  
failure rate

Electrical  
38.10%  
failure rate

Steering  
19.05%  
failure rate

Warranty Direct  
Rating:  
ABOVE AVERAGE

### SEAT IBIZA



Average  
Repair Cost  
£367.69

Electrical  
21.05%  
failure rate

Axle &  
Suspension  
10.53%  
failure rate

Engine  
47.37%  
failure rate

Warranty Direct  
Rating:  
BELOW AVERAGE

**SUM UP** Although there is a lot to like about the more modern SEAT, the Punto, based on Warranty Direct figures, is the better used buy.

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For more used car information and buying tips go to [freecarmag.co.uk](http://freecarmag.co.uk)



"Cylinder Head £1500" - Source: Warranty Direct data, 2012

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## Did you know?

### Highest repair bills paid by Warranty Direct during 2013:

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**DS 4 & DS 4 Crossback**

THE NEW DS 4 AND DS 4 CROSSBACK ARE TERRIBLE-LY GOOD

# DS *picabblé*



**Hatchbacks don't have to be boring, dull, practical and worthy, they can be seriously classy, like the DS 4.**

Having sold more than 115,000 DS models worldwide since its launch in 2011, there are now two new versions. The DS 4 is a dynamic hatchback that is stylish and great to drive, whilst the New DS 4 Crossback – a new version in the range – is a car with 'go-anywhere' looks and a higher driving position. So what else have they got?

**DS 4**  
FROM  
£19,495

**High Tech**

New DS 4 gains a major new

DS 4  
CROSSBACK  
FROM  
£21,745



feature as the first DS, to offer Apple CarPlay™ compatibility with the most recent iPhones. With its new 7-inch colour touch screen and latest innovations this new-generation screen provides easy access to all vehicle functions, from navigation to music, and has the added benefit of requiring 12 fewer buttons on the centre console. It is also designed to include new Mirror Link® technology, a function that duplicates Android or iOS smartphone content to the in-car screen.

### Premium Power

New DS 4 and DS 4 Crossback are offered with six refined and efficient engines in total, including the award-winning 3-cylinder turbo petrol PureTech 130. A new high-performance THP 210 petrol engine is exclusively available in New DS 4 (excludes Crossback). Three efficient

Euro 6 BlueHDI diesel engines are also specified, including a BlueHDI 180 with up to 50Nm more pulling power than its main competitors.

### Dynamic Driving

With a lower centre of gravity, the new DS 4 is inherently agile and stable. Drivers will enjoy the driving experience in complete comfort. With a ride height raised by 30mm, New DS 4 Crossback offers a higher driving position for better visibility and a more relaxed drive, and the ability to take on different types of terrain. Available with both body styles, Intelligent Traction Control is a driving aid that optimises anti-skid control for the front wheels on surfaces with little grip. It also improves 'start-up' performance, particularly on snow-covered surfaces.



### Style Inside and Out

With its flowing lines, touches of chrome and high-performance engines, New DS 4 has all the qualities of a premium car. Personalisation and greater choice is provided by the two-tone roof/body colour option. With its luxurious, refined and even more customisable interior. The watch strap design leather seats are remarkable to look at and touch.

### Truly Inspirational

DS Automobiles chose Joël Dicker, author of the best-selling novel 'The Truth About The Harry Quebert Affair' to bring the models to life and act as brand ambassador for New DS 4 and DS 4 Crossback. The writer stars alongside New DS 4 in an exciting web series with all the engagement of a literary thriller.

**Catch it online at [newDS4.co.uk](http://newDS4.co.uk)**

LIMITED EDITION PROPER SPORTS CAR

# MAZDA MX-5 SPORT RECARO

AVAILABLE:  
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Limited Edition (600) range-topping model joins the all-new Mazda MX-5 line up. Available in two free-of-charge paint colours – Soul Red Metallic and Ceramic Metallic. Unique look courtesy of Sports Aero Kit and Diamond cut alloy wheels. Inside, the classy MX-5 cabin gains an Alcantara dashboard panel, alloy pedals and unique floor mats. The Recaro seats feature Alcantara upholstery on the seat cushion and seat back, while red seat piping compliments the red stitching found on the dash, handbrake and gear lever.



AVAILABLE:  
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FUNKY SUPERMINI MADE BETTER

## MG3

The 2016 MG3 offers better fuel consumption, lower tax and an updated personalisation range. Red Rose and Hello Yellow paints are now available with selected roof colour

combinations: white or black. There is a more economical 124g/km of CO2 and a stop-start EU6 engine and a new chrome grille to complement the MG family face.



AVAILABLE:  
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Discounted upgrade  
£620 save £215

PREMIUM OFFROADER WITH ADDED PERFORMANCE

## VOLVO XC90 POLESTAR

The Polestar upgrades improve the power and torque figures of both the D5 diesel and T6 petrol Drive-E engines. They also make the accelerator responses even quicker, and alter the settings of the automatic gearbox to provide faster gearchanges. These quicker and more precise responses to driver commands not

only make the driving experience more dynamic, they ensure the car responds predictably during high-speed driving. Until the end of December 2015, all model-year 2005 to model-year 2015 all-wheel-drive Volvos can be upgraded at the discounted price of £620, saving £215.

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# ZOOLANDER No. 2

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# SLOW WATCH

For those who do not want the seconds and minutes to define their time.

Do you like working around the clock and missing out on the fun you could be having with your life? That's what the co-founders and inventors of slow watches: Christopher and Corvin from Germany, as well as watch designers May and Gabriele from Switzerland. So the 24-hour dial of the one-handed slow watch displays the entire day at a glance. Instead of the seconds and minutes displayed by conventional watches, the 15 minute intervals measured by the slow watch to help us live more relaxed lives, at a decelerated pace.

**From £190 including shipping, available at [slow-watches.com](http://slow-watches.com)**



## HOLDEN'S CLASSIC RACING OVERALLS £39.50

These classic overalls are styled with "BP Motor Spirit" printed on the back, and brace the Holden logo on the front. To add to the authenticity of the look, the overalls offer a detachable mechanics arm band. They have an elasticated waist band, and come in the classic white which gives a traditional mechanic look.

**[holden.co.uk](http://holden.co.uk)**



## ROAD ANGEL HALO DASHCAM £199

The Halo dashcam has built-in parking protection to capture footage when a vehicle is left unattended. It begins recording out of both the front and rear windows when it sees any motion or senses a shock. Users can then play back the footage to see what happened and then submit this video file as evidence to the police, the DVLA or insurers.

**[roadangelive.com](http://roadangelive.com).**



## STARTMONKEY 400 £199.95

Infinitely smaller and lighter than conventional battery jump packs, Startmonkey 400 will fire up any 4x4, van, car, boat or motorcycle up to 20 times before needing a charge of its own. Available with crocodile clips or motorsport-style Anderson plug. This Monkey could get you out of a situation this winter.

**[motoringclassics.co.uk](http://motoringclassics.co.uk)**

# THIS PEARL IS A SINGER

"ONE MORE THAN  
10: SINGER AND  
THE PORSCHE 911"

Singer Vehicle Design is driven by the singular vision of Rob Dickinson - an ex-car designer who then became a rock musician, and now stands as one of the world's foremost distillers of the essence of air cooled Porsches. Journalist Michael Harley and Dickinson tell the story. Throughout the book some of the finest photographers in the automotive world, with unparalleled access to Singer's operations, reveal the sublime beauty of these Porsche 911s as they are restored, and as they play at the track and run the open road.

For Dickinson, it's a story that really began

for him as a young child riding in the back seat of one air-cooled icon, the VW Beetle - the first time he saw the car that would be the standard-bearer for air-cooled performance, the Porsche 911. "This book has the spirit of Singer Vehicle Design tailored into its words, images and feel. It's us, in print and I'm incredibly excited to share this latest project, shaped by our mantra 'Everything is Important'".

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# DIAL 911

A SCANDI THRILLER WITH A KICK-ASS DETECTIVE NEEDS A KNOCKOUT CAR



**T**hat would be a Porsche 911 which now stars in the latest series of *The Bridge*.

It all started when during a blackout, the body of a woman is found in the middle of the Øresund Bridge, between Sweden and Denmark. Half of it belongs to a Swedish politician, the other half to a Danish lady night worker. So that's hardly Miss Marple, but never mind, it is all about a car.

The Swedish homicide detective, Saga Norén drives a rather lovely 1970s Porsche 911. However, there has been rather a lot of speculation as to just what model it is. Indeed, the production crew on the set have been uploading images via Instagram to clarify and in some cases confuse the issue for some. This is reminiscent of the great debate over what Inspector Morse drove. That car

wasn't a Mark 2 Jaguar, because scratch the surface and underneath it was really a Daimler 250, but with Jag badging.

Porsche fans suggested that the car is an American import, a 912E, claiming that it makes the sound of a four, rather than six cylinder engine. Obviously, anything can be dubbed onto a soundtrack. However, others *Bridge* and *911* fans have found evidence that it was registered to a film company and is a 1977 Porsche 911S. If so, that makes it rare and one

of the most desirable 911s from that era. Free Car Mag would rather like to know the full back story as to how Saga acquired it. Maybe in the next series...

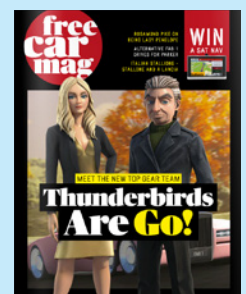
**Watch it now on  
BBC4 Saturday  
at 9pm.**





# NEXT ISSUE

Stars Wars. You may have heard of it. There is a new one out, The Force Awakens. Harrison Ford is in it, so chances are it is going to be considerably better than the last three. Otherwise we are seriously considering putting some bicycles in Free Car Mag. All will be revealed...



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