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Peaky Blinders. We rather enjoy that show and apart from the flat vowels and casual violence we love the cars. Those pre-war cars are not always easy to identify if you can't see the radiator grille. Anyway such British delights as ACs and Austin 12/4s, plus wonderful continental ones like Citroens, Cynos, Fiat 501s, lovely Yanks like the Cadillac V-63 and Brit built Ford Models Ts. In the latest series the Peakys are doing so well that they seem to have a Bentley on the fleet, although there have been plenty in the series.

Bentleys on the Beeb and our cover means that here is a wonderful excuse to help celebrate the fact that the remarkable company is 100 years old. Obviously Free Car Mag would have one like a shot and there is still time for us to go and get one. At the moment we'd quite like a Bentayga.

Back to TV and Mission Ignition on Channel 4 is our new favourite programme. Competitive classic car building, finish it faster than the other team and win the car. Brilliant.

See you next time.



Howard Donald worships old Beetles and Free Car Mag heartily approves...



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David Coulthard, helped launch The Science of Supercars book at Jack Barclay Bentley



DAVID COULTHARD AT JACK BARCLAY BENTLEY

The Science of Supercars explores the technology that drives the world's most incredible performance cars, with interviews and illustrations from some of the industry's most revered experts. Attended by the likes of ex-Formula One racing driver, David Coulthard, and Red Bull Racing Chief Technical Officer, Adrian Newey, the star-studded event was held on the lower floor of the historic showroom, recently subject to a multi-million-pound renovation.

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Showroom

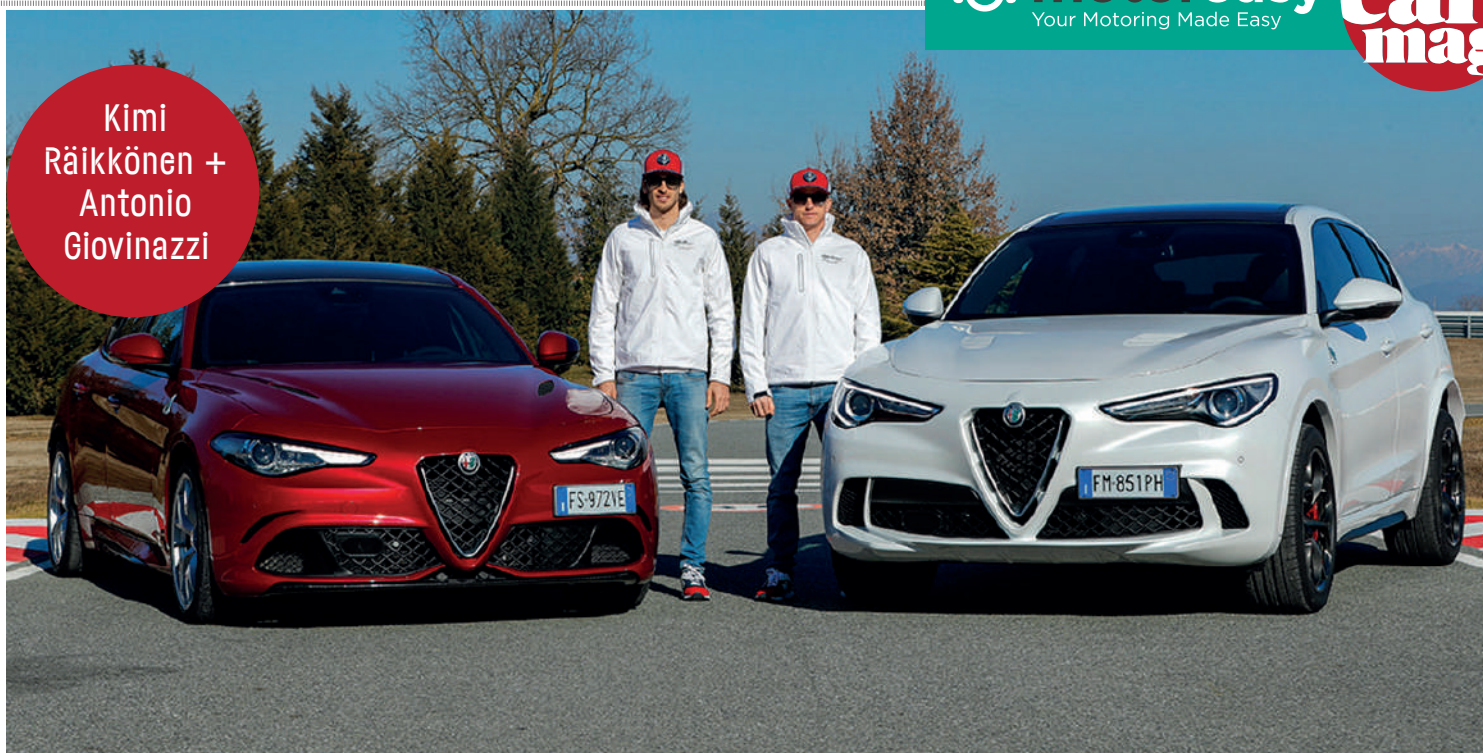


JACK BARCLAY PUT BENTLEY LEGENDS ON DISPLAY

Jack Barclay Bentley had some of its very own supercars on display, including the all-new 626bhp Continental GT W12 and one of Bentley's earliest supercars, the Bentley 4 1/2 Litre. Jack Barclay – the UK's largest and oldest Bentley dealership – retains many of its key original features, including the iconic chequered floor, wood-panelling and art deco signage. The H.R. Owen flagship dealership, Jack Barclay, has been operating in Mayfair since 1927 and although traditionally just a London-based business, the company now has locations in five counties in addition to their six London showrooms – Cheltenham (Gloucestershire), Pangbourne (Berkshire), Byfleet (Surrey), St. Albans (Hertfordshire) as well as Stockport (Greater Manchester).



Kimi
Räikkönen +
Antonio
Giovinazzi



KIMI RÄIKKÖNEN AND ANTONIO GIOVINAZZI

The drivers of the "Alfa Romeo Racing" Formula One team experienced a day steeped in the Alfa Romeo brand ethos at the famous Balocco Proving Ground. It was here, at the famous Autodelta site, that the very first Alfa Romeo models were assembled. Since then, its sporting legend has been a string of victories and top-three finishes in many international championships, including Formula One. The brand won the very first edition of the Grand Prix championship in 1950, with Nino Farina driving an Alfa Romeo 158. And the following year, Juan Manuel Fangio repeated this Formula One season victory in an Alfa Romeo 159.



LEWIS HAMILTON TRIBUTE IS AN ART CAR CLASSIC

Paul Karslake FRSA, the celebrated contemporary artist, is also a self-confessed car nut and a lifetime fan of Lewis Hamilton. Lewis Hamilton's fifth F1 World Championship. It triggered a frenzy of all-hours action by Paul at his Leigh-on-Sea studio from which has emerged his uniquely-powerful tribute to Hamilton and his team, in the shape of a stunningly-liveried and uprated 155mph Mercedes-Benz CLK 500 of 2002 vintage. "I just love the livery on Lewis's F1 car" said Paul, "and that started the whole thing off. "This RHD 5-litre CLK 500 was the ideal weapon to base it on, but it looked a little conservative so I thought I'd go to town on it - After all, it is a sporty Avantgarde version". It sold at Historics Auction for £18,000.



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EUROPCAR MOBILITY GROUP UK -LONG TERM FLEX

TV personality, radio presenter and self-confessed savvy-shopper, Gaby Roslin who worked with Europcar on its campaign said, "With a leasing deal you have to fork out for your monthly payment, a balloon payment at the end of the three years and you have to pay for maintenance and then roadside assistance too which can be very costly. Long Term Flex from Europcar is fantastic because you get maintenance, servicing and road side assistance all included – all of the things we don't budget for. Plus, you can easily take a holiday so if you're going away you don't have to pay for a car that you're not using - you also get to drive away with a new car every six months which is great." <https://longtermflex.europcar.co.uk/>



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ANT MIDDLETON & FORCES CARS DIRECT

Middleton is the front man for Channel 4's hit show, 'SAS : Who Dares Wins' and so he is the ideal person to reach out to the Armed Forces and let them know about the deals that they are entitled to on new cars purchased via Forces Cars Direct. "Until I met with Forces Cars Direct I had no idea that military personnel were entitled to these types of tax free and tax paid offers on new cars. They're offering a service that is a huge money saving opportunity for those who are currently serving and those who have served in the Armed Forces. I jumped at the chance to work with a company who do something to benefit our Armed Forces and I will be spreading the word amongst my friends and followers."



Get the look

AUSTIN HEALEY + CITROËN C5 AIRCROSS SUV

Austin Healey commented: "I've been a fan of Citroën since I was a young boy, so it is an honour to be able to work with the brand and be the ambassador for New C5 Aircross SUV. With all the challenges of a busy family life, the comfortable and spacious interior, numerous cubby-holes and useful technology will make everything from running the girls between sports practice to travelling up and down the country for work, an absolute pleasure." So Austin has got the car, but has he got the look? Let's find out.

Austin Healey

- 1 Citroen C5 Aircross £22,305
- 2 Suit Suit Direct £59.00
- 3 Shirt Debenhams £15.00
- 4 Shoes Next £35.00





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FREE CAR MAG @ GENEVA MOTOR SHOW

We were there when the European Car of the Year Award was unexpectedly presented to Ian Callum for the Jaguar I-PACE which has a state-of-the-art 90kWh Lithium-ion battery. It beat the Alpine A110 to become European car of the Year in a nail biting tie break, the I-PACE ultimately trumping after adjudication of total first placed votes. With its concept car looks and next-generation artificial intelligence, it is set to be the perfect everyday EV consumers have been waiting for. Designed and engineered in the UK, the I-PACE is built at Plant Graz, Austria, as part of Jaguar Land Rover's manufacturing partnership with Magna Steyr. It joins Jaguar's growing family of SUVs, alongside the all-new E-PACE and multiple award-winning F-PACE.

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MINI BY DAVID BROWN & TWISTED DEFENDERS

On the face of it these are Minis and Land Rovers, but they do have a bit of a twist. Indeed in the case of the Land Rover those are major reworkings by Twisted. As for the Mini that's Remastered by David Brown. Twisted may be the choice of Formula One driver Max Chilton, but even mere mortals can buy one too. All they need is the imagination and money to commission Twisted to build their ultimate Defender. On the David Brown Automotive show stand in Geneva, a trio of iconic Mini Remastered cars are on display that have been specified to show off the qualities of the all-new options list. This ultra-bespoke options and accessories list has been developed in partnership with Avon Tyres, PFD Skis, Viners and Fulton.



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GENEVA WAS CHOC FULL OF CLASSIC CARS

For instance Citroën is celebrating its centenary with three iconic models bearing the centenary colours: Type A, Traction and 2CV. This Traction was on the Motorworld stand and we rather liked the patina and coolness of it all. However the absence of several major manufacturers free up a lot of space which explains why there was some much characterful old stuff there. We actually think that is a good thing. Perhaps motor shows are going to change and already the Detroit Motor Show is scheduled to move to a less freezing cold time of the year, be outside and include classics. More like Goodwood in fact. Perhaps we are witnessing the end of the traitional indoor, static event.



PORSCHE 911 + ABARTH CELEBRATION

We loved the classic 1965 2.0 911 on the Porsche stand and like many this year it had the addition of a rather cool ski rack. At the 2019 Geneva International Motor Show, the Scorpion brand celebrated its 70th anniversary. Abarth introduced the 595 as a homologation special at the 1963 Turin show. Abarth built its first 500-based models by purchasing complete cars from Fiat and modifying them in its workshop. Then in 1963, Fiat agreed to provide Abarth with partially-assembled cars. Customers could either buy a finished 595 from Abarth, or purchase wooden crates containing all the parts needed to turn a homely 500 into a Scorpion. What a fantastic looking little ball of entertainment that could get to 74mph in its original form, or over 80mph as an SS.



Engineering Genius

It's the Bentley Centenary, so the best time to celebrate the truly remarkable life and career of the founder.

Walter Owen Bentley – or W.O. as he is fondly known – was born in 1888 in London, when horse and carriage was still the most common form of transport. Growing up in a busy household of 11, and despite an undistinguished school career, W.O. used enthusiasm and innovation to succeed. After an apprenticeship on the railways and then in motor racing, the young engineer joined the armed forces, designing the highly regarded BR1 and BR2 rotary engines for military aircraft, including the renowned Sopwith Camel.

W.O. Bentley was just 16-years-old when he left school and started as an apprentice on the Great Northern Railway. It cost his father the not inconsiderable sum of £75 to enrol his steam-obsessed son as a Premium Apprentice in Doncaster, in the north of England.

He earned 25 pence a week for five years training on the job – although it was 18 months before W.O. finally got to work on the steam engines he loved. Later in his life, W.O. recalled: 'The underside of a car after a few thousand miles is as hygienic as an operating theatre, compared with a locomotive in for overhaul!'

W.O. was so enthused with the combustion engine he began racing motorcycles at events around the country, including the famous Isle of Man Tourist Trophy. He went into business with one of his brothers importing French cars, before secretly creating a new alloy of aluminium and copper that would be used to make lighter weight pistons for his own

racing car.

His innovative early years in the automotive industry didn't come without interruption. Commissioned into the Royal Naval Air Service (RNAS) during World War One, W.O. patriotically passed on his lightweight piston idea, which created a more powerful and reliable version of the RNAS' s existing aircraft engine.

Impressed with his efforts, W.O.' s superiors then allowed him to set about designing a new rotary aircraft engine from scratch. He was afforded every available facility to experiment, instructing engineers at the Humber plant in Coventry, England. The engine was a great success and was soon in mass production for the War effort.

Having demonstrated a natural ability as an innovative engineer, W.O. took his first steps into the automotive world when the War was over, using his skill to create a car bearing his own name.

When hostilities ended, he was presented with a Commission of Awards To Inventors grant of £8,000 for his vital contribution to the War effort, as well as an MBE (Most Excellent Order of the British Empire).

In 1919 W.O. used that capital to fulfil a dream and create his own car company. W.O. built the brand on the guiding principle of creating 'a fast car, a good car: the best in its class', a goal he would achieve time and time again.



Breitling Premier Bentley Centenary Limited Edition from £7470

The new wristwatch commemorates the extraordinary collaboration enjoyed by Bentley Motors and Breitling since 2003. Both brands share a commitment to the highest quality, exquisite craftsmanship, outstanding performance and unrivalled luxury.

Launched to celebrate Bentley's 100 years of luxury motoring excellence, the Centenary Limited Edition is the latest model to grace Breitling's refined Premier collection.

Adrian Hallmark, Chairman and Chief Executive of Bentley Motors, commented: "The highly successful and

long-standing collaboration between Bentley and Breitling is an impressive example of how brands with shared values work together in an authentic way to enhance the performance of both."

"With our extraordinary motoring heritage of 100 years to build on, we are now firmly focused on a future characterised by our passion for innovation. Both Bentley and Breitling are defined by their unwavering technological progress, world-leading craftsmanship and a modern and pioneering spirit."



Speedy Shooting Brake

Designed, engineered and hand crafted in Great Britain, the Bentayga Speed is the most powerful Bentayga ever with a top speed of 190mph. We are not keen on the term SUV, to Free Car Mag it is much more special.





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The new model takes the Bentayga's extraordinary abilities to new levels, boosting maximum power from 608 PS in the existing 6.0-litre W12 twin-turbocharged model to 635 PS (626 bhp) in the new Speed. Effortless acceleration is delivered thanks to 900 Nm (664 lb.ft) of torque.

With exceptional performance, comfort and handling, maximum speed is also increased from 187 mph (301 km/h) to 190 mph (306 km/h) in the new Speed, while the 0-62 mph (0-100 km/h) acceleration time is reduced from 4.1 seconds to 3.9 seconds.

The performance pinnacle of the Bentayga range, Speed is equipped with four on-road Drive Dynamics modes: Comfort at one extreme, and Bentley and Sport at the other, with Custom for customers who opt to create their own driving set-up.

Uniquely in the Speed, the Sport mode has been recalibrated to enhance response from the W12 engine and the eight-speed automatic transmission, as well as the suspension and Bentley Dynamic Ride. The effect is a more dynamic and engaging drive.

Bentley Dynamic Ride is the world's first electric active roll control technology that utilises an unrivalled 48V system. This system instantly counteracts lateral rolling forces when cornering and ensures maximum tyre contact to deliver class-leading cabin stability, ride comfort and exceptional handling.

A greater exhaust character during start up and gear downshifts combines with a firmer suspension set-up to further enhance the driver experience. The Bentayga's permanent all-wheel drive

offers class-leading handling and go-anywhere ability, while powerful ceramic brakes are also an option.

The Bentayga Speed's ceramic brakes are the largest and most powerful ever fitted to a Bentley, with a maximum braking torque of 6,000 Nm and engineered to withstand temperatures up to 1,000 °C. They also save more than 20 kg over iron brakes.

Handcrafted in Crewe, England, the Bentayga's cabin is the epitome of modern British design. Bentayga Speed introduces a new colour split interior, specifically designed to highlight unique styling lines. Key to this is the use of Alcantara trim in a Bentayga for the first time.

Alcantara is a highly tactile cloth that is often the preserve of high-performance cars – it has previously been used by Bentley on models such as the Continental Supersports. According to preference, customers can revert back to leather as a no cost option on the Bentayga Speed.

While Bentayga customers have the option of the Bentley wings embroidered at the top of the seat backrests, on the new Speed models these have been replaced with the word 'Speed', in either blind or contrast stitching. A metal Speed badge adorns the passenger side fascia, while an illuminated Speed treadplate welcomes passengers into the truly luxurious cabin.

Another feature of the Speed is the dark tint front and rear lamps with 22-inch 10-spoke wheel design that is offered in three finishes – silver, dark tint or black.



Centurions

A YEAR OF CELEBRATIONS THROUGHOUT 2019

Bentley Drivers Club Centenary Extraordinary Drive
15-31 March Castle of Mey – Crewe – London (that was lots of fun to watch)

W.O. Bonhams exhibition
11 April London

Benjafield Racing Club, W.O. race
13 April Silverstone race track

Mille Miglia
15-18 May Brescia – Rome – Brescia

24 Hours of Le Mans
15-16 June Le Mans, France

RREC Annual Rally & Concours
21 June Burghley house, England

Chantilly Arts & Elegance
30 June Chantilly, France

RROC National Meeting
22-27 July
Detroit, US

Pebble Beach Concours d' Elegance
21-26 August Carmel, California, US

Salon Privé Concours d' Elegance
6-8 September
Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire, UK

As Bentley commemorates 100 extraordinary years, brand enthusiasts will be able to join the celebrations at a number of events hosted around the world – showcasing the best of Bentley past and present.





Number 9

THE CONTINENTAL GT BY MULLINER

The Continental GT Number 9 Edition by Mulliner is inspired by Bentley's illustrious motorsport past and incorporates a number of distinctive features into the world's most luxurious Grand Tourer. Just 100 examples will be handbuilt by Mulliner in Crewe, England, based on the Continental GT this year.

Number 9 Edition by Mulliner pays homage to Sir Henry Ralph Stanley 'Tim' Birkin – one of the original, 'Bentley Boys' of the 1920s and '30s. Birkin was a Bentley customer, investor and a racing driver, full of entrepreneurial spirit and ambition – and through the determined collaboration of man and machine, the 4 ½ litre 'Blower' was born.

No.9 was the supercharged Bentley 'Blower' Sir Tim raced at the 1930 Le Mans 24 Hours. He commissioned the production of a series of 4 ½ Litre Bentleys, powered by a supercharger developed with independent engineer Amherst Villiers. Power increased from around 110 bhp to 175 bhp with the supercharger installation. The imposing green car has since become the iconic racing Bentley of the pre-war years.

The Number 9 Edition by Mulliner is distinguished by No.9 badgework and a bold, matching front grille graphic. Customers have the option of either Viridian green or Beluga black exterior paint, with 21", 10-spoke wheels also in these colours, plus Black Line Specification and carbon bodykit.

Inside the Number 9 Edition by Mulliner customers have the choice of Cumbrian Green or Beluga heritage hides, with increased gloss levels to the seats, inner door panel and other areas. Debossed 'B' logos adorn the seat headrests and door panels as they did the door pads of the 1930 'Blower'.

A uniquely crafted dashboard features Engine Spin on the centre console. Often known as 'Turned Aluminium', Engine Spin was a popular racing car and aviation finish in the 1920s and '30s as it limited light reflection.

The centre console of the vehicle is enhanced by the inclusion of an exclusive British Jaeger clock face. Developed through a partnership between Mulliner and British Jaeger, the clock is inspired by the original No. 9 'Blower's' dials and uses the same traditional manufacturing methods of race car dials from the vintage era.

The Continental GT's revolutionary Bentley Rotating Display has been further enhanced with a Bentley 'Blower' artefact. The Continental GT Number 9 Edition by Mulliner features a wood insert from the seat of Birkin's iconic 1930 No. 9 Le Mans race car, which was removed during a sympathetic renovation. This backlit piece is set in resin and situated in the middle of the centre dial of the rotating display, adding a piece of history to each car.

Each of the 100 cars also features 18K gold plated organ stops inspired by those in the No.9 'Blower' and '1 of 100' treadplates.



THE CONTINENTAL GT CONVERTIBLE. DESIGNED,
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IT IS BRUTISHLY BEAUTIFUL



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The tailored convertible roof can be deployed or stowed in just 19 seconds, with the car travelling at speeds of up to 30 mph (50 km/h). This transforms the Continental GT Convertible from a luxurious coupe into an open-top Grand Tourer at the touch of a button. Seven different fabric hood colours are available, including an authentic tweed finish for the first time.

A newly designed neckwarmer (which is both warmer and quieter than in the previous generation model), is seamlessly integrated into the heated Comfort Seats, optimising efficiency and airflow around the electrically adjustable headrests. The styling highlight of the new neckwarmer is a chrome centre vane that stretches the full width of the duct, echoing Bentley's famous 'bullseye' vents. Combined with a heated steering wheel, seat heaters and new heated armrests, these sophisticated comfort features create a luxurious driving experience in all environments.

The all-new Continental GT Convertible heightens the sensory experience of open-air motoring with exhilarating performance. A powerful 6.0-litre Bentley W12 engine is mated to a dual-clutch eight-speed transmission. [WLTP drive cycle: fuel consumption, mpg (l/100km) - Combined 20.2 (14.0). Combined CO₂ - 317g/km. NEDC drive cycle equivalent: fuel consumption, mpg (l/100km) - Combined 22.8 (12.4). Combined CO₂ - 284g/km.]

The new powertrain uses the latest engine management technology to produce 635 PS (626 bhp) and 900 Nm (664 lb.ft.) of torque, and accelerate to 100 km/h in 3.8 seconds (0-60 mph in 3.7

seconds), on to a top speed of 333 km/h (207 mph).

The new Continental GT Convertible also showcases major evolutions in Bentley's unique application of technology. An advanced, fully digital, driver-focused instrument panel and Bentley Rotating Display for the driver are among the suite of innovations. The latter features an impressive 12.3" touchscreen housed in a three-sided unit, which revolves from pure veneer to reveal either a touchscreen or three elegant analogue dials – offering customers the option of a digital detox when desired.

The unique Z-fold convertible roof system represents a major improvement both in terms of refinement and packaging. The roof, with its sealing system improvements and acoustic treatments, contributes to a three-decibel reduction in overall noise levels compared to its predecessor at typical cruising speeds.

An entirely new combination of roof insulating materials and operating mechanism, combined with sealing system improvements and acoustic treatments, have created a Convertible Grand Tourer that is as quiet as the previous generation Continental GT Coupe.

As with all Bentleys, the Continental GT Convertible can also be handed over to the highly skilled and dedicated craftspeople at Mulliner, Bentley's personal commissioning division, who will respond to bespoke customer requirements.



"Porsche inFlow"

New, flexible mobility solution in Germany, UK next?

A sports car subscription: Porsche and the Munich-based mobility and FinTech company Cluno are now launching "Porsche inFlow", an offering that allows exclusive and flexible vehicle use in Germany for a monthly package fee. The sports car manufacturer is therefore further extending its portfolio of innovative mobility concepts.

With "Porsche inFlow", customers have the possibility of driving a Porsche for a transparent monthly package fee. The fee covers all costs with the exception of fuel, e.g. maintenance, wear, seasonal tyres, warranty, registration, vehicle tax, comprehensive insurance and vehicle inspections. The minimum contract term per vehicle is six months; the customer can then pause or change the vehicle with a period of notice of three months. Transactions and processing from booking and contract conclusion through to vehicle management take place digitally using the Cluno app. The offered vehicles are young pre-owned vehicles that have been inspected by Porsche ("Porsche

Approved"). Vehicles from all model lines are available. The monthly package prices start from 1,299 euros depending on model and can be viewed on the "Porsche inFlow" and Cluno websites and in the Cluno app. There is a one-off initial fee of 299 euros for the first booking. Processing via the app takes only a few minutes. The vehicle is then delivered to the desired location with a full fuel tank.

In addition to the new "Porsche inFlow" offering, this includes premium car rental schemes such as "Porsche Drive" and the "Porsche Passport" vehicle subscription model. Pilot projects are already taking place worldwide for both these offerings, which are being rolled out in stages. In addition, the "Porsche Host" pilot scheme has been available in the USA since October 2018. The scheme enables private individuals to rent a Porsche vehicle from another person for a limited time using the Turo peer-to-peer sharing platform.

Undoubtedly this scheme or something very similar is coming to the U.K.

SEAT ARONA SET IN STONE

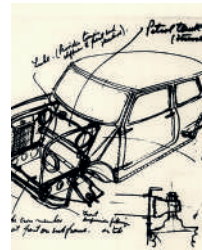


"I wanted to somehow immortalise the design of a car", admits Alexandre Farto, better known as Vhils. This Portuguese street artist has created one of his latest works, 'Tangible', a sculpture made with 15 tonnes of cement that reinterprets the design of the SEAT Arona. This is how he carried out the design and production process of this unique piece, which took a year to complete.

"I'm tremendously proud of this piece; not only for its technical complexity, but because it has been created to withstand the passing of time", he says. According to this artist, 'Tangible' will be a witness to today's society. "Not only did I want to immortalise the lines of a car, but 'fossilise' the relationship between cities and their inhabitants", concludes Vhils, who does not hesitate to place the car as a crucial linking element.



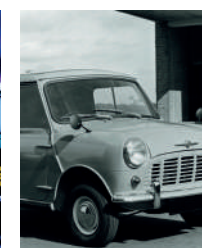
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MINI 60



SWIND E CLASSIC MINI



Produced in Wiltshire at the firm's recently-upgraded facility, the Swind E Classic Mini instils all the affection of the original with state-of-the-art EV technology to create an individual, nippy, zero-emissions city car with character. The bespoke 80kw motor and single transmission ensures responsive and smooth power. The limited production run of 100 cars starts at £79,000, with an unlimited mileage one-year warranty and MOT.



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BENTLEY COLLECTION

The pieces in this limited edition collection feature the Bentley '100 Extraordinary Years' alongside Centenary gold detailing similar to those that appear on every car built during this very special year.

The spirit and style of an incredible century is embedded into every piece. For the home, the exquisite gold-plated tealight holder and set of two napkins rings featuring the distinctive Bentley knurling pattern will enrich any dinner table; the centenary espresso set of two cups with saucers, featuring a hand-painted gold coloured rim, will make a special event of any cup of coffee.

Centenary clothing accessories for men and women include stylish polo shirts with the 'Crewe' landmark logo on the front, the Centenary logo on sleeve and Centenary gold

detailing, creating stylish additions to a leisure wardrobe; cufflinks inspired by the Bentley driver control system switch featuring iconic facet-knurling, Centenary gold-coloured plating on the face and laser-etched Bentley emblem on the rear will add a sophisticated element to business attire. Other accessories include practical notebooks and lanyards available to make an occasion of the everyday.

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The S2000, Bremont's most technical professional dive watch. Record-breaking British adventurer, and Bremont ambassador, Ross Edgley will be putting this new model to the test on upcoming challenges this year. Ross is an adventurer and author most recently known for becoming the first person to make history by swimming all the way around Great Britain in 2018. After 2,000 miles and 157 days, the swim was announced as the 'World Swim of the Year 2018' and it became officially recognised as 'The World's Longest Staged Sea Swim'.

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Competitive Car Building on telly with Take That star Howard Donald and motor racing legend Dario Franchitti. Now there's a wonderful thing. The winners are the team who are fastest to rebuild a car from a pile of parts and they get to keep it. We talk to the judge, Engineer Ralph Hosier, about why we should all be watching.

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According to Ralph, “The premise of the show is for two teams to assemble classic cars as quickly as possible, the team who gets all the parts fitted on the car and starts the engine first wins the car! It’s an amazing idea, and for one lucky team in each episode they get to keep a wonderful classic car, although once they get their new pride and joy home they might want to take it apart and rebuild it again with a bit less haste...”

“Now, if you have ever worked on classic cars you know that something as simple as a seized bolt can take half a day to fix, so we had to think about this carefully.

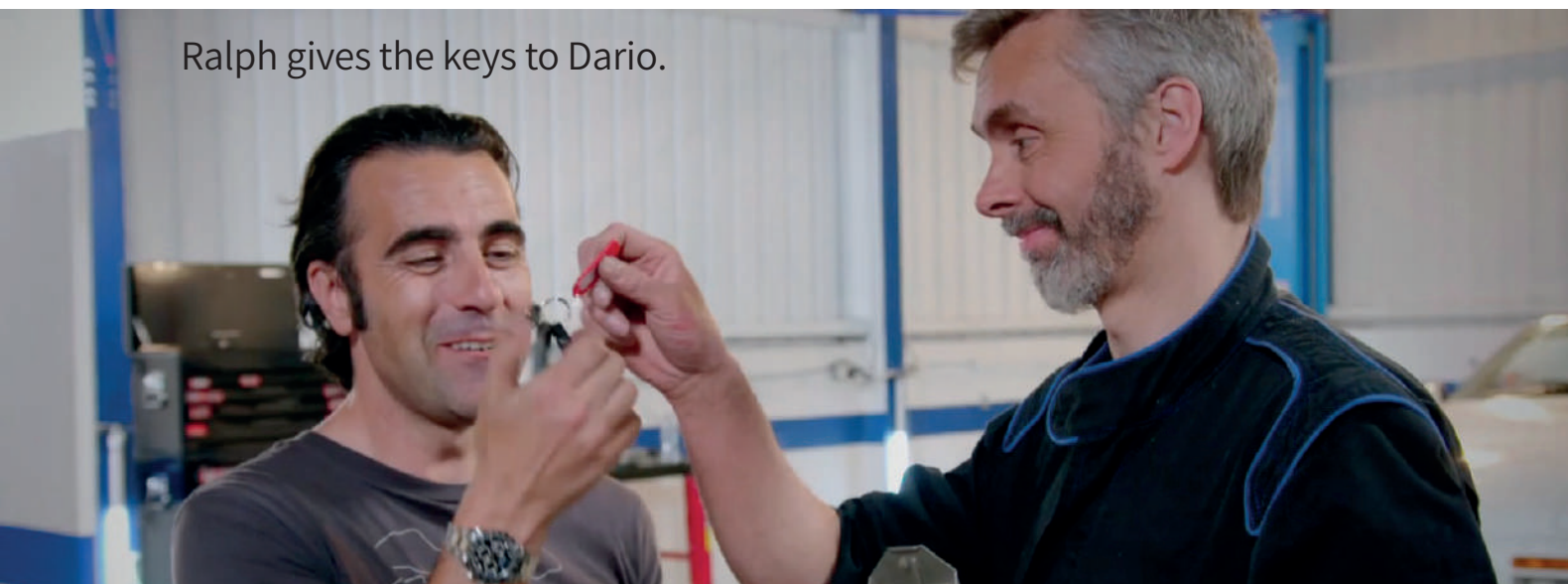
“The challenge was to make it possible for two teams to assemble two very different classic cars in a very short time and make it fair. Before the show my mechanics spent two weeks on each car carefully taking them apart and fixing every perished hose, stripped thread and

corroded part so that the teams would have no difficulties on the day. To check it we reassembled the cars at my workshop before the big day and made sure they still ran.

“To make it fair, we timed how long this took us, then disassembled them to an extent that would ensure it would take the same time to re-assemble each car. In some cases this meant taking the axle off one car but not the other, or removing more tricky trim to even up the task difficulty.

“This show was hugely fun to work on, the cars were great and the contestants a real joy. On the day of shooting the excitement as they neared the finish was just amazing. Dario and Howard are wonderful to work with, genuinely decent people with a real passion for cars and a competitive edge that helped them drive the teams forward.”

Ralph gives the keys to Dario.



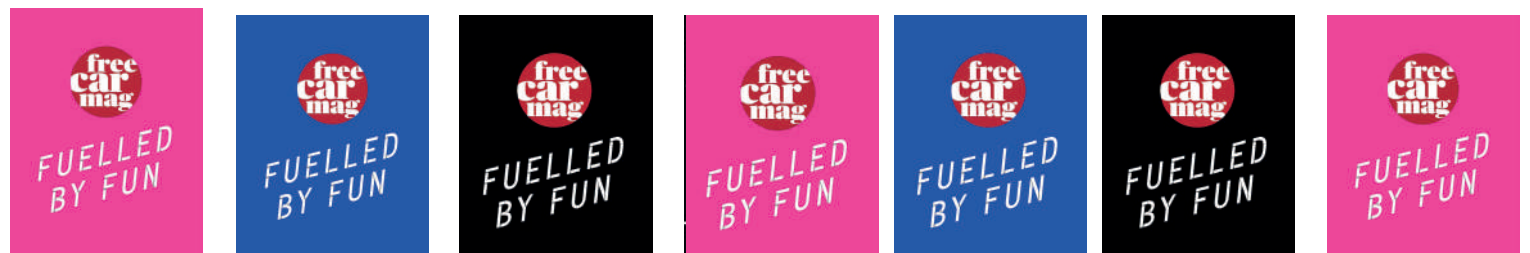
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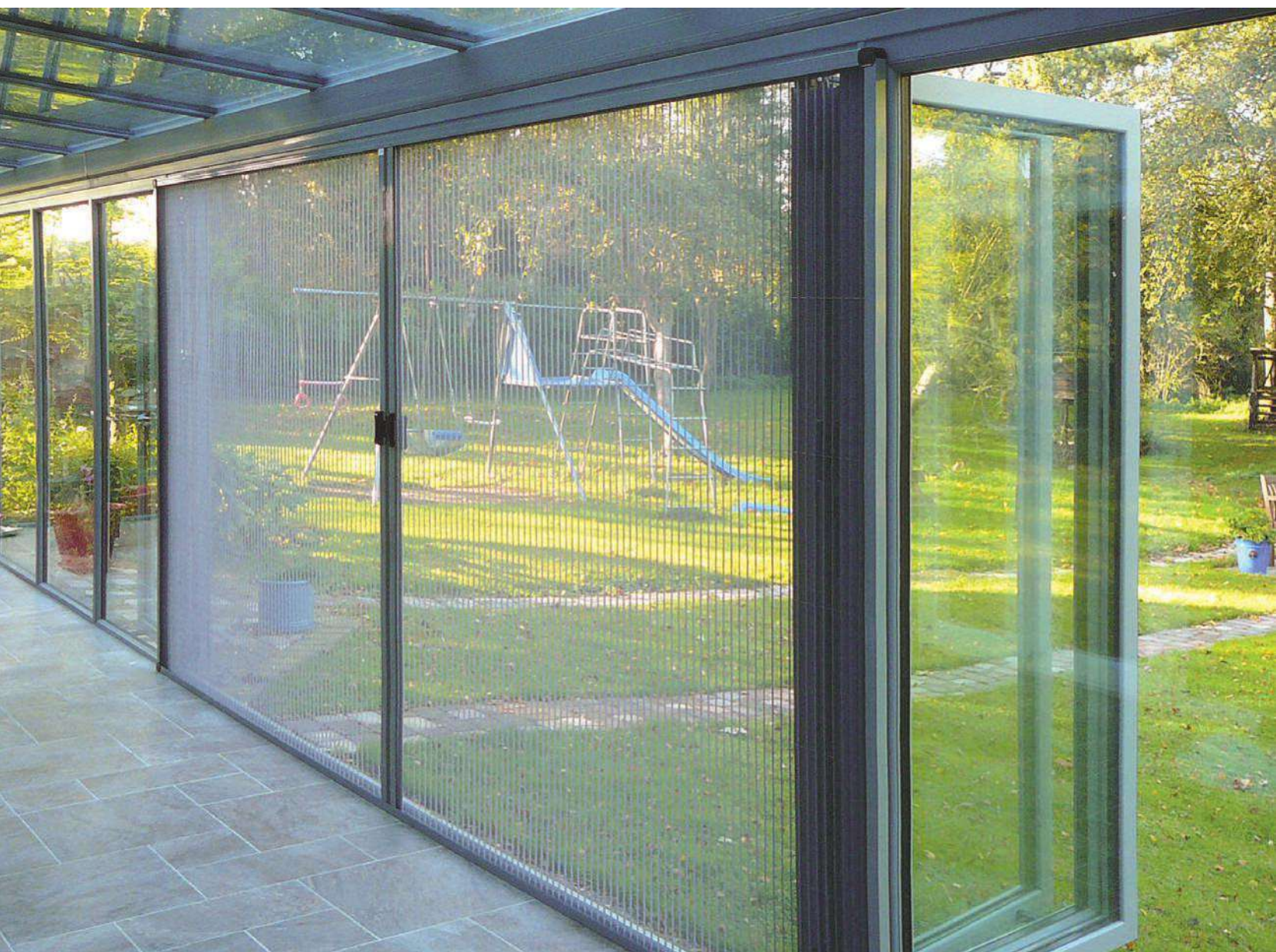
By the time we get to 71 Spring will have sprung (we are already wearing sunglasses and popping open the sunroof) and also the Formula One Season will be well under way. That might be a good time to find out what racing driver, Mark Webber thinks. Wish us luck tracking him down...



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