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Joe & Caspar are our new favourite travel companions and we are looking forward to seeing their new series on E4. Obviously we like the look of their lovely Vee Dub Camper van and we though there was reason why we couldn't have as much fun.

Perry McCarthy was the original Stig on Top Gear, but he is also a handy racing driver and a very committed road safety campaigner. He spoke so much common sense in our direction the other day that we decided to string together his words of wisdom and package it together in one of our best ever Back Seat Driver columns.

Free Car Mag, were blown away by the Havana Motoring Club. It is not just a documentary about cars, it's about people too and the visuals are just amazing.

London Motor Show? You must go, it will be a brilliant setting and we have a pair of tickets to give away details on page 12. Incidentally, there are just a few days left for a lucky subscriber to win a fantastic Pulsar watch. Meanwhile, we still have Eddie the Eagle's van to give away. Imagine going around Europe in that? That is so cool I am sure Joe & Caspar would love to join you.



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Zara Phillips, Billy Vunipola & The Invictus Games

Zara Phillips said: "I really enjoyed supporting the Invictus Games in 2014 so I was delighted to be asked to be involved again this year. I was really pleased to be part of the challenge and announce the two UK Team members that will compete for the first medal in the driving challenge in Orlando in May.

"Each member of the UK Invictus Games team should inspire us all, so I'm extremely proud to be a supporter of the Games and the Team through Land Rover. I'm looking forward to seeing the UK team in action and hopefully bringing home the first gold medal."

Billy Vunipola added: "It was fantastic to meet the guys from the UK Team and inspiring to see how they go above and beyond to qualify to compete at the Invictus Games. I'll be right behind them when it comes to Orlando in May and I am really proud to be supporting them through Land Rover.

"It was a good laugh being in the car with the competitors. Pretty scary at times but the vehicles are built for this and the guys weren't bad drivers either!"



Robot Audi & Daniel Brühl

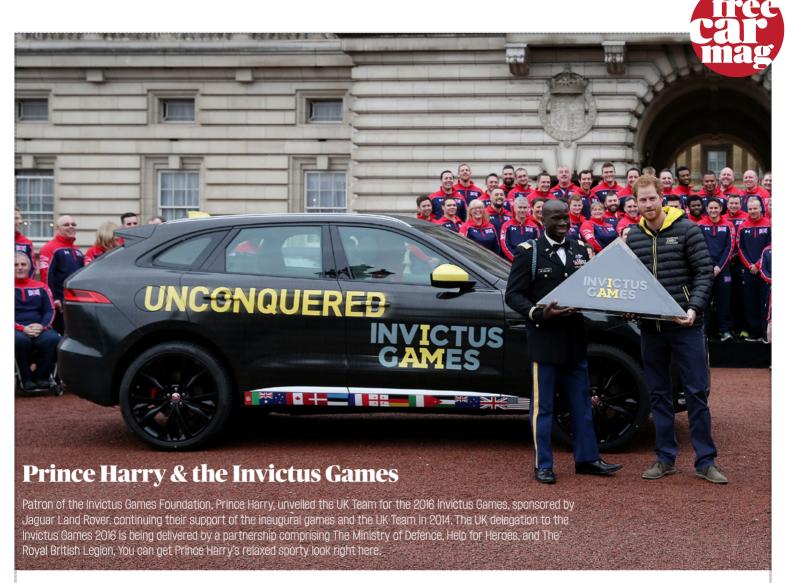
It's our science and technology issue so we were fascinated to watch a driverless robot Audi A8 provide VIP transport for actor Daniel Brühl (Niki Lauda in Rush) and his girlfriend Felicitas Rombold at Berlinale Film Festival.





Konnie Hug

Ex Blue Peter presenter and mum-of-two, Konnie said: 'I'm delighted to be a Brand Ambassador for Mitsubishi because I think the Outlander PHEV is a fantastic vehicle. There's a preconceived notion that to be environmentally friendly and have an electric car you end up in small, weedy cars that you can only use as run-arounds but this car flies in the face of that."



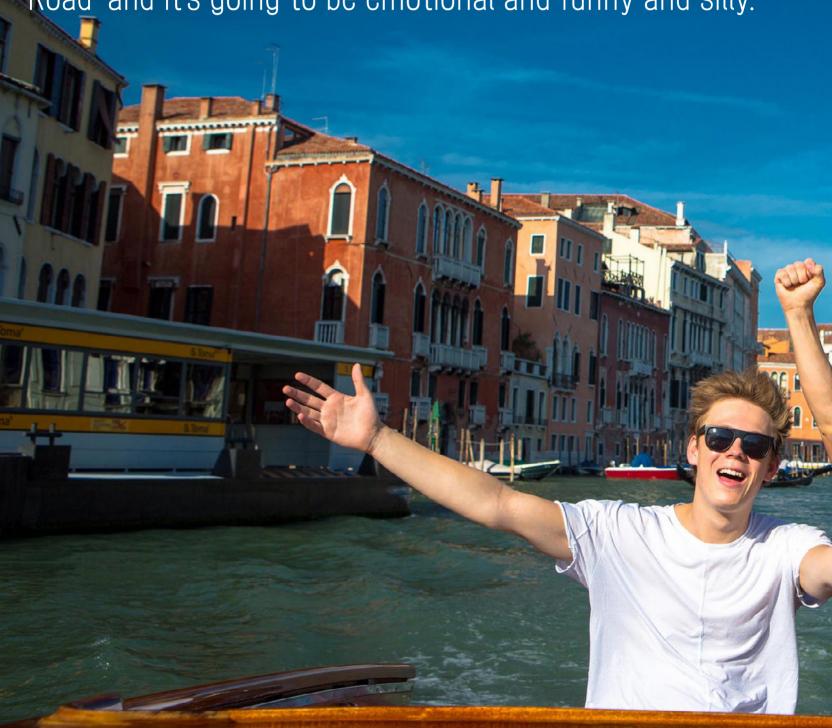


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Emolube

Following their huge success on DVD in 2015, E4 has acquired the UK broadcast rights to 'Joe & Caspar Hit the Road' and it's going to be emotional and funny and silly.





Made by the production team behind BBC Worldwide's Top Gear special commissions, Joe & Caspar Hit the Road will see Joe Sugg and Caspar Lee hit the road on an epic European adventure as Joe challenges his flatmate to survive the trip using only the money they can earn each day. The twosome - who have over 11 million YouTube subscribers and over a billion total video views between them – will be offering themselves up for employment in a series of unusual tasks such as learning to be gondoliers in Venice, working as deckhands on a superyacht, and performing on Barcelona's famous Las Ramblas.

Joe and Caspar commented. "It's a big moment for us to see Hit the Road heading on to E4. We're really excited to take it to a new audience"

JOE & CASPAR HIT THE ROAD MONDAYS ON E4 AT 8PM

JOE SUGG

From the West Country, Joe spent most of his adult life thatching roofs until his very recent move to London to pursue a career as a full time YouTuber. His dedication to making great, creative content shines through and explains his quickly growing YouTube audience. Joe has worked with brands such as Skype, Coca-Cola and O2 and has a real passion for presenting – he has presented live for Got to Dance and most recently did a voiceover for the new SpongeBob film. His debut graphic novel was released in September 2015.

WATCH JOE SUGG

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JOE SUGG BY NUMBERS

6m+ YouTube subscribers 2.9m Twitter followers 4.3m Instagram followers

CASPAR LEE

Caspar is a 20 year old social media sensation. He entertains millions with his original brand of comedy and life observation in hilarious self-produced videos. As well as writing his own scripts, Caspar has a passion for acting. He travels between South Africa, LA and London and has an OBSESSION with pizza. His debut novel will be released in May 2016.

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Europe:Which side are you on?

million Brits could drive on the wrong side of the road as 71% of the 20million in their cars can't identify key road regulations. We could follow in Joe & Caspar's tyre tracks, but we really need to concentrate on the rules and regulations. A study from TomTom has revealed that almost 12 million of the 20 million Brits planning on driving in Europe this Summer could find themselves driving on the wrong side of the road.

A Europe-wide study of over 10,000 drivers, including 2,000 from the UK, looks at summer driving habits. It highlights that whilst 44% of British drivers are planning to drive in Europe this summer, 71% didn't know the driving laws of popular holiday destinations when tested. Although 85% said they do research road regulations before driving abroad, a simple road rule knowledge test, commissioned by TomTom, showed UK drivers are stumped by everyday international driving laws. For example:

EURO DRIVING FACTS

- In Scandinavia it is illegal to drive without headlights, even in daylight
- Cyprus has a zero tolerance policy on all drinking at the wheel, including non-alcoholic drinks like water and eating any food
- In some Spanish cities, cars must be parked on different sides of the road according to the day of the week
- In Portugal it is illegal to carry bicycles on the back of a car
- In Denmark you must do a routine check for sleeping children under your car every time you drive

EURO DRIVING WORRIES

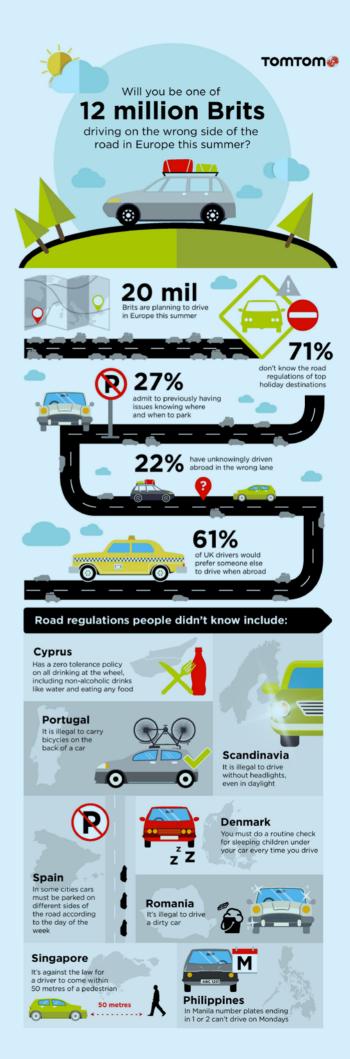
And it isn't just specific regulations that are causing confusion on European roads for British drivers, with many admitting they have struggled in the past when faced with foreign driving cultures. The most common issues faced when driving abroad include:

Not knowing where and when you can park
Driving on the 'wrong' side of the road
(26%)
Knowing which lane is best to travel in
(22%)
The correct speed limit to travel at
(19%)
Not understanding the road signs
(18%)

Indeed, almost two thirds of UK drivers (61%) said they would prefer someone else to drive because they don't feel confident driving abroad (47%) and find it too stressful (44%).

TomTom offers a range of products to help with summer driving including standalone satnays, and smartphone apps. standalone satnays here

http://www.tomtom.com/en_gb





Kiss the Kerb



When driving abroad, always kiss the kerb. No really, when you are in a right hand drive car, and you are driving on the right hand side of the road, the kerb is, should you feel the urge, conveniently closer for you to kiss. If it isn't then you are about to have a head on collision. Staying on the right side of the road is just one thing you have to remember when driving abroad. If even you are not taking your own car, hiring one, especially a car that is safe, good value and adequately insured can also be a nightmare. So here is our guide to stress free foreign motoring.

Make sure you have travel insurance and also breakdown cover. TV Chef Kevin Woodford confided in me about his worst experience motoring abroad. "We were on our way to Switzerland for a family skiing holiday. As we started to climb the mountains the car starts to cut out. At 9,000 feet, I'm negotiating hairpin bends and there is a sheer drop on my right hand side. Because the engine is stalling I'm losing power steering and power brakes. I start to perspire even now, just thinking about it". So vehicle preparation, getting it serviced and carrying the right spares and emergency supplies is a must.

Alternatively you could hire a car and it is best to book it

in the UK through a large multi-national, which reduces the chances of any misunderstandings. Read the small print for travel limits and liability. Name your co-drivers. Get collision damage waiver cover which limits your liability. Inspect the car when you collect and return it and point out any damage. However, if you are driving a left hand drive hire car, whatever you do, please don't kiss the kerb.

DRIVE & SURVIVE

- Roundabouts. Take it slow and easy. Don't be intimidated. Plan ahead and identify your exit point well in time.
- Major Junctions Take extreme care when turning left at T junctions and plan your eventual position once you have joined the flow of traffic. In France and Germany it is common practice to have a filter lane on the left to facilitate the crossing of a dual carriage way- there is often little warning of this and most tourists will be driving well to the right, so plan for this.
- You've been driving for a couple of hours and are nicely settled in. You stop for a break and resume the journey but your concentration has lapsed and you start driving on the left!



The Essential Guide to Driving in Europe by Julian Parish Veloce £9.99

A bugs life

Joe & Caspar did their European trip in real style with a Volkswagen Camper Van. We can't ever hope to be as cool as them, so what are the alternatives?





CARS IN THE PARK

If you go down to the woods (Battersea Park) in a few days time there will be loads to see and do and you can even win two tickets.



he Battersea Evolution Centre will play host to The London Motor Show from the 5th to the 8th May. The Show provides an important platform for the motor industry in Britain, which is enjoying considerable success in terms of vehicle manufacturing, technical innovation and new car sales.

The most recent additions to the show include Dodge, McLaren, Lotus and TVR and they join a wide range of car brands designed to appeal to all pockets. Importantly, and unlike other motor shows, a selection of cars will be available to test drive with the opportunity to purchase the car after the test drive. You will also be able to see the Mexican supercar the Vuhl 05 (above).

An important feature of the new London Motor Show is the staging of outside displays, including safety demonstrations, one involving the latest road safety initiative, Stop the Crash. Principally this will feature Automated Emergency Braking (AEB), a significant lifesaving safety technology, and there are growing calls to make this standard on all cars, as was Electronic Stability Program (ESP).

The London Motor Show has been designed to appeal to all the family and an exciting day out is promised. The TOP GEAR racing simulator for children and parents will be there, together with the very latest racing game Project CARS which involves using VR (Virtual Reality) headsets. Full details of the new London Motor Show, and to pre book early bird tickets, please visit www.thelondonmotorshow.co.uk

Win 2 Tickets for Friday (6th May) general admission tickets by emailing us the answer to this: "Who is the president of the Show?" competition@ freecarmag.com



The Thoughts of Chairman Stig

Original Stig, Perry McCarthy tells us like it is and he's brilliant.

Garmin's satnav system is not as good as my wife.

The key absolute in racing is judgement, you need complete focus on the track and on the road.

I do not listen to the radio or music. I do listen to my Garmin.

It updates every minute, so unlike those motorway signs that may be inaccurate or providing old traffic news the Garmin is always up to date and not telling you fibs.

Journey planning is essential, there is no need to use a phone when you are driving.



Self driving cars, will they get personality chips? Angry. Sad. Happy. Self drivers would also be a bad place to be when there is a glitch.

Garmin Drive is like having a mate sitting in the passenger seat looking after you.

Always look ahead, This sounds really daft, but look through the windscreen because that's where you are going.

Dash Cams can only make drivers better and it should be a factor that reduces our insurance premiums.

The speed limit should be at least 80mph. Vehicles these days can cope.

New drivers should only be allowed to have smaller engined cars. They ought to have a green P sticker on the window.

Top Gear, well, the Chris Evans version will be big in the UK, the Amazon Clarkson one will be global. As a driver Jeremy is a great journalist.

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"She said it looked like an old lady's car;"

HILLARY CLINTON'S OLD CAR. A 1986
OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS IS SO DEEPLY
UNCOOL THAT NEITHER THE WHITE HOUSE
GARDENER'S TEEN DAUGHTER NOR THE
CLINTON LIBRARY WERE INTERESTED IN
DRIVING OR BUYING IT. CHELSEA CLINTON
THOUGH DID LEARN TO DRIVE IN IT.

"May cause a driver to unexpectedly run out of fuel and the vehicle to stall, increasing the risk of a crash."

EIGHTY SEVEN VEYRONS MADE BETWEEN 2006 AND 2011 ARE BEING RECALLED FOR A FAULTY FUEL GAUGE. CORRODING BATTERY CABLE AND JACKING PLATES THAT MAY DROP OFF.



"We had to call the police to resolve the matter"

AT THE MERCEDES AGM A FIGHT BROKE OUT OVER THE SAUSAGES AS ONE SHAREHOLDER APPARENTLY WRAPPED THEM UP IN ORDER TO TAKE THEM HOME

"Either we need more sausages, or we'll have to drop them completely"



VOLKSWAGEN POLO VS FORD FIESTA

A small hatchback, or supermini is all many of us need to cope with daily commute and a bit of shopping. So which ones are best?

WHY BUY?

The Volkswagen Polo is a just a smaller Golf and that's why people love it. It is a quality product which makes owners feel good. It also feels like a larger car. The Fiesta is a hard working, reliable hatchback, that is cheap to run and easy to drive. A practical good value choice for many.

WHICH MODELS?

The Volkswagen Polo was revised in 2005 with a fresh front end. There is a choice of excellent engines, small petrols and diesels. The Ford Fiesta stepped up a gear in '08 and is a great range of 3 and 5 door cars starting with a 1.25 petrol and the very economical ECOnetic diesel.

ARE THEY RELIABLE?

Both cars have a great reputation for not breaking down. The Volkswagen Polo is tough and the Fiesta is just as durable but it is cheaper to fix overall. Mostly it is tyres, brakes and consumable items that

HOW MUCH DO THEY COST?

Volkswagen Polos from 2008 in tidy condition with low mileage is over £4000. However, £2000 will buy a 2005 1.2E or 1.4S petrol. Fiestas from 2009 is £4700 for a 1.25 Style. £5500 gets the 2011 1.4 TDCi diesel, or a 2013 1.0 petrol. There really are so many to choose from.



SUM UP

There is not much to choose between them in ability. The Fiesta is better value, the Polo offers a slightly more prestigious feel.

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

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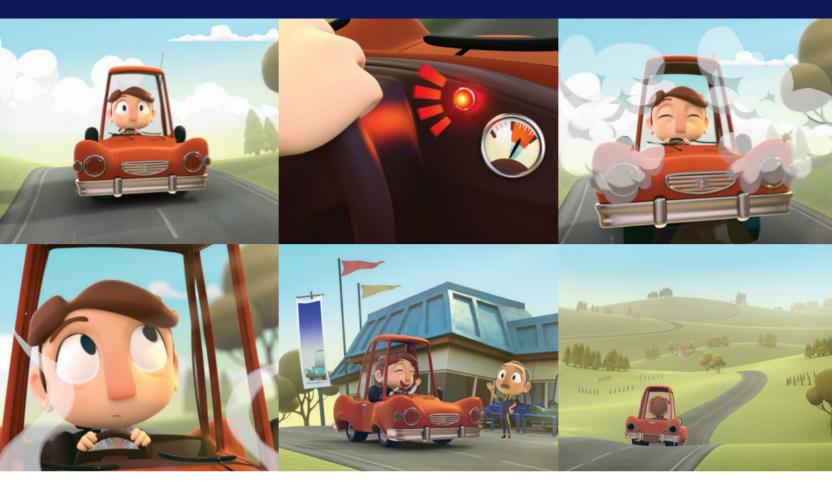
Any second it could go bang, and blow your socks off with sky high repair bills.

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To celebrate the icon's birthday, here is a special edition with a top speed limited to 155 mph and the 0-62 mph time for both threeand five-door versions - either manual or DSG - of 6.3 seconds. There is a completely new front bumper, side sills, rear diffuser, multi-part roof spoiler and exclusive forged alloy wheels. Inside are sports seats with a tailor-made look featuring Alcantara and black cloth upholstery; red topstitching; a gear knob in golf ball design; and a black headliner. The GTI is back.









Building on the popular Ambiance specification, the new special edition includes additional exterior equipment that when bought collectively adds up to £1,190 - all for a price premium of only £500 over the Ambiance trim. They have unique 'Chestnut' metallic paint, alloy wheels and, on the Sandero and Logan MCV, front fog lights. So there we have Dacia offering even more value for money with a groovy colour and funky alloys.



SSANGYONG TURISMO

'Half price upgrade' means that a Turismo EX adds alloy wheels, leather upholstery, heated seats and privacy glass is £1,000. Turismo EX auto adds the new 7-speed Mercedes-Benz automatic transmission is £750. Turismo ELX auto adds 17" alloy wheels, 4x4, solar glass and automatic windscreen wipers -£1,250. And of course all models are covered by their amazing 5 year limitless mileage warranty.



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Since the main assets of a smartphone are its screen and its ergonomic interface, owners of the Exospace B55 can use their phone to perform certain adjustments (time-setting, timezones, alarms, display and operating parameters, night mode). Conversely, the user can upload from the chronograph to the smartphone the results of various measurements (flight times, recorded times with split times, lap times, etc.) so as to be able to read them more easily, store, or pass them on. The new connected watch system devised by Breitling makes using chronograph functions easy. The Exospace B55 multifunction electronic chronograph also receives notifications of the smartphone's incoming emails, messages (SMS, WhatsApp) or phone calls (with caller's name or number) as well as reminders of upcoming appointments. Powered by a rechargeable battery system, the exclusive new multifunction Breitling Caliber B55, a SuperQuartz™ movement ten times more accurate than standard quartz, is chronometer-certified by the COSC (Swiss Official Chronometer Testing Institute). Now that is accurate.

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There is a whole host of entertainment for historic motorsport lovers to enjoy when they're not following all the race action generated by 400+ competition cars from the 1920s to the 1990s. Running from 30th April to 2nd May there will also be the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. Children aged under 16 are admitted for free. Advance discounted tickets can be bought via www.doningtonhistoric.com and through the



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Kawasaki fans from every era will delight in the retro style of this lime-green V-neck cotton T-shirt. A classic Kawasaki flock logo tops the legend 'Akashi', where their bikes are lovingly created. Free Car Mag reckon that this is a deeply cool T-shirt so we are going to buy a whole load for the office and make it compulsory work wear throughout the summer. If you want to do the same then all you have to do is follow the link below for more information where you can visit the online shop.

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Havana Motor Club is a documentary about Cuban car enthusiasts determined to go racing in extraordinary circumstances.



hose of us lucky enough to live in the free world take the simplest things for granted. We can get spare parts from Halfords and choose from thousands of cars for sale. However, for decades being a motorist in Cuba was a full time commitment. The ingenuity required to keep an obsolete car running without access to any spare

Havna Motor Club tells a personal, characterdriven story about Cuba's vibrant community of underground drag racers and their quest to hold the 1959 Revolution. It tackles how Cuba's recent reforms — the owning of property, allowance of small businesses, and greater exchange between Cubans and Americans — have affected the lives of these racers and their families. One racer enlists the help of a Cuban American patron in Miami to bring in parts for his modern Porsche. His main competitor is a renowned mechanic who uses ingenuity rather than resources to create a racing machine out of his father's 1955 Chevy Bel Air. Another racer ponders whether he will participate in the race or sell his motor — one that he recovered on the ocean floor from a ship used to smuggle Cubans off the island —

to fruition due to factors ranging from its status as an elitist sport to the arrival of the Pope in Cuba. Through the experiences of these rebellious racers, Havana Motor Club explores how Cuba is changing today and what its future holds in light of the Obama Administration's recent move to normalize relations with the island nation.

NEXT ISSUE

The Big Bang Theory is our favourite sit com even though there are not many cars in it. Super clever technology in cars is now pretty commonplace and largely operated by us idiot drivers. We take a look at one of the most complicated modern cars and then explain how science can help you slide sideways in style. Find out exactly how in Free Car Mag next time.



























































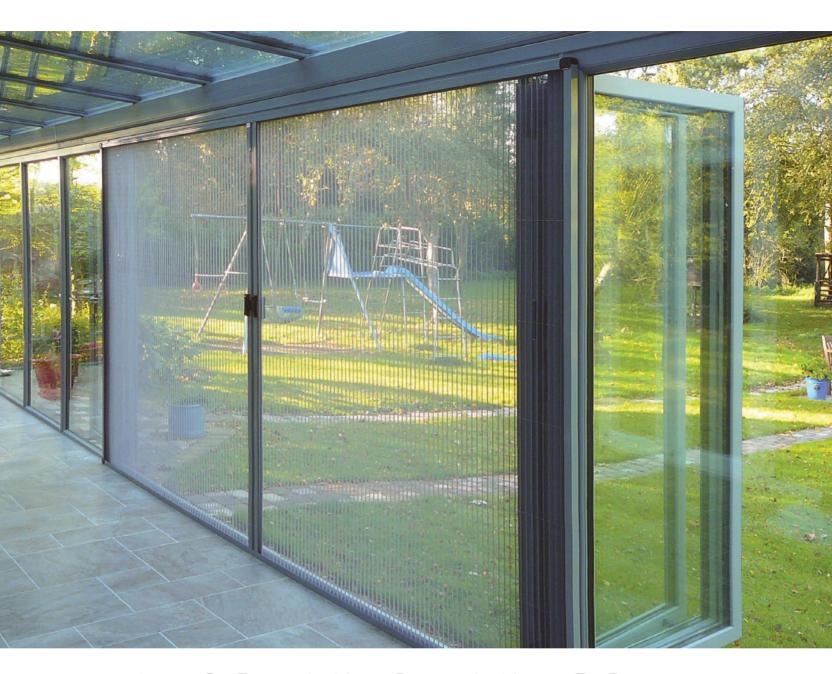




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