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# Whis time...

**T**he new Mercedes A-Class looks interesting which is why we put it on the cover, offset by a colourful static Minaj, which is a recognised artistic term by the way.

We never stray very far away from Land Rovers and are looking forward to the upcoming Legends show. There is an Arkonik of course, who always surprise us and we love their rather posh Duke.

There is a bit of a supercar theme this time and we were very privileged to witness a Ferrari F40 being 'wrapped'. Yes a multi-million pound motor getting a protective layer which will make all the difference. Jules Sturgess Automotive made us very welcome and shared the secrets of this very skilled business. Sadly we are not clever or steady enough to make a go of it, but if your supercar, classic or cherished motor wants to dodge the motorway shrapnel, and expensive stone chipper then this is the way to do it.

Free Car Mag love to chat and we have been doing that with the great Luke Woodham. Never heard of him? Well, you need to get yourself in front of a telly and watch the Gymkhana Series on INSIGHT TV. This makes Formula One look like a bunch of pensioners driving around a supermarket car park in 1.0 litre Micras.

Please take a minute to look at page 44 and The Classic Car Review because not only will you have a great read, we can get you some money off too.

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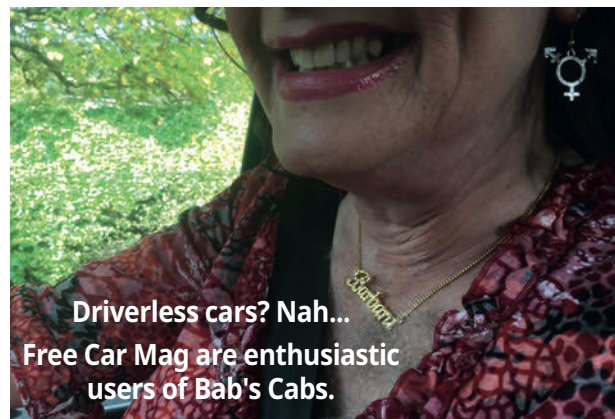
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Driverless cars? Nah...  
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Hollywood  
actor tests  
skills in  
Jaguar I-PACE



## ANSEL ELGORT + ALL-ELECTRIC I-PACE VERSUS CONES

The Baby Driver star got a taste of the all-wheel drive agility and instant torque of Jaguar's first electric vehicle (EV) in his native New York. With 400PS and 696Nm of torque, I-PACE offers acceleration from 0-60mph in 4.5 seconds – allowing Ansel to prove his driving skill was more than a camera trick in the the Jaguar Smart Cone Challenge. Filmed at Seret Studios in Brooklyn ahead of the I-PACE's North American debut, the industrial, dockside location was the ideal place to demonstrate the speed and agility of the performance SUV. Watch Ansel's impressive performance right here <https://youtu.be/SAauD5aeS-I>



## JAGUAR I-PACE FACTS & FIGURES

The Jaguar I-PACE is the electric vehicle drivers have been waiting for. Clean, smart and safe, I-PACE delivers sustainable sports car performance, next-generation artificial intelligence (AI) technology and five-seat SUV practicality to place Jaguar at the forefront of the EV revolution. With a state-of-the-art 90kWh lithium-ion battery using 432 pouch cells, I-PACE delivers a range of up to 480km (WLTP cycle).





HRH The  
Princess  
Royal

## GINETTA CELEBRATES 60TH ANNIVERSARY

The Princess enjoyed a tour with Ginetta and LNT Group Chairman, Lawrence Tomlinson. Throughout the tour she saw each stage of car design and build across the whole Ginetta range. Commencing in the research and design facility, Her Royal Highness was guided through the factory, specifically viewing the construction of the latest Ginetta prototypes, including the G58 and recently launched G60-LT-P1 ranges. Her Royal Highness met Ginetta team members from across the business during the tour, from CAD designers to engine technicians as well as the Ginetta Factory Drivers and a representative from the Young Driver Development Programme. Seeing how Ginetta was developing skills and nurturing young talent, The Princess Royal was given an insight into what makes this Yorkshire brand tick.







Triumph employs 900 people in the UK and, builds around 67,000 bikes every year.

## HRH THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE VISITS TRIUMPH

Prince William viewed a brand new, £6 million paint shop facility and even took to the saddle himself on one of Triumph's newest and most exciting adventure motorcycles, the Tiger 1200. Triumph CEO, Nick Bloor, who hosted the Duke during his visit, said: "It was a delight to welcome His Royal Highness to Hinckley."

"Thanks to the dedication and hard work of everyone at Triumph, our export business continues to grow and our outstanding design engineering team, in which we have invested heavily in recent years, is producing a stream of exciting motorcycles that captures the imagination of riders all over the world."



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ABOUT

## BABS CAB IS NOW AT BEAULIEU

The bright pink taxi familiar to millions of fans of the cult BBC comedy *The League of Gentlemen* has gone on show in Beaulieu's On Screen Cars display of TV and film favourites. One of the most distinctive people-movers ever to motor onto the small screen, the distinctive 2005 Citroen Dispatch taxi is the transportation choice of cab driver Barbara Tattsyrup (née Dixon), the owner of Bab's Cabs in Royston Vasey in the award-winning comedy.





SKODA has  
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1969 hit song  
'Make Your Own  
Kind of Music'



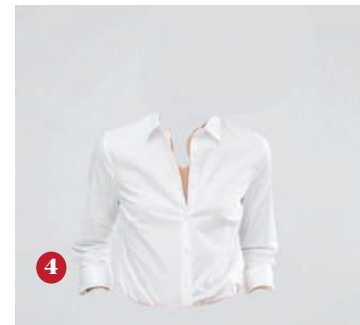
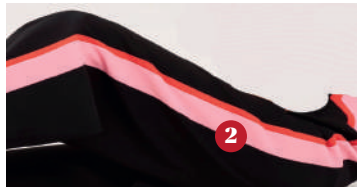
## Get the look

### PALOMA FAITH+SKODA=SOMETHING DIFFERENT

We love Paloma, who will be the brand's first ambassador for the ŠKODA Driver's Seat Initiative. The programme, which will work with the Prince's Trust, celebrates individuality by giving young, creative people the opportunity to shape their own future and make a positive impact on their local community. Paloma Faith said, "The idea to inspire people to 'make their own kind of music' is extremely powerful, and I am excited to be working alongside ŠKODA to bring this to life. The Prince's Trust is a charity that is close to my heart and was an organisation that helped me when I was a teenager. The new initiative that we are launching will provide real opportunities to young people, helping them achieve whatever they dream possible." [www.skoda.co.uk/drivers-seat-initiative](http://www.skoda.co.uk/drivers-seat-initiative)

#### Paloma

- 1 Skoda Karoq £20,875
- 2 Trousers Top Shop £35.00
- 3 Coat Next £70.00
- 4 White Shirt ASOS £18.00
- 5 Floral Top New Look £14.00





# JUST LIKE YOU

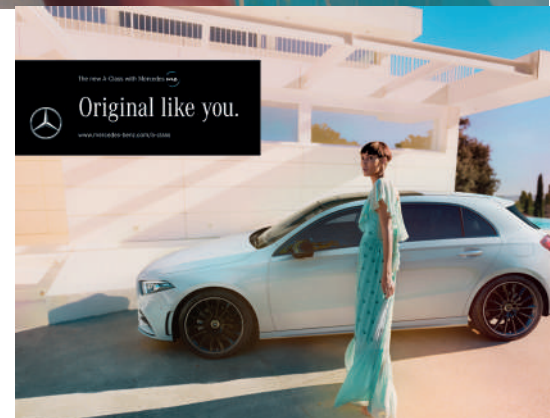
Mercedes-Benz has got together with Niki Minaj to create a fairly sumptuous range of images and stories to launch the new model.

The car ad message is: the new A-Class understands your personal peculiarities, preferences and needs- what makes you individual and unique. Quite simply, it is just like you. “The A-Class is the most successful model in our compact car generation with more than three million units delivered since its market launch in 2012, it has significantly contributed to a more youthful and modern Mercedes-Benz brand image. The average age of customers in Germany has fallen by ten years, and in China around one third of all buyers are below 30 years of age. We want to build on this success with the fourth generation of the A-Class, which intelligently unites and redefines lifestyle and digitalization says Dr Jens Thiemer, Vice President Marketing Mercedes-Benz Cars. “With our campaign we stage the vehicle in a progressive and eventful way and highlight the digital

product highlights such as real-time parking or the high customizability of the vehicle interior. The campaign thus reflects our philosophy of ‘human centered innovation’.”

To reach the target group in the social media environment as well, the campaign also includes social media videos and posts that arouse curiosity about the new A-Class. Mercedes-Benz uses three short films to address a young, urban public. The “Urban Stories” are less focussed on the technology of the new A-Class, but instead humorously and entertainingly place the emphasis on the philosophy of “human-centred innovation” by covering technical highlights such as Mercedes-Benz User Experience (MBUX) and the new-generation Mercedes-Benz Intelligent Drive, including e.g. the safety feature “Active Brake Assist with cross-traffic function”.

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# London Concours

London Concours 2018 will be hosting a selection of the fastest and most iconic supercars ever

The London Concours 2018, hosted at the Honourable Artillery Company from 7-8 June, will be bringing together a world-class selection of supercar legends, all in celebration of the event's central theme: speed. Names like Lamborghini, Ferrari, McLaren and Aston Martin will all feature on the lawn, but with the London Concours' focus on rarity as well as performance, only the most exceptional models make it into the Honourable Artillery Company grounds. Tickets from [www.londonconcours.co.uk](http://www.londonconcours.co.uk)







# Gran-tronic

AUDI E-TRON VISION GRAN TURISMO: FROM PLAYSTATION  
TO THE RACE TRACK



With the fully electric “Audi e-tron Vision Gran Turismo” concept car Audi is now turning electric mobility into a tangible experience in a unique way. Originally developed exclusively for virtual races on PlayStation 4, Audi is making the new race car reality in conjunction with Formula E and it will be deployed as a race taxi.

The Audi e-tron Vision Gran Turismo has permanent all-wheel drive as well, the fully electric e-tron quattro all-wheel drive with variable power distribution. Three electric motors, each with output of 200 kW, propel the concept car. Two electric motors drive the rear axle and the third one the front axle, using individual components from the future Audi e-tron. System output is 600 kW (815 hp). With a curb weight of 1,450 kilograms the electric race car has a power to weight ratio of 1.78 kilograms per horsepower with ideal 50:50 percent weight distribution between the front and the rear axle. The Audi e-tron Vision Gran Turismo accelerates from 0 to 100 km/h in less than 2.5 seconds.





# SUPER WRAP



When your cherished car needs protection then you need Jules Sturgess Automotive 01223 851554 [info@julessturgess.co.uk](mailto:info@julessturgess.co.uk)

**T**he film, which is a thin, multi-layer material is the perfect way to protect your paint because it is virtually invisible when applied to the paintwork. It has near perfect optical clarity so will not change the colour of your paintwork. Moreover it does not yellow in, or inhibit UV light meaning the paint under the film will react to UV light in exactly the same way the unprotected parts of the car do, as all paint will naturally slightly discolour and fade in direct sunlight over time.

Even before paint protection is applied, the three things that are essential to achieving a flawless finish are cleanliness, light and accessibility. Jules Sturgess Automotive have a purpose built sealed clean room with:

1. Heated HEPA air filtration in the ceiling allowing the car to be worked on in constant warm, filtered air at accurately controlled temperature to optimise fitment.
2. Spot and strip lights for maximum illumination and surface analysis
3. A scissor lift with flush fit ramps allowing uninhibited access to every panel of the car.

The film is cut, on site, from computer generated templates provided by the film manufacturer to allow perfect fitment to the contours and panels of the car.

Jules can and does cut templates that are specific to the vehicle. In particular this Ferrari F40 required rather a lot of bespoke work by Jules to make it fit properly.

The finished car looks superb.









# HEAVENLY CREATURE

What could be better than a high tech future proof supercar?



**A**utomobili Lamborghini in collaboration with two laboratories of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology marks the first steps of a future Lamborghini electric super sports car, the “Lamborghini of the Terzo Millennio”.

They need to develop a storage system able to deliver high peak power and regenerate kinetic energy with the ability to symmetrically release and harvest electric power. To support this revolution in energy storage systems, materials and their functions have to change, too. Lamborghini aims to further develop its leadership in the design and production of carbon fiber structures and parts, enhancing its ability to develop features and functions that

take lightweight materials to the next level.

The project also aims to combine the technology to continuously monitor the whole carbon fiber structure, both visible and invisible, with the concept of “self-healing”: the target is to provide the Terzo Millennio with the ability to conduct its own health monitoring to detect cracks and damages in its substructure derived from accidents.

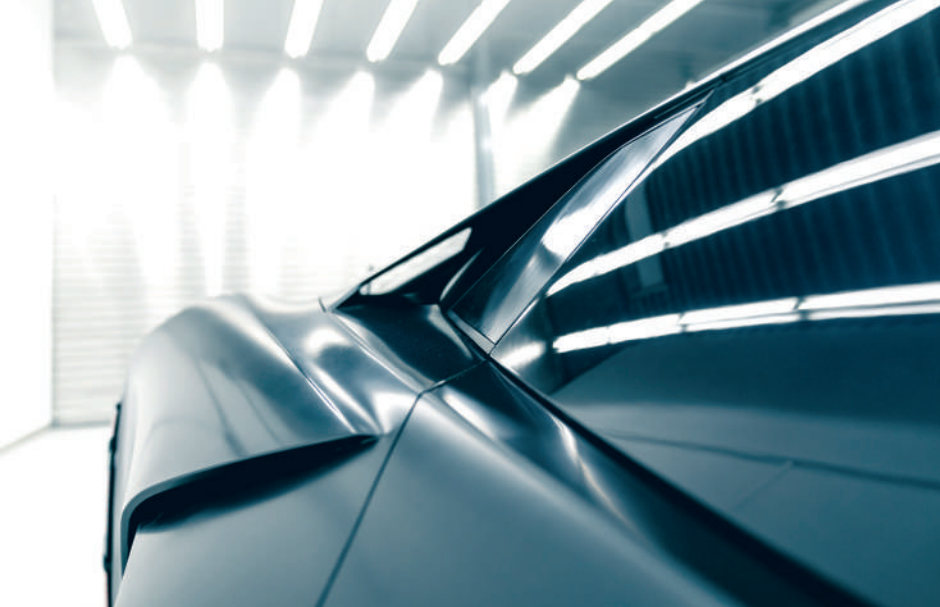
The energy storage system goes hand-in hand with performance: each wheel incorporates an integrated electric engine, perpetuating the commitment to four-wheel drive and in the meantime harvesting the opportunities provided by electric motors: high torque, reversibility,

and the possibility of moving energy by wire. The Terzo Millennio therefore also embodies the first steps for Lamborghini to go in the direction of creating a “Lamborghini Electric”. Moving the electric motors into the wheels has another positive effect: freedom for designers and aerodynamicists.

The Terzo Millennio’s virtual cockpit allows more than travelling the highways of a future world: its Piloted Driving simulation allows the driver to be taken around a track such as Imola by a virtual expert before the driver takes over to feel like a ‘pilot’ himself, experiencing the real car and circuit while following the virtual ghost car.

All this sounds rather exciting, but it is a concept, so some years away.





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# S U P E R S O F T Y

Dainese and Pagani Automobili Develop Sophisticated Materials for the Huayra Roadster Soft Top.

**D**ainese made its R&D department available to the Modena-based manufacturer, with the aim of identifying and creating the best possible materials for the fabric and structural parts for the soft top on its Roadster models. Sharing the know-how of these two Italian brands translates into developing sophisticated technical solutions on a par with cars such as the Pagani Huayra Roadster. "Innovation is in Dainese's DNA and the development of highly sophisticated technical solutions is the direct consequence of this," says Cristiano Silei, Dainese Group CEO. "To give life to something valuable, and to do so in collaboration with a prestigious brand like Pagani Automobili, makes us proud yet again."

Inspired by the first flying machines designed by Da Vinci, the

Ornitottero, and by certain well-known, contemporary architectonic and engineering works, the soft top is a combination of components in High Elastic Modulus Carbon Fiber developed by Pagani, which is connected by means of aluminum and titanium billet joints that stretch the technical fabric developed by Dainese.

The 'Pagani Fabric' and the structure are the result of a joint development by Dainese and Pagani, the two firms working together to achieve absolute perfection, on both a technical and aesthetic level. Dainese's extensive know-how in the world of technical fabrics enabled the creation of an innovative material made up of different layers of refined material and waterproofed using technology specially developed by the Vicenza-based firm's R&D department. The aim was to achieve

the right balance between flexibility and resistance across every single zone.

As the soft top is closed, predetermined folding areas make it possible for the fabric to follow the folds of the structural members, like origami. This system ensures the durability of the fabric over time and reduces the amount of storage space needed in the car to a minimum.

"Creating the reserve soft top for the Huayra Roadster was a real technical challenge," confirms Horacio Pagani, Chief Designer at Pagani Automobili. "Our goal was to provide customers with a folding roof solution, one that takes up minimal space when stored in the car. The soft top was conceived as a lightweight, resistant tensostructure, in which every single element contributes to carrying out the overall function through tension."





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# Legendary...

If you like Land Rovers there's a new show that will be choc full of the best 4 x 4 by far  
- Land Rover Legends One half of the heroic duo of Land Rover 86" Station Wagons to complete the first ever overland expedition from London to Singapore will appear, live with its intrepid owner Adam Bennett, at the Land Rover Legends show

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Following the show's announcement in December, the idea of a unique Land Rover event at a fascinating location, dedicated to the icon and its connoisseurs, collectors, preservationists, restorers and enthusiasts, has gathered remarkable pace and support. The event debuts in 2018, marking the milestone 70th anniversary of the brand. Land Rover Legends has been overwhelmingly well received by the marque's passionate community internationally, with offers of support, vehicles and partnerships enhancing the organisers' expectations of what is set

to be a remarkable first show in May..

Special features confirmed for Land Rover Legends include a live stage and vehicle parade, hosted by television presenter and Land Rover restorer, Mark Evans. The live stage will also play host to the presentation of the inaugural Land Rover Legends National Awards, which will recognise 2018's 'Most Original Vehicle', 'Best Restored Vehicle', 'Best Bespoke Vehicle' and other entries, including a special award for Best Land Rover Club display at the event. Entries are now open at: [www.landroverlegends.com/awards](http://www.landroverlegends.com/awards).





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## Vauxhall's new multi-tool for today's do it all parents

New research from Vauxhall Motors reveals that over half (57%) of parents feel pressure to be do-it-all parents, switching between several roles; from chef and entertainer to handyman, tech expert and storyteller. As a result, the brand has created the Life HaX, bringing the traditional penknife into 2018.

The tool marks the launch of the Grandland X, the new SUV that was designed with modern parents in mind and has seen Vauxhall Motors look into the ever-changing role of parents to understand what life hacks can help make their lives easier.

The resulting hand-held tool, the Life HaX helps multi-tasking parents so they can concentrate on enjoying adventures with their family; swapping the penknife blade for an iPhone pin, scissors for a Lego un-picker, can opener with a power bank and ruler with a camera lens. Each element of the tool was chosen by parents, and includes:

1. Car maintenance laser – a world-first, attach to your Grandland X bonnet to shine a laser and highlight where the

screen wash, oil cap and dipstick is.

2. Lego un-picker – to stop you breaking your fingernails trying to unpick your children's Lego.

3. Wide-angle lens attachment – for those all-important Instagram snaps.

4. Macro lens attachment – for awesome close-up photography.

5. Power bank – for when your phone runs out of battery on the move.

6. iPhone pin – for removing the SIM from your phone.

7. Torch – for when you can't see under the sofa or the back of the boot to find your children's lost toys.

8. Stylus – to give that extra precision when drawing on your tablet.

9. Knot un-picker – for when the kids get in a tangle.

10. Screwdriver – because traditional household jobs haven't gone away.

The Grandland X is the latest SUV from Vauxhall Motors, featuring a huge 1,652 litres of boot space. The limited edition Life HaX is available to order on request. Visit [www.Vauxhall.co.uk/lifehax](http://www.Vauxhall.co.uk/lifehax) to register your interest now.

## MOTORING NEWS QUOTES

**"70% of drivers say they have hit at least one pothole a week over the last twelve months, with a quarter (25%) hitting one every single day."**

Kwik Fit Survey finds the state of the nation's roads as potholes cost drivers £915m a year

**"The intensity and brightness of some new car headlights is clearly causing difficulty for other road users."**

According to a new RAC survey, fifteen per cent of UK drivers say they have suffered a near miss after being dazzled by modern car headlights

**"Rigorous and extensive engineering programme"**

This will result in a V8 Brabham car.

**"The IMx KURO zero-emission crossover concept vehicle embodies the future of Nissan Intelligent Mobility."**

Nissan is aiming to sell 1 million electrified vehicles – either pure electric models or with e-POWER powertrains by 2022



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# TOP 5 USED FAST FORDS

When it comes to working class sports cars one company has excelled at making affordable and often quite astoundingly brilliant models and that is the blue oval. Here we celebrate the cars available on the British market which have become legendary. Not all of them are as affordable as they used to be.



### ESCORT COSWORTH

Designed by senior engineer John Wheeler at Boreham in Essex and was built by Karmann in Germany. The first ones rolled out of their factory in April 1992. The original homologation run to qualify for competition was 2,500. Only the bare tailgate, roof and doors are standard Escort, the rest is a completely unique, being a reworked and virtually hand built car.



### SIERRA COSWORTH RS 500

In 1987 500 very special versions were built by Aston Martin Tickford with 224bhp which could be persuaded to produce some 550bhp in competition. The Cosworth became a legend on the track and won so many races that the authorities had to change the rules to give others a chance. A road going version recently sold for £113K.



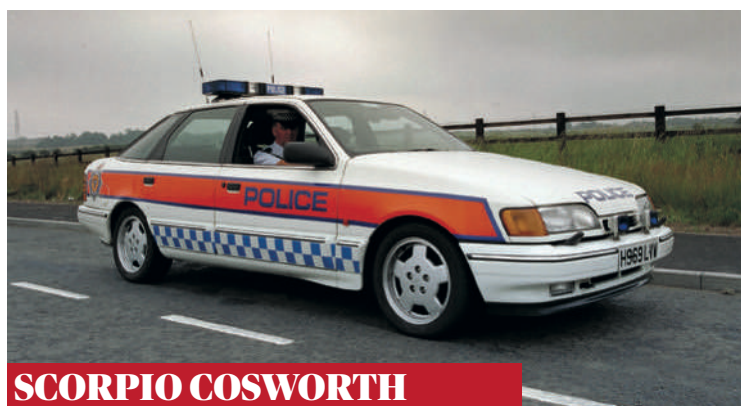
### FIESTA XR2

In 1979 the Fiesta Million celebrated the building of the millionth model. Ford also knew the value of putting a sporting option in the range. The 1600cc Fiesta XR2 arrived in 1982 and effectively created the 'pocket rocket' version of the hot hatch. It offered style and performance with low Ford running costs and reliability.



### LOTUS CORTINA

In 1966 the Cortina got a new, square cut body. As before there was a wealth of trim levels for the Mark II from Base, De Luxe Super and GT, right up to the Lotus, which was now a more conventional package with no light alloy panels and built at Dagenham, rather than Lotus. Still fun to drive though.



### SCORPIO COSWORTH

February '91 is when the first Granada Scorpio 24 valve arrived as a saloon and hatch. The Cosworth tweaked V6 produced 193bhp, and it had a limited slip diff, stiffer suspension, uprated brakes and low profile tyres on 16" alloys. Luxury spec included leather, electric sunroof, CD player plus electric front and rear seats.

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# ALEXANDER SKARSGÅRD

"I couldn't have dreamed of a better experience being part of the TUMI Latitude campaign," says Alexander Skarsgård. "I got to travel around the world with a ragtag of lovely and incredibly talented people. The product itself is quite impressive – I even tried to intentionally break the bag a couple of times, with no success of course."

Tolna/Szekeszd, Hungary:  
The origin of the adventure  
and where Latitude is created.  
Here, our hero, played by  
Alexander, receives his mission  
and his adventure begins...

TUMI launched its newest premium, hard-shell solution, Latitude, inTBC. The lightest TUMI travel collection yet, Latitude defies durability and engineering standards. Latitude is built to handle any journey with the utmost class.

To celebrate TUMI's latest innovation, the brand went on an epic journey around the world on a single degree of latitude with Emmy-winning actor, Alexander Skarsgård. The campaign, directed by Augustus Punch, tested Latitude's superior design, quality, durability and functionality, with each attribute represented by a stop on the journey. <https://uk.tumi.com>

Lake Como, Italy The first stop on Alexander's journey with Latitude. He arrives via vintage RIVA boat.

Mongolia with  
Latitude while  
travelling by  
train.



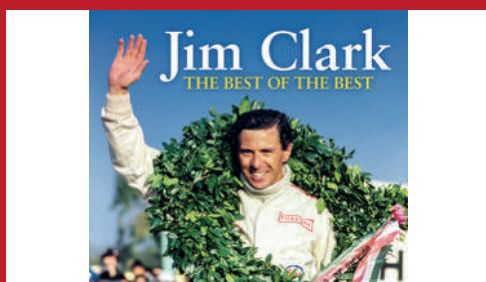
# Police Force

The Police Spring 2018 Collection is here to enjoy. Say hello to Berkeley by Police.



With its clean black dial and orange leather strap, this is a watch for guys that want to stand out within a crowd. Minimal, clean lines present a three-hand movement with a calendar and 24-hour display. With its black IP mineral casing and crown, this timepiece gives you the freedom to express your individuality. Simple and lightweight, this versatile watch doesn't weigh you down to any particular style.  
**From £129.00**

It's mainly about minimalism and simplicity in this contemporary watch collection from Police. Clean lines and classic shapes encourage you to focus on what's true to you. These modern designs exude a charm and charisma all their own, while staying true to the details that make Police watches so iconic.  
**www.watchshop.com**



## JIM CLARK BEST OF THE BEST £80.00

Published on the 50th anniversary of Clark's death, this major new book, 20 years in the making, is a deeply detailed look at a complex and compelling character. A special aspect is the personal insight from author David Tremayne's dozens of interviews with family, friends, drivers and mechanics.

[www.evropublishing.com](http://www.evropublishing.com)



## TW STEEL THE RED BULL HOLDEN RACING TEAM SPECIAL EDITION £259.00

This is a modified version of the new Volante collection and features a 48mm, 316L steel case with PVD blue coated bezel and screwed crown. It's powered by the impressive Miyota 6S21 chronograph movement and sports a luxurious, hardened mineral crystal with sapphire coating.

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Being a Volvo there is a Comprehensive list of safety features that come as standard, including advanced driver-support systems known from the 90 series and XC60. Join the queue now for this amazing car.

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## MITSUBISHI L200 BARBARIAN SVP II

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# New Car Advice

## Questions of the week

### About New Car Advice

Our aim is to help remove the confusion from the new car buying process by providing expert answers to your car-buying questions. The service is completely free to use, just head to [newcaradvice.co.uk](http://newcaradvice.co.uk), ask a question and our team of experienced motoring journalists will get back you.

### Who we are

#### CHRIS KNAPMAN

A motoring journalist for more than 12 years, Chris writes for some of the UK's most well-known automotive publications and has provided new car advice to hundreds of motorists.



#### REBECCA JACKSON

A reviewer, television presenter and racing driver, Rebecca is a regular face in national newspapers and magazines, and contributes to leading automotive YouTube channels.



#### COOL CROSSOVER

**Q** *We're in the market for a spacious family crossover in preparation for our first baby arriving. I want it to have decent boot space large enough for a buggy and luggage, but my husband has reservations about driving a 'Dad Car'. Can you recommend something that's more sexy than a Nissan Qashqai or Kia Sportage, but where we're not paying extra just for a posh badge?* **HM**

**NCA says** Beauty is of course in the eye of the beholder, but to us the latest Mazda CX-5 looks cool and feels like a true premium product. It's also really spacious for passengers and has a boot that is easily large enough for a baby buggy and some luggage. Compared with most other family crossovers the CX-5 is also a cut above when it comes to handling, making it a great choice for those who value a fun driving experience. Prices starts from £24,095.

#### A CLASS NEW CAR

**Q** *I want to replace my old-style Mercedes A-class. I don't like the current design as the boot space is much reduced. What can you recommend as an alternative?* **JB**

**NCA says** The current A-class is very much a traditional small family hatchback, where its predecessors were more in the style of small people carriers with an upright design that gave a raised driving position and a large boot. Mercedes does still sell that kind of car today, albeit in the slightly larger B-class. We'd also recommend looking at a BMW 2-Series Active Tourer and Volkswagen Golf SV. Both are in a similar style to the B-class, but have slightly

TOP TIP

#### TESTING THE TECH

With a car's infotainment system now controlling so many features it's worth trying it as part of a test drive. A dealer will be able to demonstrate key features, but also be sure to experiment with it yourself to see how



easy and responsive it is to use without the help of an expert. Consider too if the car you're looking at has a CD player, or if your music is streamed through a phone decide if a simple Bluetooth or USB port is enough, or whether you'd be better off with a system such as Android Auto or Apple CarPlay, which give you access to certain functions and apps on the go.

quieter engines and very spacious interiors. Of these options the BMW is the most fun to drive, and the VW has the most comfortable ride.

#### SENSIBLE FUN

**Q** *I regularly transport an elderly relative, so easy access and a comfortable ride are important. The boot needs to be able to accommodate a folded wheelchair. But I also enjoy driving and want something that can offer a bit of fun. My budget is up to £20,000.* **NB**

**NCA says** The new Honda Civic would fit your requirements. The boot is large enough for a folded wheelchair and the ride is very comfortable. A 1.0-litre in SR trim is well equipped and comes in on budget (for a 1.5 you'd need £22,955 so it's a little over budget), and the latest Civic handles really well. For comparison purposes it's also worth trying a Volkswagen Golf with the 1.0-litre petrol engine in 110PS power output. It's another very good car, and if you buy the estate model (SE spec comes in on budget) then you'd easily have enough room for a folded wheelchair.

#### PAWS FOR THOUGHT

**Q** *I am considering buying the new Jaguar E-Pace, which I have seen at a launch event, but not test driven yet. Do you have a view on this car? What similar cars should I also consider?* **JB**

**NCA says** The E-Pace is at the sporty end of the Sport Utility Vehicle spectrum, which means it's good fun to drive. The downside is that the ride is firmer than you'll find in most other cars of this type, particularly if you specify the larger alloy wheel options. E-Pace rivals include the BMW X1, which is roomier than the





If you're in the market for a cool crossover then Mazda's CX-5 (above) is well worth a look; the Jaguar E-Pace (below) is a sporty drive

Jaguar, good to drive and well built, but not as sporty. There's also the Audi Q3 and Mercedes-Benz GLA, although you might want to hold on for new versions of these, which are on the way in the autumn and 2019 respectively.

#### FOUR MORE

**Q** I'm looking to buy a 2016 Mazda CX-5 diesel with all-wheel-drive or a 2016 Volvo XC60 SE Lux Nav diesel with

*front-wheel-drive but can't decide which to go for. Any advice?* **G**

**NCA says** You'll get more car for your money in terms of a lower mileage and higher specification with the Mazda as it doesn't have the premium badge. It's also more enjoyable to drive because its steering is sharper and the body doesn't lean as much in corners. The

downside is that the ride is firmer than the XC60's and there's more road noise on poor surfaces. The Volvo also arguably has a smarter interior.

In terms of running costs both will return around 40mpg in normal driving, but the Volvo is more expensive to service and insure. Being front-wheel drive does help to reduce CO2 emissions and thus makes road tax (VED) cheaper. You'll pay £30 per year for the Volvo whereas the Mazda is £140 per year (it's always worth double checking these figures for a particular car before you buy). You can reduce the Mazda's VED to £30 per year by opting for a front-wheel-drive diesel instead. As you're looking at diesel it's important to regularly take the car on a long run to avoid the diesel particulate filter from becoming blocked.

#### VROOM WITH A VIEW

*We'd like to upsize from our Nissan Note. Because we like the visibility in the Note we are thinking of a Qashqai. Should we consider anything else?* **KS**

**NCA says** The Qashqai is excellent but has large over-the-shoulder blind spots so make sure you add parking sensors if they aren't already included. For an SUV with good visibility you should also consider the Seat Ateca.



#### GET IN TOUCH

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Robin Thomas is replacing a dependable, but rusty Mercedes E Class estate. Has £7000 for a roomy classy family vehicle.



## A CAR FOR THE HEAD HONDA CR-V

Estate cars have moved on and effectively become sports utility vehicles which are sort of high rise estates that can also go offroad if they want to. There is often more than enough room inside and the models don't have to be large unwieldy 4 x 4s. Indeed, I would recommend that Robin find himself a Honda CR-V. Here is a brilliantly well made vehicle which is easy to drive, own and is wonderfully flexible. I found a 2.2 CTDI EX model with 81,000 miles on sale for £6500 with a full service history.



## A CAR FOR THE HEART MERCEDES-BENZ R CLASS

Robin has been happy with Mercedes and perhaps he should go for another. There is an alternative to a modern E-Class. The R-Class was a shortlived experiment in making a people carrier that did not look like a van. Here was a really comfy and strangely stylish vehicle. For just £4250 I came a cross a full service history 2006 model. It is an R320L CDI SE which has huge amount of equipment as standard, from sat nav to climate control. It came with a dealer warranty for peace of mind.



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# EASY ACCESS



Roddy Copeland needs a small car with a low sill so that his disabled wife can more easily get in and out.



## A CAR FOR THE HEAD FORD FUSION

The Research Institute for Consumer Affairs has put together a handy search tool to find the right car when it comes to restricted and wheelchair access. <http://www.ricability.org.uk/content/car-search> The Ford Fusion comes to mind as a small high rise Fiesta. It caught on with older motorists who found it easy to get into and out of as the seating was positioned fairly high. A 2007 example with 40,000 miles and a 1.4 engine in Zetec Climate which comes with air conditioning and alloys, is £2789.



## A CAR FOR THE HEART HONDA JAZZ

A high seating position is the biggest help to older and infirmed motorists and their passengers. Although it would be easy to go for a 4 x 4 here, the emphasis is on a compact vehicle which will be economical to run, which is why we ought to be looking at a Honda Jazz. This is a high quality town car which is very economical to run. The interior is very versatile and there is a great air of quality. A 2008 1.4 i-DSi SE with just over 70K miles and just two owners is £2,595.





# 1st Bangers

**W**e did a film about first cars. We even did it inside a first car. It was the perfect example of just what sort of car, a first car, should be and that is, insurance friendly.

Back in the old days, first cars had to be just one thing, cheap, really cheap. Right now though, the most important criteria is, the size of the insurance premium.

Buying a first car is not a question of kicking tyres, it is all about tapping on a keyboard getting insurance quotes. Actually, we will qualify that because it still pays to speak to a human on a phone at an insurance company. It is boring and repetitive, but it has to be done. They can actually explain what things like 'voluntary excess', actually mean. There is less chance of skipping something just to get a cheaper quote, so as well as doing the keyboard shuffle, you

must also hit the dial keys.

You may end up being surprised like we were, that the car you can actually afford to run is better than you first thought. We ended up with a 1.4 petrol Volkswagen Polo in Match trim. So it even had alloys and air conditioning.

What we quickly discovered was that insurance companies don't like old cars, they prefer more recent ones with safety devices. Although we were tempted to buy an equally safe Saab 900, it is now regarded as a pricey classic. Our quotes for diesels were higher than petrol.

So all you have to do is find a car you quite like, then get the insurance quote, or vice versa.

Don't worry too much about the price, or the badge or anything else. Just the insurance. Got it?

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## BANGQUID CURRENCY



How can we best describe a used car to each other? It is very difficult and subjective because every vehicle is going to be different. However, what if we invented a new currency and called them Bang Quids? That would of course be fun, but it has to mean something and we propose that a car worth a Bang Quid if it has a full MOT. It gets another Bang Quid if it is truly affordable.

Another if there is some sort of service history, just plenty of recent bills. It will certainly get a Bang Quid if there are no issues at all. You don't have to replace the radiator or do anything complicated to make it work. Turn the key and it goes, simple as that. And finally just a few owners to make it a 5 Bang Quid car. Like this rather wonderful Daihatsu Applause.



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Audi A8 94-02

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It is a Xerox'd up A6, which is no bad thing. It is a big anonymous saloon though given some character courtesy of the S8 version and fact it had a starring role in Ronin. Back when luxury cars didn't have diesel engines. The aluminium body once dented, costs a bomb to fix, so you wouldn't bother. V8 engines are great. Quattro makes it a super snowplough.



Audi A8 03-11

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Probably the best of all the big Germans at the time, so makes some sort of complicated sense now. Diesels, including a full fat V8 will appeal to some. Longer Limo ones part of the line-up and it got a new face in 2005. FSI engines the best long term option. Lashings of luxury and a great big boot.



BMW 7 Series 94-02

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BMW fan boys + girls know it by the E38 model code which is one of the very best barges ever built. As fun to drive as a little 3, but with lots more kit and comfort. The engine should go on forever. It is the suspension where the big expenses will be. They don't come any bigger, better or harder. Buy one.



BMW 7 Series 02-08

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It is a lovely thing, but it may have jumped the shark into a level of complexity that renders it useless if a few parts go pop. There was a blandifying restyle in 2005. Longer limos in the range as well. 3.0 diesels around in the most numbers. The 735i petrol is the best compromise and candidate for an LPG conversion.



BMW 7 Series 08-15

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Well if the previous generation 7 was beyond the pail as a banger, here's another that will depreciate to become temptingly cheap, but should you be tempted? No bits carried over from the last one so used parts are pretty pricey. Lighter than before, but not on your wallet. Mostly diesel so stick to petrol.



Cadillac Seville 98-02

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For a time you could buy yourself a right hand drive Caddy with a 4.6 V8. You could buy it at selected Vauxhall dealers. Front wheel drive as well. Parts not cheap and it may be worth taking a transatlantic holiday to get bits. Not that many around, so it is rather exclusive. Just not as classy as the Germans. Proper Yank Tank.



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Citroen C6 06-12

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This is a Le Luxobarge Extreme, which is great, so long as you don't have to actually own it. Looks different is comfortable and has loads of equipment. Being a Citroen, unless you are the President of France, this isn't special, just different and there are no prizes for that. Will break down and be expensive to fix.



Infiniti G 09-13

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Not entirely sure this is a luxury car because no one knows what it is. That is the infinite problem this made up brand has. This is a Lexus without the charm. Anyway, because it is engineered by Nissan it will last as long as a driving school Micra, which is forever. Alth kit, but not that special.



Jaguar XJ8 94-03

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Loveable old school Jag which got even better with a V8 from '97. The XJR super saloon cheap as old chips as well. Fairly snug inside if you like that sort of thing and there's a long wheelbase for work. Running costs can be containable, faults tend to be minor, giggly and irritating. Executive worth finding and Super V8 have extra features.



Jaguar XJ 03-09

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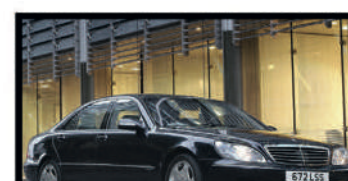
XJ styling with some 21st century high tech underpinnings. Aluminium underneath means that major work is pricey and not for the bodger. Diesels from '05. Revamp in 2007 meant bigger specs and a funkier front end. Executive model has everything you need. Still has a pokey boot. Still manages to be proper boulder mobile.



Mercedes S-Class 99-05

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This was a difficult time for Stuttgart, but the S-Class was better than a pretty ordinary bunch. Needs to be looked after otherwise it deteriorates rapidly. Most examples seem to be the 320 diesel. Longer models are available for private hire. V8 petrols and good standard kit.



Mercedes S-Class 06-13

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Properly Back on form with this one. Big in all the right areas, including the boot. 320 diesel is there of course, but this is yet another example of the frighteningly complex banger purchase. Seems to have had its unfair share of recalls so you really do need a service history before buying.



Lexus LS430 00-06

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If you want to tick all the luxury boxes then this is roomy, copy and over-equipped. What's missing is the badge. It isn't a German one. No problem the engineering is exemplary to make it a Stepfordluxosaloon. Very reliable, parts pricey. There was a Premium Pack, but really everything is included.



Lexus LS430 07-17

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Does not bear much relation to the old one apart from its all round giant Camry air of ordinariness. the 600h is the hybrid flavour and being a Toyosus it will be dependable. Premier model means colour special spec options and there's an F-Sport for fun. If you were going to take a risk on a high tech banger the LS is it.



Volkswagen Phaeton 03-15

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An Inexplicably luxurious Passat, or a working class Bentley, buyers have to decide. Badge means it is buttons to buy, but comes with big car running costs. Everyone loves the diesels and 4-Motion on everything except the petrol V6. It is an odd choice, but likely to be a value and price point purchase. Niggly electrics.



Bentley Arnage 98-09

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We thought long and hard about this and sneaked it in as this is the Bentley T. Roller Shadow of the modern era. It is dead smart destined for wedding work. RL is the longer version, originally Green and Red Labels replaced by R and T models. Everything costs a bomb, but a lot of BMW bits in the early ones.



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Road to Gymkhana GRiD goes behind-the-scenes at one of the world's craziest races, combining drifting, drag racing and physical driving skill with mental agility, speed and precision. Drivers from all over the world take part in this event, but only a few make it to the finish line. INSIGHT TV tell the

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Road to Gymkhana GRiD builds upon legendary rally driver sensation Ken Block's Gymkhana videos. It shows unique behind-the-scenes footage and follows the stories

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The race, which features mind blowing stunts and breathtaking obstacles. The show reveals, how drivers prepare for the Gymkhana GRiD.





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## We talk to Luke Woodham about what makes him tick and the secret of his success in the Gymkhana Series

**T**his very talented 29 year old driver has progressed from working as a motorcycle mechanic to a professional drift racer in just a few years. Luke has risen from relative obscurity to scoring multiple titles in the Gymkhana GRiD European Gauntlet Series, as well as podiums in the British Drift Championship.

The Gymkhana GRiD is notoriously known for slaying tyres and breaking records. Not only is it the only series where factory prepared World Rallycross machinery, drift cars, supercars, and enthusiast tuned street vehicles share the track and paddock area, but over six years the Gymkhana GRiD has grown from hosting qualifiers in Europe and Scandinavia to competing with a lineup of FIA world Champions in South Africa and the Adriatic.

*2014 European Gymkhana GRiD champion  
2015 European Gymkhana GRiD champion  
2015 British Drift Championship Pro class  
2016 European Gymkhana GRiD Champion  
2017 European Gymkhana GRiD Champion*

**IT'S GREAT TO FIND OUT THAT YOU ARE AN ORDINARY BLOKE, ONE OF US.**

**Luke** Yes that's right, I am no different to anyone else, but after a lot of hard work I'm now a racing driver. I like to be able to reach out to people because with Formula One you can't get near them. If you can connect with the crowd and the kids that's great.

**SO YOU ARE COMPLETELY SELF-TAUGHT?**

**Luke** I don't come from a motorsport background at all, it was a riding and fixing motorbikes, which is where I started out. I had great support from Dad at every stage. My family have always been into racing and I remember the house being full of relatives being passionate about all sorts competition. My dad was a great influence, always fixings his own cars. That led to me becoming a technician and then a mechanic. I went on to build my own cars with friends and my dad of course.

**LEARNING TO DRIVE IN A B&Q CAR PARK, WHAT WAS THAT LIKE?**

**Luke** Potentially it was dangerous, so I had to make sure that I did it late at night when they were shut and no one was there. What I tried to do was keep the car as quiet as possible, so if I did donuts I would not smoke the tyres. That helped me to be good even though I was being bad, it just wasn't worth annoying the neighbours. I found that I could be extra quick if I used just a bit more control. Then I went on to do a fair bit of drifting and it sort of snowballed from there.

**GYMKHANA COMING TO INSIGHT TV WILL CERTAINLY RAISE YOUR PROFILE SO AS A CHAMPION, WHAT SORT OF EFFECT WILL IT HAVE?**

**Luke** I have never been busier. I've been doing lots of radio and TV interviews with the BBC, Sky news and exposure is certainly going to help, we just need more people to realise what a great spectacle Gymkhana is.

**HOW DIFFERENT IS YOUR CAR COMPARED TO THE FREE CAR MAG HATCHBACK?**

**Luke** There is a lot more power of course, plus a bigger turbo, but it is still a 2.0 litre engine. I am not hunting for more power, I might have 400bhp but it has to be instantly responsive. I also want plenty of grip, so there is different suspension, wider wheels and the car is lower. Other than that there are better brakes and different gearbox. Really, what you can do to a car is almost endless.

**LOTS OF PEOPLE FALL ASLEEP DURING FORMULA ONE AND BY CONTRAST GYMKHANA IS A GREAT SPECTACLE, DO I NEED TO ASK WHY?**

**Luke** The secret with the racing is to keep it short and sweet. The pyrotechnics, the lights and lasers make it so different from any other race series. You are concentrating

hard the whole time so if you clip a barrel that makes all the difference. So everyone is on the edge of their seats including us as drivers. It is vital to pay attention because although the tracks are short you can't afford to slip up. Gymkhana is raw, edgy and always exciting. That sets it apart from every other motorsport. There are no boring bits!

**YOU WILL LOVE GYMKHANA SO CATCH IT ON INSIGHT TV**





# FCM 60

We keep promising you more watches and that is something we will address in the next issue. Not too sure if Formula One is getting more exciting or still a bit of a snooze. We will have an opinion or two on that, just the excuse we need for a picture of World Champion, Lewis Hamilton.



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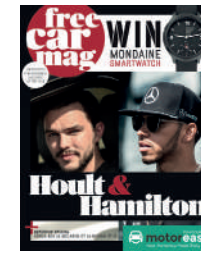
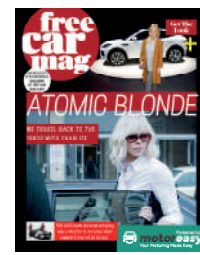
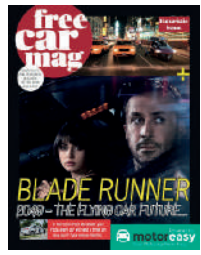
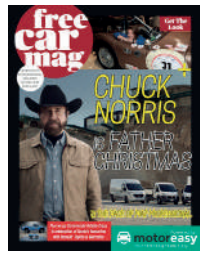
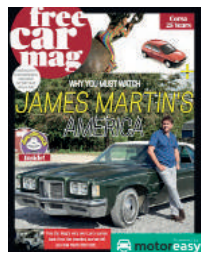
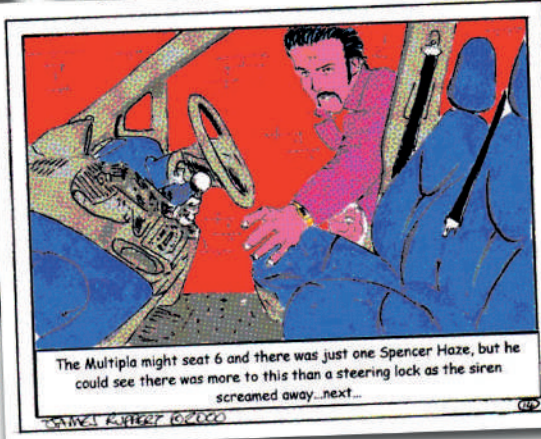
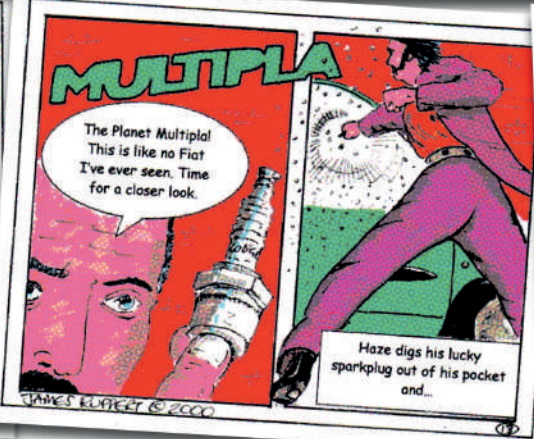
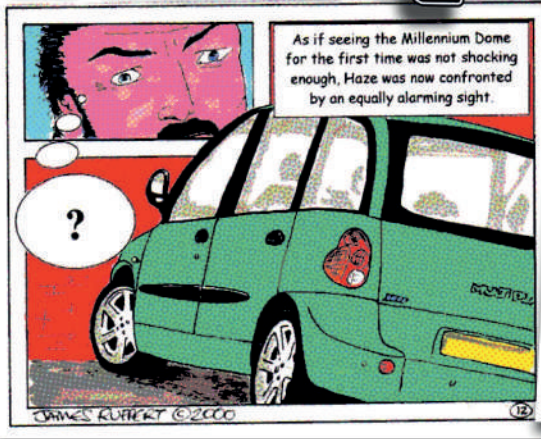


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# *The Classic* **MOTORING** *Review*



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**F**ree Car Mag rather likes reading other car mags and The Classic Motoring Review (CMR) is a brand new – and very different – quarterly periodical aimed at enthusiasts who fondly recall the hey-days of what might be called ‘real’ motoring and the magazines that contemporaneously chronicled them.

CMR contains articles that are

generally significantly longer and more ‘literary’ in nature than current automotive media, typically 2500 – 5000 words. So it isn’t FCM’s light read approach, it is very different. CMR’s aim is to replicate the best automotive writing of the late mid-20th Century, be it about the machines, the men who created them, or the experience of driving them.

There are no photographs to accompany the articles it publishes, instead it employs highly attractive line and line and wash illustrations.

Save for editorials, books reviews and readers’ letters, CMR will only publish long-form essays. Some 20-30% of these will be reproduced from appropriate magazines and books published during the 1960s, ‘70s and early ‘80s.



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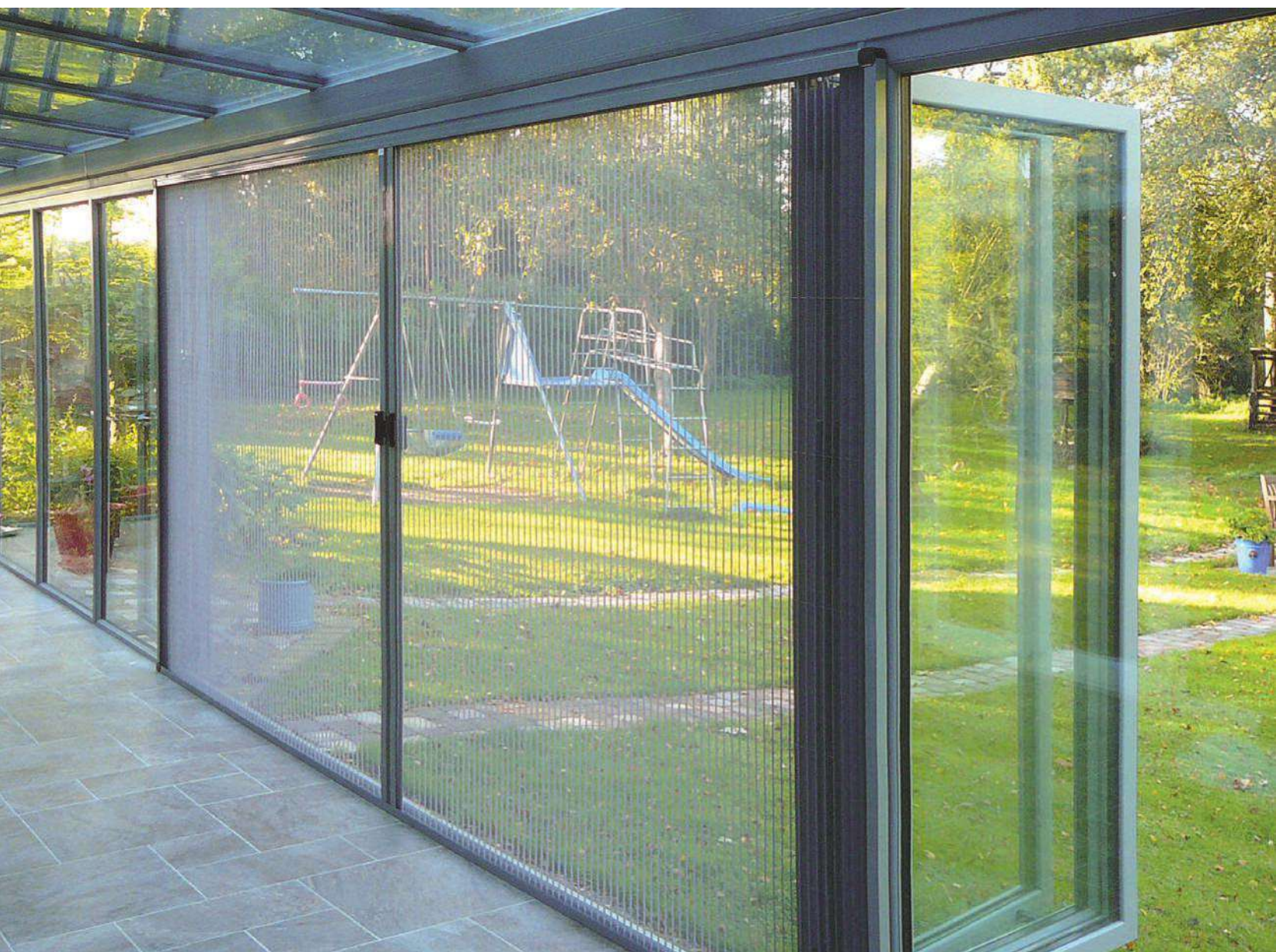
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