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# This week

We love police cars. You can seemingly take just about any model, just add flashing lights and fluorescent check finish and they all look super cool. Obviously we get a tad nervy when one is in the rear view mirror, but on the whole police cars and the people inside are out to protect the good and lock up the bad. So we were pleased when Vauxhall showed how they made them, Ford shared some lovely old classic cop cars and Volvo produced the lovely V60.

If you missed Tina and Bobby on ITV, well that was treat for classic car fans and that's why we have that beautiful Jaguar on the cover. A few words from Patsy Kensit and Michelle Keegan did not go amiss either. Also from the '60s, the mystery of whatever happened to Twiggy's Toyota is solved. Bet you never knew it had gone missing?

Buy Now is now in two parts as there are just so many brand new cars and offers out there. It is hard to know what to pick sometimes, but it will find a mix of the truly affordable and the expensively exotic.

Car Choice is really catching on and although we get the majority of questions from the iPaper, please feel free to ask us what we think you should be buying. It could be anything from a classic Jag to a retired police car.

Finally we have acquired at great expense, the rights to cartoon superhero Spencer Haze. He'll be on the website and at the back of the mag.

I think he might have been in trouble with the cops. Quite often.

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# Roger Daltrey & Rolls Royce

"I am enormously excited at the prospect of raising vital funds and awareness for the Teenage Cancer Trust in collaboration with Rolls-Royce, a true British icon," said Roger Daltrey, frontman of The Who. "The themes, so perfectly expressed by the Rolls-Royce designers in both cars, are as relevant today as they were when we first performed them. I worked hard with the designers "



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If you've been watching 'This Morning' on ITV you may have seen Philip Scofield in South Africa in a Porsche Speedster.



## Ben Fogle

New Lives in the Wild presenter, Ben Fogle, will be at the Caravan, Camping and Motorhome Show at Birmingham's NEC from 21 to 26 February. This year's show has plenty of free, have-a-go features including an indoor children's assault course and mobile climbing mountain. A towing and manoeuvring skills area offers expert tuition for those new to caravanning and motorhome holidays as well as those who want to brush up on their techniques.



## La La Land Golden Globes

Jaeger-LeCoultre congratulated "La La Land" director Damien Chazelle for winning 7 Golden Globes and breaking the record for the most Golden Globes won by a single movie. In addition to best director and best screenplay, "La La Land" swept the 74th Golden Globe Awards with best comedy picture, best score, best song and best actor nods to Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone.



# Get the look

## Dermot O'Leary

We love London Fashion Week and at the moment they are dressing blokes and there is no one sharper than Dermot O'Leary. So we were pleased to see him swanning around in a G-Class, our very favourite Mercedes. Mercedes-Benz were the official vehicle sponsor for London Fashion Week Men's; by providing a luxurious fleet of fuel efficient chauffeured cars, Mercedes-Benz ensured that guests from around the world arrive in comfort and style at catwalk shows and fashion events. during London Fashion Week Men'

### Dermot O'Leary

Getting back to Dermot, we wanted to see if it was possible to emulate his relaxed style, and of course it is.

- 1 Mercedes G-Class from £88,105
- 2 Suit £89.40 **Debenhams**
- 3 Overcoat £179 **M & S**
- 4 Jumper £15 **Topman**
- 5 Scarf £15 **Moss Bros**
- 6 Shoes £55 **Burton**





# BOSTON MARATHON BOMBING

Mark Wahlberg brings to the screen a story of courage and incredible bravery .

In the aftermath of an unspeakable act of terror, Police Sergeant TOMMY SAUNDERS (Mark Wahlberg) joins courageous survivors, first responders and investigators in a race against the clock to hunt down the bombers before they strike again.

Weaving together the stories of Special Agent RICHARD DESLAURIERS (Kevin

Bacon), Police Commissioner ED DAVIS (John Goodman), Sergeant JEFFREY PUGLIESE (J.K. Simmons) and nurse CAROL SAUNDERS (Michelle Monaghan) this visceral and unflinching chronicle captures the suspense of the most sophisticated manhunt in law enforcement history and the strength of the people of Boston.  
In Cinemas now.





# Police Interceptors Unleashed



**V**innie Jones presents clips of the most exciting chases and action from the popular crime series on Spike. Kitted out with the latest high-spec tech, the fastest cars on the roads, specially trained dogs and state-of-the-art helicopters, these elite cops are always ready to deal with anything from raids, brawls, chases, gangs, booze and crashes to runaway burglars, drug dealers, car thieves, domestic disputes and knife-wielding menaces. Find it on Catch Up on My5.

# COP SHOP



Ever wondered where Police Cars came from? Well Vauxhall ones come from Luton, obviously.

Vauxhall has officially opened its Police car factory, the largest of its kind in Europe, at its manufacturing plant in Luton, Bedfordshire.

The factory will convert 2,500 vehicles per year, including cars and vans, for use by Police forces, and Fire and Ambulance services nationwide.

Bringing 50 new jobs to Luton, the new facility has been created after moving production in-house from

its previous location in Millbrook, Bedfordshire.

Supplier firms around the country also benefit with 90 per cent of blue-light content, the materials used to convert a standard car in to a Police car, sourced locally from UK suppliers. Local firms include Border Engineering in Luton who make brackets and AV Engineering in Royston who make fascia mouldings.



An array of Vauxhalls will be converted for use by the emergency services at the Luton facility with cars including Corsa, Astra, Insignia and Mokka, and CVs, such as Combo, Movano and the Luton-built Vivaro vans.

Vauxhall is the only manufacturer to offer a one-stop shop for blue-light vehicles. Everything is done in-house from testing to converting and even remarketing of decommissioned vehicles.

Policing has changed dramatically in recent years with new types of crimes and the increased terror threat. With technology like 4G Wi-Fi and rugged Toughbook tablets, Vauxhall can offer the emergency services everything they need to stay connected on the move.

“Through our flexible production facility, Vauxhall is able to offer a one-stop shop purchasing experience to UK emergency services,” said Dick Ellam, Vauxhall’s Manager, Special Vehicles.

“We can deliver a wide choice of car and van models, specifically designed and rigorously-tested to meet the stringent demands of our emergency services. We can also supply turn-key vehicle solutions that enable rapid turnaround of replacement vehicles, plus we can now offer a unique in-house de-commissioning and re-marketing service.”

Vauxhall is the number one supplier to Police fleets with a 70 per cent market share of competitive segments.



# WE LOVE SCANDI CRIME

The lucky Police, or rather Polis force, in Sweden now have the magnificent V90 at their disposal. Free Car Mag always adored the Nordic Noir style which works perfectly with the best estate car in the world (+ it's coming to the UK Force too).

The Swedish police will take delivery of its first V90 police cars around about now, after the car recently achieved the highest rating ever in the Swedish police's highly demanding driving test.

The demands on emergency vehicles are higher than on normal road cars. On top of that, unlike in many other countries, in Sweden the police car is judged as a workplace. This means any car has to meet strict demands in areas such as performance, comfort, quality and ergonomics in order to qualify as a police car.

The Swedish police car test focuses

on five areas: a brake test, an obstacle course, evasive action tests with and without braking, and high-speed emergency driving.

The overall score for the V90 was 9.2 out of 10, the highest rating ever achieved by any car in this demanding test.

The final test protocol on the V90 prepared by Swedish police test drivers concludes that "overall, it is difficult to find any faults at all. Chassis, steering, suspension, traction control and powertrain all show exemplary performance. Quick lane changes at high speeds feel almost deceptively easy,

the car does what it is told to do and shakes off lateral forces without any protest."

While the Swedish police will be the first to start using the V90, Volvo Cars sells its police cars in other countries as well. Other police forces that in recent years have used Volvos include Norway, Italy, the Netherlands and the UK. The V90, too, will be made available to any interested police forces around the globe.

With the V90 police car, Volvo takes the highly refined driving experience of the award-winning standard V90 to the next level. To transform the car



Volvo Car Special Products department further develops the model to meet the specific demands of police forces.

For instance, the chassis is made stronger and more dynamic, the brakes and suspension are improved, and the car is fully equipped with all necessary tools and communication equipment.

It takes about a week to transform a standard V90 into a police car at Volvo Cars' special manufacturing facility in Torslanda, Sweden.

Volvo Cars has a long history in providing police cars: as far back as 1929, Swedish police fought crime from behind the wheel of a Volvo. In the decades that followed, classic Volvos

such as the Amazon and the 144 also served in police uniform. More recently, the XC70 and V70 estates have been used by police forces. The XC70, too, was the best police car ever tested by Swedish police at the time of its introduction.

# NOW



### TODAY ON THE M11

The world's most exclusive 'police-car' – based on the multi-award-winning Ford Focus RS – has been on test with police forces across the UK. The £31,250, four-wheel-drive, front-engined hyper hatch reaches 60mph from a standing start in under five seconds. Powered by a 2.3-litre turbocharged, 16-valve, four-cylinder Ford EcoBoost engine, the Focus RS develops

# & THEN



### 30 YEARS AGO ON THE M11

The world's most exclusive 'policer-car' based on the championship winning Ford RS200 rally. The £50,000 four wheel drive, mid-engined police 'supercar' reached 60 mph from a standing start in under five seconds. Powered by a 1.8 litre turbocharged, 16 valve, four cylinder Ford engine mounted behind the driver/passenger compartment, the RS200 develops 250 bhp in standard road going form.

**1967 FORD ANGLIA**



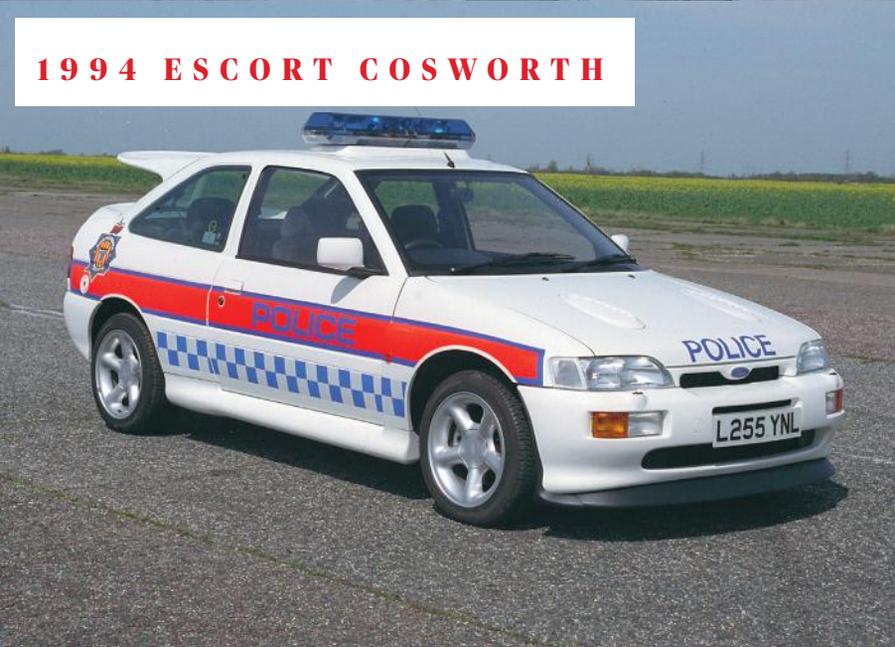
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**1962 FORD ZEPHYR**



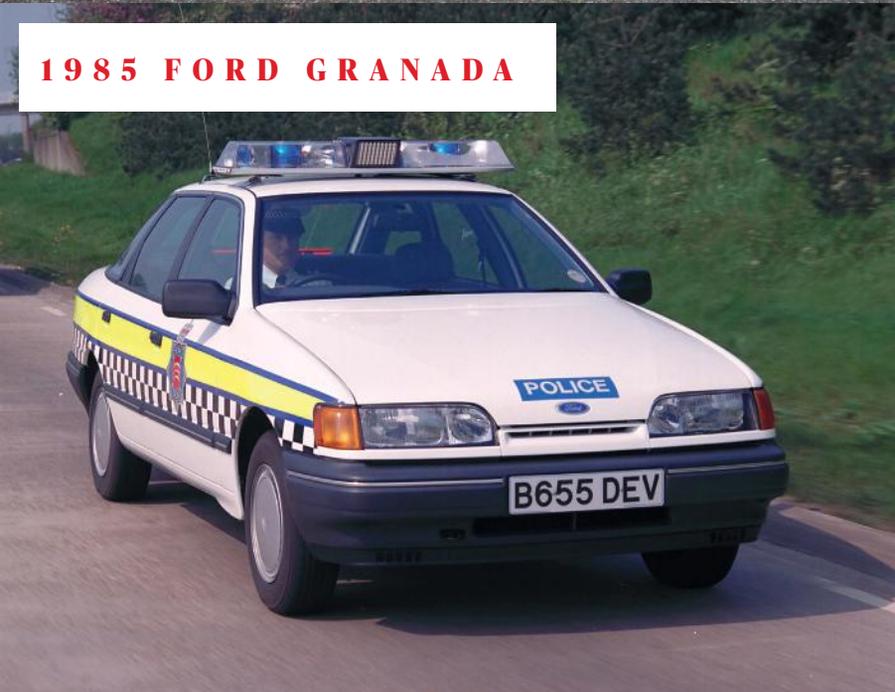
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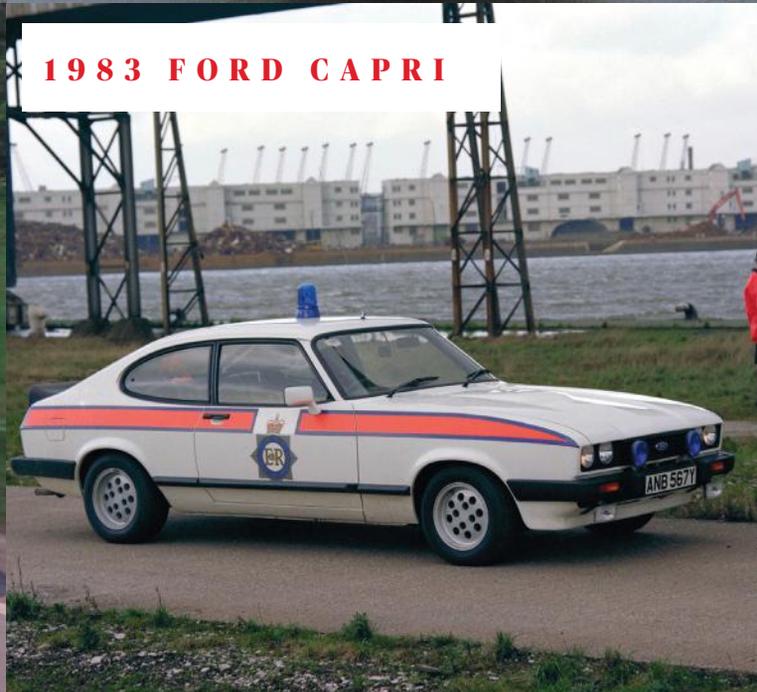
**1969 LOTUS CORTINA**



**1985 FORD GRANADA**



**1983 FORD CAPRI**





# North/South Divide

Car crime is not equal it is different Darn Sarf/Oop Norf

The latest figures from TRACKER show that 64% of cars stolen in the north of England in 2015 were stolen with keys. This compares to just 42% of cars in the south being stolen using keys. It's clear that all car owners need to be vigilant, when it comes to keeping their car keys safe, but motorists in the north should be particularly vigilant urges TRACKER, the stolen vehicle recovery expert.

When it comes to the favoured models, car thieves in the north of England appear to prefer Mercedes Benz, whilst their counterparts in the south favour BMWs. However, figures indicate that a high percentage of vehicles in the north of the country are stolen by means of car key burglaries, frequently referred to by the police as 'Hanoi' or 2-in-1 burglaries, where thieves target a specific address where a desired vehicle is parked or garaged.

Supporting TRACKER's research, West Yorkshire Police report that thieves committing burglaries in some parts of the county have switched their attention to stealing keys to take vehicles, rather than taking electrical items, money and jewellery. However, the reality is that offences

where cars are stolen by means of burglary carry a much higher sentencing tariff than cars stolen by means of conventional vehicle theft.

Meanwhile, in the south, car thieves tend to focus on compromising electronic security systems and key cloning, leading to the Metropolitan Police listing vehicle theft as one of its top seven priorities. The microchips embedded in keyless fobs emit a signal to the car which thieves are then able to intercept and copy, allowing them to start the car remotely without the owner's knowledge. Stealing cars in this way carries a shorter jail sentence, reduces the risk of being caught red-handed and therefore serves as an additional incentive over car key burglaries.



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## TOP COP FILM QUOTES

**Lieutenant Thaddeus Harris:** "Son, where did you get that gun?"

**Cadet Eugene Tackleberry:** [smiling proudly] "My mum gave it to me."

Police Academy 1984

"Go ahead. Make my day."

Clint Eastwood, Sudden Impact 1983

"This is the cleanest and nicest police car I've ever been in in my life. This thing's nicer than my apartment."

Eddie Murphy, Beverly Hills Cop 1984

**Roger Murtaugh:** Have you ever met anybody you didn't kill?

**Martin Riggs:** Well, I haven't killed you yet.

Lethal Weapon 1987

**Roger Murtaugh:** This was a new car, Riggs...

**Martin Riggs:** Well, it still is!

Lethal Weapon 2 1989



# TOP 5 USED COP CARS

Police Cars have a job to do. Catch the bad people and then securely restrain them before making them sit in the back of their cop car. So which ones are the best when they are retired and all we have to do is persuade some children to behave and that we are, almost there? Here a few answers.



## LOTUS EVORA

There are rather a lot of instances where manufacturers, like Porsche and Lamborghini do a PR stunt involving their car covered in the reflective yellow and blue. As it is there are no Lotus Evora cop cars, but it is great to dream. Check for chase damage to the composite body.



## SKODA OCTAVIA

Twenty plus years ago the actual concept of the British police force using Skodies would have been risible. As it is Volkswagen's money and the Czech brand means that there is an instantly a reliable, affordable and practical police vehicle. Even cheaper once retired and fashionably white.



## VAUXHALL ASTRA

It is impossible to go wrong with an Astra. It may not be pursuit vehicle material, like the Lotus Evora, which actually isn't a cop car at all, but for patrolling the streets and keeping them safe, it is hard to think of anything better. Great value when bought from a police vehicle auction.



## FORD TRANSIT

There is nothing more reassuring on a Friday night than seeing the arrival of Transit in your local town centre. It means more coppers and the outbreak of peace in the early hours madness. The Transit has never been better. Check a used one for bite marks on the sliding doors.



## NISSAN LEAF

In the old days they were called Panda cars. Small, cuddly and slow vehicles which got Plod off his bike and even more removed from the real world. Well, the Leaf is quite enough to creep up on crims and there is plenty of instant acceleration when there is an actual chase.

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**Hardcore Hot Hatch Honda Civic Type R**

## BLACK EDITION

We really must issue an apology. By the time you read this, every Black Edition is more than likely to have been sold. Sorry. Just so you know, this edition celebrates the last of the current Civic Type R to come off the production line. This version is limited to the last 100 cars to come off the production line and Honda is expecting the version to become a true collector's item.

The Civic Type R Black Edition features a predominantly black interior with red accents which add to the premium cabin feel, whilst the exterior is differentiated from the standard version by red rear wing end plates on the spoiler.

The British built Honda Civic Type R is powered by the most extreme and high-performing Type R engine ever built. The direct-injected turbocharged 2.0 litre VTEC peak power output is 310 PS at 6,500 rpm, and peak torque is 400 Nm at 2,500 rpm.

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## RENAULT CLIO SIGNATURE NAV

Based on the already extensively-equipped Dynamique S version, the Signature specification adds black part-leather upholstery with heated front seats and height-adjustable passenger seat together with hands-free parking, rear parking camera, 360-degree parking sensors and Renault R-Link Multimedia system with 7-inch touchscreen with TomTom LIVE Satellite Navigation system. The Clio Signature is priced from £17,715 OTR – a premium of £1,450 over the Dynamique S Nav but with £2,250 of additional equipment. That all sounds like jolly good news to us, luxury superminis have never looked better.

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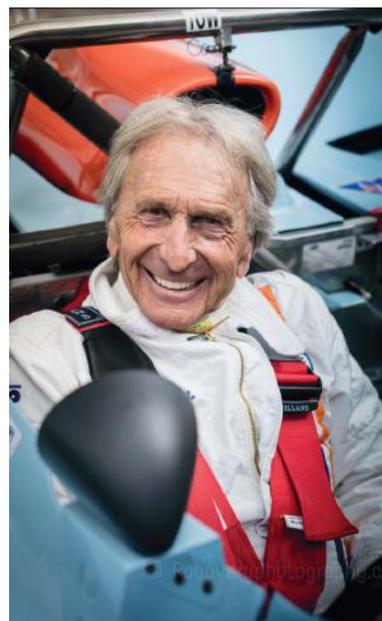
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# THE DEREK BELL 500

Free Car Mag love Omologato. They make watches at real world prices which are stylish and have great motoring racing stories behind them. The latest addition to their range continues that great tradition with the legend that is Derek Bell. We welcome the arrival of the limited-edition Derek Bell 500.



Celebrating Bell's remarkable glory at the Le Mans 24 Hours, this striking timepiece honours the Brit's 1975 victory behind the wheel of the iconic Gulf Mirage GR8 – the first of his impressive five race wins.

With a leather strap featuring orange and light blue stitching and a light blue strip running through the 45.5mm face, the famous image of the GR8 is captured perfectly by the Derek Bell 500, which will be in stock from March 2017.

Just 500 watches are available worldwide, each of which is numbered 1 to 500. They also come with a booklet on the history of Le Mans and the life and times of Bell, hand signed by the man himself.

Buyers will have the chance to show off their watches to Bell, too, as the three-time Daytona 24 champion is set to attend special Omologato events later this year. Whether at the brand's highly acclaimed #ChronosAndCars meets or a drinks evening with Porsche, Bell will be on hand to share the stories that inspired the Derek Bell 500 watch and beyond.

After his triumph in 1975, Bell went on to win the Le Mans 24 Hours in 1981, 1982, 1986 and 1987 – making him the most successful Brit to compete in the race to date.

The Omologato 917 is strictly limited to 500 examples, and is priced at £299. Pre-orders can be placed on the Omologato website, with deliveries due in March 2017. His inaugural victory is arguably the most famous of them all, however, having spawned one of the best racing partnerships of all time between Bell and Belgian Jacky Ickx. The pair worked together on Bell's next two victories in the early eighties before Ickx's final outing in 1985.

The Derek Bell 500 watch features a Japanese Quartz movement, which operates smoothly and promises quality of manufacturing. It also brings a desirable level of precision, reliability and accuracy that only comes with the very best watches.

Here is a watch that not only celebrates true motorsport achievement, but also looks seriously cool, yet purposeful.



# TEAMWORK TIMEPIECE

Pulsar Accelerator M-Sport edition limited to just 2000 £195

The M-Sport Rally team and Pulsar worked closely together on the design of this new watch to ensure that it has all the functionality that the team needs. The chronograph measures elapsed time with a split-time function. The watch is powered by light so never needs a battery change and has a four month power reserve. The case opening is wide, the hands are long and the date aperture is large so that the time is easily readable at a glance. Speed is easily calculated using the tachymeter on the dial ring. Most of all, this new Accelerator Chronograph is built to take the stresses and strains of life on the road. It is 100 metre water resistant, has a screw-down case back and a scratch-resistant crystal. The robust case is made of stainless steel and the strap is made of stitched leather in the M-Sport colours of blue and black, matching the dial and case.

Each has its own serial number engraved on the case back and is offered in a special presentation box that celebrates the M-Sport partnership.

[www.pulsar-watches.co.uk](http://www.pulsar-watches.co.uk)



## PRETTY ECCENTRIC CUFFLINKS £39.99

When these watches stopped who knew they would be reincarnated as really cool cufflinks. Crafted from 1920s - 1950s watch movements, with their original ruby jewels and mounted as cufflinks. Presented in a black vintage inspired box. These ones are round movements, but there are also rectangular, hexagonal and oval versions available.

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**Supercar gets Touch Pro tech and other upgrades**

## JAGUAR F-TYPE

The new F-TYPE range offers even more driver-focused technology and a broader model range than ever, comprising 22 derivatives from the purist appeal of the rear-wheel drive, 340PS F-TYPE to the 200mph, all-wheel drive F-TYPE SVR – Jaguar's all-weather supercar.

Every F-TYPE now features the Touch Pro infotainment system. Its super-fast responses, intuitive tablet-style operation, intelligent navigation functions such as Share ETA and online services such as real-time traffic and live weather reports.

The addition of lightweight slimline seats and new chrome and aluminium trim finishers heighten the driver-focused feel of the interior and perfectly complement the enhanced interior colour schemes including the Siena Tan leather option now available across the huge range. Not only that, full LED headlights help improve driver safety and comfort.

Say hello to the brilliant 2017 F-Type.





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Supermini becomes Jazzier with Brighter Colours

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## HONDA JAZZ COLOUR MAGIC

The Honda Jazz is already one of the warmest and most cheerful cars on the road, thanks to its strong character, high levels of owner satisfaction and rewarding driving dynamics, but drivers who choose colours such as the model's bold Sunset Orange and Attract Yellow Pearl are likelier to be happier – and safer – than most. Psychologists have shown a strong link between colour and personality, with hues such as orange and yellow most popular with extroverts and satisfied people. Your bank balance may well be healthier if you opt for one of the PCP packages that start from £169 a month.

## Car Choice

Peter Murray has his eye on a £25,000 Bentley Continental. Should he buy it, or go for some other luxury car?



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### A CAR FOR THE HEAD LEXUS GS300 SE-CVT

Peter has an imminent significant birthday and rightly wants to treat himself. The last thing Peter wants to do is buy a troublesome and unreliable model as £25K is not a lot to spend. For that reason I think that a Lexus would be the best option. They come complete with every extra, are very comfortable and never break down. Plus Peter can buy a recent example with a decent warranty and I think that a GS 300 SE-CVT. I found a 2014 with less than a 1000 miles, for £22,990, which is great value.

### A CAR FOR THE HEART BENTLEY CONTINENTAL GT

Peter is right to consider a Bentley Continental because with a complete service history there should not be much to worry about. The spark plugs need changing every four years and they are difficult to get at. The most common problems are related to electrical items and Electronic Control Units, so Peter must make sure that everything works. Just take his time and not to the purchase. Peter must buy on condition and not just price. I found a 2004 Bentley Continental GT with 67,000 miles for £23,800.

## HATCHBACK

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Peter and Anne Southgate's car has failed its MOT and they need another. They have £6,000 to spend on a hatchback.



### A CAR FOR THE HEAD VAUXHALL ASTRA

Peter and Anne are retired and have not bought a car for a long time and they are concerned about running costs and buying a decent model. They want reliability and ease of use. An easy option would be to simply buy a brand new car, but they would prefer not to. A Vauxhall Astra is a good, no nonsense hatchback. I would recommend petrol as their mileage is low and they don't need a complicated diesel. A 2012 1.4 Exclusiv for £6000 from a dealer with just 22,000 is as good as buying new.

### A CAR FOR THE HEART SEAT LEON

Although Peter and Anne don't want an exciting car they might like the stylish, but good value SEAT Leon. I came across a very well equipped example at a SEAT dealer. This 2012 1.2 TSi S Copa had covered just over 50,000 miles and on sale for £6000. The significant factor for Peter and Anne is that this vehicle is covered by a manufacturer approved warranty. That means the car is covered by a 12 month guarantee and comprehensively checked. I would recommend an independent warranty and care package from motoreasy when the year is up.

# 50 SHADES DARKER IN AN UNDERGROUND CAR PARK



Jamie Dornan and Dakota Johnson return as Christian Grey and Anastasia Steele in *Fifty Shades Darker*, the second chapter based on the worldwide bestselling “Fifty Shades” phenomenon. Expanding upon events set in motion in 2015’s blockbuster film that grossed more than \$560 million globally, the new installment arrives for Valentine’s Day and invites you to slip into something a shade darker. When a wounded Christian Grey tries to entice a cautious Ana Steele back into his life, she demands a new arrangement before she will give him another chance. As the two begin to build trust and find stability,

figures from Christian’s past start to circle the couple, determined to destroy their hopes for a future together. Also returning from *Fifty Shades of Grey* are Academy Award® winner Marcia Gay Harden, Jennifer Ehle, Luke Grimes, Rita Ora, Victor Rasuk, Eloise Mumford and Max Martini, who are joined for the first time by Oscar® winner Kim Basinger, Hugh Dancy, Bella Heathcote and Eric Johnson. *Fifty Shades Darker* is directed by James Foley (*Fear*, *House of Cards*) and once again produced by Michael De Luca, Dana Brunetti and Marcus Viscidi, alongside E L James, the creator of the culture-spanning blockbuster.

## CAR SPOTTING



The gang is back together for the belated follow up to the 1996’s *Trainspotting*. We spotted a BMW 3 Series convertible in the trailer, an E36 model to be precise, which is reason enough to get *Free Car Mag* to the cinema. Actually it could even be an M3. We will have to investigate.

Otherwise it is business as usual. Mark Renton (Ewan McGregor) reunites with Spud (Ewen Bremner), Sick Boy (Jonny Lee Miller), Begbie (Robert Carlyle) and other old friends after returning to the only place that he can ever call home. I presume they mean Glasgow.



# LIVE BY NIGHT



**Ben Affleck directs this period gangster film and obviously it is a million times better than Batman vs Superman.**

Oscar winner Ben Affleck directed and stars in the dramatic crime thriller “Live by Night.” Affleck also wrote the screenplay, based on the award-winning best-seller by Dennis Lehane; it marks the second collaboration for the fellow Boston natives, following the acclaimed drama “Gone Baby Gone.”

To give you a bit of background, Joe Coughlin is the WWI vet who is a self-proclaimed anti-establishment outlaw, despite being the son of the Boston Police Deputy Superintendent. However, Joe’s not all bad, though; in fact, he’s not really bad enough for the life he’s chosen. Unlike the gangsters he refuses to work for, he has a sense of justice and an open heart, and both work against him, leaving him vulnerable in business and in love. Driven by a need to right the wrongs committed against him and those close to him, Joe heads down a risky path that goes against his upbringing and his own moral code. Leaving the cold Boston winter behind, he and his reckless crew turn up the heat in Tampa. And while revenge may taste sweeter than the molasses that infuses every drop of illegal rum he runs, Joe will learn that it comes at a price.

Here are all the people involved in the film with a handy bracketed film clue as to the last Hollywood blockbuster you may remember them being in. In fact there was reams and reams of people, but let’s start

with someone who does not need much of an introduction because “Live by Night” is produced by Leonardo DiCaprio. (“The Wolf of Wall Street,” “Out of the Furnace”) and Jennifer Davisson (“The Ides of March,” “Orphan”), Starring with Affleck are Elle Fanning (“Maleficent”), Brendan Gleeson (“In the Heart of the Sea,” the “Harry Potter” films), Chris Messina (“Argo,” “The Mindy Project”), Sienna Miller (“American Sniper,” “Foxcatcher”), Zoe Saldana (“Guardians of the Galaxy,” “Avatar”), and Oscar winner Chris Cooper (“Adaptation,” “The Town”). Phew.



# TINA & BOBBY

THE TRUE STORY OF BRITAIN'S '60S SPORTS POWER COUPLE



## Tina & Bobby's Jaguar S-Type

Jaguar S-Type was introduced in 1964. The front end of this model is the old Mark II but with a new grille and headlamps. The rear end comes from the much larger Mark X model and was fitted to accommodate independent rear suspension. There were two engine options, a 3.4 and 3.8 litre. It was made until 1968 and in total 24,900 were built. Not that expensive for a classic Jaguar, buy one from under £10,000 to no more than £20,000. That's a bargain.



**W**e loved Tina & Bobby on ITV Friday's at 9pm not least because there were some lovely classic cars like this lovely S-Type Jaguar. The story itself is just as fascinating.

Tina and Bobby is an epic love story about an ordinary girl who falls for an ordinary boy only to be swept up in an extraordinary life.

Nineteen-year-old Tina Dean (Michelle Keegan) married Bobby Moore (Lorne MacFadyen) for love, little knowing that their marriage would be defined by history.

Tina struggled as a housewife but Bobby's star ascended as he became England captain aged just 23. When Tina fell pregnant their future looked bright... until Bobby was diagnosed with cancer. Sworn to secrecy, Tina proved Bobby's rock as he fought his way back to fitness but he and Tina clashed when a stand off with his club manager jeopardised his World Cup prospects.

When England won the World Cup in July 1966, Bobby became a national hero and Tina was jettisoned from suburban housewife to a role in the spotlight. She and Bobby became football's 'golden couple' and Tina was the first WAG.

But their celebrity lifestyle came at a cost. Bobby was arrested while training for the 1970 World Cup and they were the target of a kidnap threat.

When Bobby's playing career waned and business decisions left them in debt cracks started to show in their relationship and Tina faced the biggest battle of all, to save their marriage. See Tina & Bobby on ITV and catch up services.



# MICHELLE & PATSY

THE FEMALE STARS OF TINA & BOBBY TALK FOOTBALL AND WHY THEY TOOK THE ROLES



## Michelle Keegan plays Tina

**How much did you know about Tina and Bobby before you took on the role?** “I’ll be honest, I didn’t know a lot about Tina outside of Bobby. The first time I heard their story was when I watched the documentary, Bobby. A few weeks later I received the scripts so it felt like fate.”

**How would you describe Tina?** “Tina is a very confident and strong woman. She’s very independent too. A lot of the time Tina was the backbone of their marriage and Bobby always went to her for advice. Although she was in the background when it came to his career, in their marriage she was always at the forefront of their relationship.”

**How do you remember Bobby Moore?** “Bobby is a legend. He was a very dignified man and very family orientated. He gave everything for his family and his career. He was a really decent man.”

**Patsy Kensit plays Tina’s mother, Betty. What relationship did they have?** “Tina was very close to her mum. They depended on each other. In a way Tina looked after her mum as much as her mum looked after her. They were more like sisters whilst Tina was growing up. Best friends and very, very close. When her mum died I think it broke her heart.

“Patsy was sitting next to me at the read-through and throughout it she would often hold my hand. She became that mother figure and really looked after me.”



## Patsy Kensit plays Betty

**You met Tina Moore ahead of filming. Did she give you any insight to her mother?** “When we met, Tina said ‘When I heard you were playing my mum I was so happy, I was so pleased’, and that was lovely to hear.

“Tina was a real firecracker and absolutely fabulous. We spoke on the phone at length and from what she shared Betty was a woman full of life. She was very much ahead of her time. She’d make Tina smoked-salmon sandwiches to take to school. She would buy Vogue and make the designer clothes from the patterns that were featured in the magazine.

“My mum worked in the press office at Christian Dior and they would often have their dress patterns in Vogue. Like Betty my mother would make them too. I’ve got two dresses I’ve managed to salvage over the years that she made. The more Tina and I spoke the more similarities we found we had. It was a real honour to play Tina’s mum.”

**What relationship does Betty have with her daughter Tina, who is played by Michelle Keegan?** “Although Betty is mum, she and Tina have a very close relationship, much like the one I had with my mother. They told each other everything, so without being inappropriate they were more like sisters.”

**A lot of the filming takes place in the 60’s and 70’s. You were a 70’s child. What do you remember from that period of time?**

“Football was a big thing in my house during the 70’s. My dad was a big Tottenham Hotspur fan. Every time the England team made a song, my dad would always buy the record. When Spurs were playing he couldn’t sit and watch the game. He was like Doss (Doris Moore), he would have to go outside, he couldn’t cope and then he’d come in and want everyone to say a prayer.

“I grew up seeing how passionate people get about the game and I love it. I support Spurs like my dad did, and my two sons are both football fanatics. I think it’s a healthy hobby for my boys to be going to watch the match on a Saturday. They were both really excited when they heard I was doing Tina and Bobby.”

**Thinking about Bobby and his career how have you remembered him?**

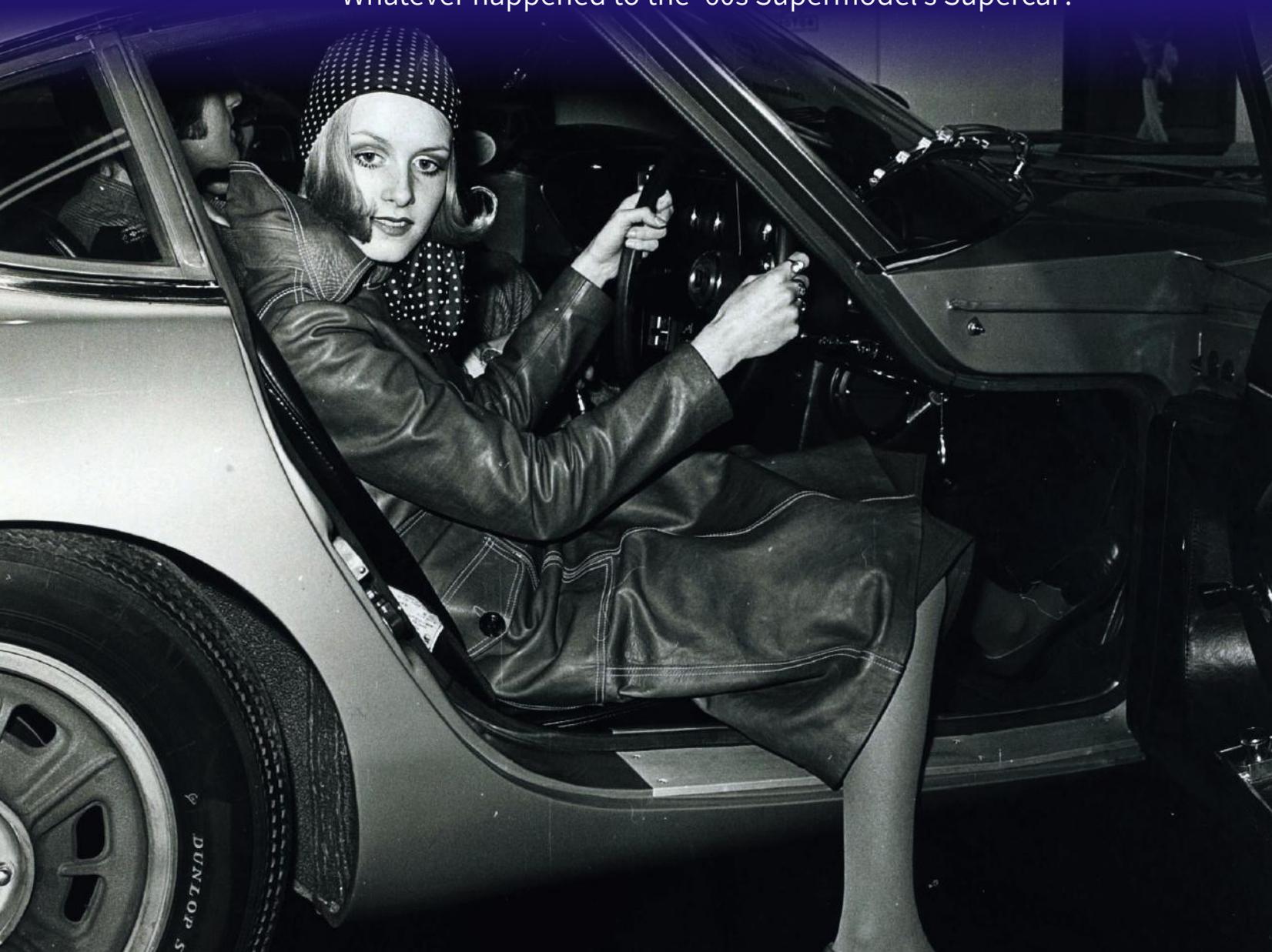
“Ironically I presented a documentary last year for BBC called Living in ’66 which went out a few days before I met the production team on Tina and Bobby!

“Bobby is the people’s hero, an absolute legend. Everyone seems to know about that famous fourth goal which he set up in the England vs. West Germany ’66 World Cup. It’ll be on the list of amazing things that happened in sport history.”



# Twiggy's Toyota

Whatever happened to the '60s Supermodel's Supercar?





**T**wiggly. She should need no introduction, unless you are on the young side. Essentially she was the most famous model in the world. Famous for being quite skinny. Her real name was Lesley Hornby and in 1968, Toyota gave her a 2000GT.

Twiggly had agreed to do what she did best at the 14th Tokyo Motor Show in 1967 and that was, stand next to the gold car.

Following shipment of the vehicle to Britain, Twiggly took delivery in February 1968. The press event and handover of 'UBY 2F' was hosted in the London showroom of the recently established Toyota (GB) Ltd.

As the 18-year-old Twiggly did not yet have a licence, following the staged photo opposite, driving duties were handed to then boyfriend and manager Justin de Villeneuve.

After Twiggly, the car became embroiled in a curious American TV show 'The Ugliest Girl in Town. This new ABC sitcom first aired on 26 September 1968 and focused on the antics of Canadian comedian Peter Kastner and his courtship of English actress Patricia Brake while disguised as a female model.

Modified for the part with hideous psychedelic, painted graphics, Twiggly's old car could not save the series which was cancelled before all 20 episodes could be shown.

The car was resprayed and exported to America. Toyota USA purchased what was becoming an increasingly rare car, in 1981.

Sent away for restoration a second time after a fire,



the job went to Shin Yoshikawa a 2000GT expert who discovered the original colour. A tiny arc of gold paint was visible around the door latch which clearly showed the Toyota's original colour and when this was cross-referenced against the frame and engine codes, immediately revealed the car as one of only two in existence. The numbers also connected it right back to its early life as Toyota's 1960s show star.

A full restoration and bare metal respray was carried out and a total of seven coats of gold paint were applied, topped off with three coats of lacquer. Surely Twiggly would approve?

**Watch film of the restoration here: [http://www.studiotimecapsule.com/restoration\\_of\\_twiggys\\_toyota\\_2000gt](http://www.studiotimecapsule.com/restoration_of_twiggys_toyota_2000gt)**



# FCM 45

Free Car Mag is all rather excited that the next instalment of the Fast & Furious is out at the local fleapit. We have our fingers crossed that there will be some words of wisdom from his Highness, Sir Vin of Diesel. We can't wait to see you next time...



The grid displays 25 covers of Free Car Mag magazine. The covers feature a variety of content including:

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# SUPER COOL ITALIAN POLIZIA



We haven't finished with cop cars just yet, take a look at these beauties.



The first Jeep Renegade and Alfa Romeo Giulietta vehicles destined to join the fleets of the Crime Prevention Unit and Italian Police were recently handed over at the Police Academy (Istituto Superiore di Polizia) in Rome.

They will use a Jeep Renegade 2.0 Multijet 4x4 120 HP Sport and a 1.6 Multijet 120 HP version of Alfa Romeo Giulietta. Two Giulia Veloces in Highway Patrol colours, will be on the Italian State Police fleet with 2.0 turbo petrol 280 HP engine and provided on loan, which will be used as official convoy cars. Now that's cool.

For over half a century the Italian State Police has been relying on Alfa Romeo cars and engines to enforce law and order. The Alfa Romeo 1900 T.I. was the first model to establish the Police - Alfa connection with its 100 HP, at the beginning of the 1950s. By 1955, the role of the 'panther', as police cars are dubbed, passed from the 1900 to the quick Giulietta T.I. This model was followed by the Giulia with 1600 engine that delivered a useful 92 HP. In the 1960s, the Alfa Romeo 'panther' line-up included coupé models, like the 2600 Sprint with Bertone bodywork, and even vans, such as the Romeo II.

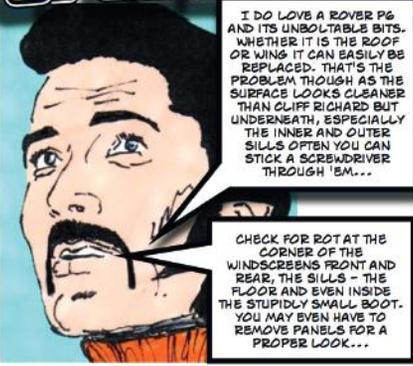
Other Alfa Romeo models became 'panthers', like the Alfetta, the New Giulietta, the Alfasud, the 33, the Alfa 90, the Alfa 75, the 156 and the 159, sedan and Sportwagon, to today's Giulietta and Giulia Veloce.

Every country has its own iconic cop cars and for Italy they are mostly Alfa 'Panther' Romeos.



# SPENCER HAZE

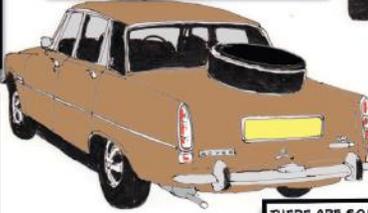
Britain's coolest classic car dealer takes in a Rover P6



I DO LOVE A ROVER P6 AND ITS UNBOLTABLE BITS. WHETHER IT IS THE DOOF OR WING IT CAN EASILY BE REPLACED. THAT'S THE PROBLEM THOUGH AS THE SURFACE LOOKS CLEANER THAN CLIFF RICHARD BUT UNDERNEATH, ESPECIALLY THE INNER AND OUTER SILLS OFTEN YOU CAN STICK A SCREWDRIVER THROUGH 'EM...

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THE STEREO TC WAS OK BUT YB HAD A PROPER QUADROPHONIC SOUNDTRACK. YOU'LL BE WANTING THE 3500S WITH THE MANUAL GEARBOX FOR THE MOST AMOUNT OF FUN I RECKON.



SCRIBBLED BY JAMES RUPPERT

NEVER FANCIED THOSE 1970S PLASTIC GRILLES, THE 2200 BROUGHT WITH IT A TAD MORE REFINEMENT BUT NO MORE SPEED.



THE FOUR CYLINDER ENGINES CAN HAVE RATTLY TIMING CHAINS WHICH IS IRRITATING AND THEN EXPENSIVELY SERIOUS. THE V8 IS NO BOTHER, BUT THE DE DION REAR AXLE MUST BE PRISTINE WITH DECENT TRAILING ARMS AND SHINY DISC BRAKES...



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THERE ARE SOME RARITIES AROUND AND SUCH AS THE FLM PANELCRAFT 6STATE, WHICH IS 6ROOVLY SPACIOUS AND I CAN GET ALL MY GEAR IN. A POLICE SPEC V8S WITH ALL THE CHERRIES AND BERRIES WOULD BE A RIGHT LAUGH.

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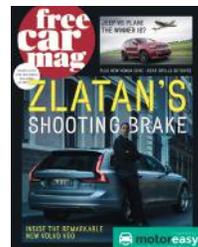
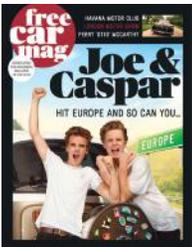
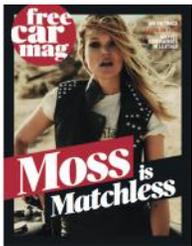


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