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**F**irst of all, didn't he do well? Lewis Hamilton is the World Champion yet again. You can debate forever about whether or not he is the greatest. The thing is you can't compare drivers from different generations. All we can say for certain is that right now he is the very best there is, so we are proud to put him on the cover.

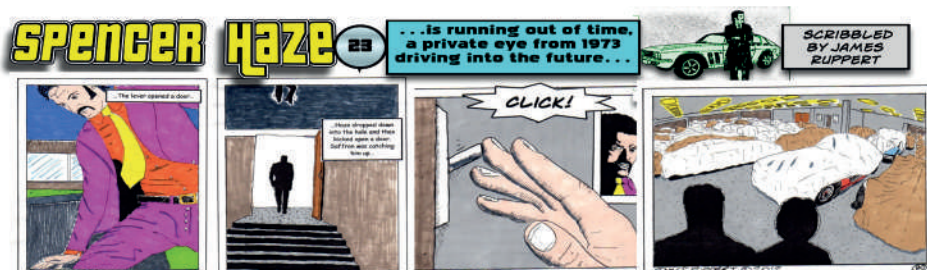
It is that time of the year we call Christmas and we love it. Indeed, the Free Car Mag party is being organised right now. What we always enjoy doing for our readers is sorting out some presents. Hope you find something you like, or at the very least they give you some great ideas.

Also in this issue we had a very interesting chat with Grammy nominated DJ Mark Knight about turning a Formula One Car into a banging tune.

We are looking forward to playing that track at our party. See you next time.



Emilia Clarke tries to convince Free Car Mag that there are cars in 'Last Christmas'...



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Fernando Alonso  
Completes more  
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## FERNANDO ALONSO + TOYOTA GAZOO RACING

Fernando Alonso and Marc Coma are making their final preparations for the upcoming 2020 Dakar Rally with Toyota Gazoo Racing with their entry in the 2019 Al Ula-Neom Cross-Country Rally in Saudi Arabia. The local rally is the third round of the Saudi Toyota Desert Rally Championship which will be contested over 765 kilometres of competitive mileage across five stages. An ideal setting for Fernando and Marc to gain ever-more valuable miles in the Toyota Hilux and get a taste of the conditions they may face early next year.



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Alonso said, "We are in Saudi Arabia to compete in a round of the national rally. This is the first time for me in Saudi Arabia and I've been discovering the country and the terrain which we expect to see at the Dakar Rally in January. It's great to have an opportunity to race in Saudi Arabia in our continued preparations. It's an all-new experience for me but I'm looking forward to it. Marc and I have been out here testing before the rally as we have a brand-new car. We completed some shakedown mileage to make sure everything works because we will use the same car at the Dakar Rally, so it's very important to make sure we are 100% ready."





## SIR JACKIE STEWART + NEW BRM-ROVER PAINTING

Sir Jackie Stewart unveiled a new oil painting of himself driving the Rover-BRM gas turbine racing car in 1965 at the British Motor Museum. When asked what the car was like to drive, Sir Jackie commented "It was bloody awful but there was nothing like it at the time! Driving the car at Le Mans was a revolution. The painting, too, is wonderful and a real piece of history. Michael is one of the best motor-racing artists and there are not many artists that can approach what this man can do. I have many of his paintings at home and in Switzerland. It's not easy to portray the cars in the right way, for example to get the tyres to behave accurately - but Michael does it". [www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk](http://www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk)



## ASHLEIGH BARTY + PORSCHE CAYENNE COUPÉ

Australian Ashleigh Barty has won the "Porsche Race to Shenzhen", the official qualification for the Shiseido WTA Finals. "After such an exciting year, I'm incredibly honored to have also won the 'Porsche Race to Shenzhen'," said Ashleigh Barty. "I really hope I can keep this momentum for the WTA Finals and play my best tennis here at the end of what has already been a very special WTA season for me."

The great news is that Barty won beating Elina Svitolina from the Ukraine 6:4, 6:3.



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## DANNY CIPRIANI + DYLAN HARTLEY VS FOOTBALL

Patrick Daley, the starting quarterback of the Great Britain Lions team, was tasked with teaching his rugby-playing counterparts to throw the perfect 'spiral', US style, into the back of a moving Jeep Wrangler from the roof of a derelict building in London Docklands. After multiple attempts it was Hartley who came out on top in the first challenge, successfully throwing the ball a full 50 yards from the rooftop into the back of the legendary off-roader. Cipriani came close on two occasions hitting the bonnet and side of the vehicle. Patrick's older brother Jack, who plays as kicker for London Blitz American football team, then challenged the duo to replicate the challenge, but this time with the boot. As expected, Cipriani displayed his superior kicking skills punting the ball an incredible 60 yards onto the Wrangler's bonnet.



"I'm a big American football fan having spent some time with a team over in the US taking part in a training session," said Cipriani. "So, I couldn't turn down the opportunity to spend the day mucking around with an American football while trying to get one over Dylan and attempting some epic trick shots into the back of a moving Wrangler."

Hartley added: "Most of my time at the moment is spent doing injury rehab so it's been nice to do something a bit different. There's definitely some transferable skills between rugby and American football – although attempting to get an American football into the back of a moving Jeep Wrangler made the learning process more complicated!" Learn the skills to carry out your own challenge here: [www.jeep.co.uk/news/trickshot](http://www.jeep.co.uk/news/trickshot)





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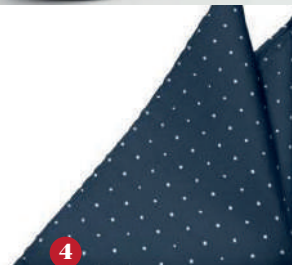
## Get the look

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# Hamilton the Champion

The greatest racing driver of all time, quite possibly, but don't take our word for it

The United States Grand Prix in Austin turned out to be a truly memorable occasion for the Mercedes team. While Valtteri Bottas was chalking up a seventh Grand Prix victory of his career, a fourth of the season and his first at the Circuit of the Americas, Lewis took the runner-up spot to make it nine one-two victories for the team in 2019. It was victory number 14 for Mercedes in the 19th round of the season. The Silver Arrows have now made 31 podium appearances between them in the current campaign. Most significant of all, however, were the points for second place which were enough for Lewis to clinch his sixth drivers' championship title in Formula 1. It was also his eighth podium in the USA, which breaks the record previously held by Michael Schumacher for the most podium finishes in this particular fixture.

## Toto Wolff – Mercedes Team Principal

"I'm very proud, very proud for everybody who collaborated in the factory, there's a massive amount of work behind the scenes and if it ends up like this, one driver wins – the other wins the championship – the script couldn't have been any better.

"I think Lewis is still very motivated and you can see he wants to win every single race and as long as that's the case I think he can go for more. We need to provide him with a good car and I think there is no limit."

## Nico Rosberg – 2016 Formula 1 world champion

"We saw all of Lewis's class out there today, he took the strategy into his own hands and almost got that win. It was a phenomenal attempt, lost out





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just by a little amount to Valtteri but hats off, a completely deserved sixth title in amazing fashion.”

#### **Anthony Hamilton – Lewis’ s Dad**

“Unbelievable win – six world championships – who would ever have dreamed it? It means the world to him. He’ s got five in the bin, he’ s just won another one but they’ re all the same. As in, this feels like 2007, the first opportunity he ever had to win a world championship. You’ re only as good as your last world championship to a degree, so this one is even better.”

The Mercedes driver is now just one title behind Michael Schumacher’ s all-time record of seven. It is worth digging a little deeper into the stats to see just what a great driver he is.

Lewis is the outright leader on several other best-of lists that probably get less attention than they deserve. Having started from pole position on 87 occasions, he is the most successful qualifier in the history of the premier class (ahead of Michael Schumacher on 68). And on race Sundays too, Lewis continues to extend his lead in terms of Grand Prix victories: his tally of 83 makes him the most prolific of all currently active drivers. Only Michael Schumacher on 91 has more race wins. Lewis has registered at least one victory every year in his 13 F1 seasons so far - no other driver has achieved that. Lewis also leads another chart by virtue of finishing in the Top Ten in 33 successive races. Second most consistent in terms of uninterrupted points-scoring series is Kimi Räikkönen on 27. Lewis has finished in the points in 85.42% of his 248 Grand Prix races so far - a higher percentage than any other driver. Over the course of his career, Lewis has held the lead in 145 Formula 1 races, three more than the nearest challenger, Michael Schumacher. With 150 podium finishes, Lewis is getting ever closer to the record world championship winner in yet another classification: Schumacher ascended the podium 155 times in his career; Lewis is already the best of the current crop of drivers in terms of podium appearances.





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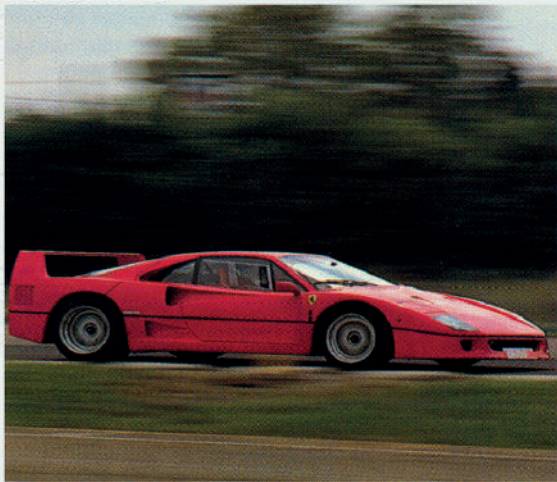
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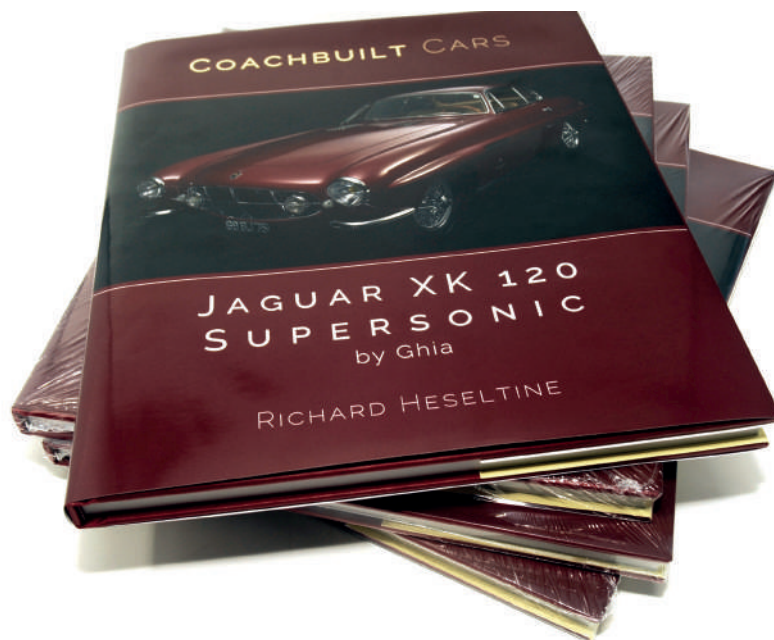
Jaguar XK 120 Supersonic by Ghia - Richard Heseltine

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In this, the first in Porter Press' s new 'Coachbuilt Cars' series, author Richard Heseltine has untangled the Ghia Jaguar XK 120 Supersonic' s complicated story of British design brilliance and Italian design artistry.

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# Stags Slags & Stepney Green

1970S RETRO TELEVISION IS BRILLIANT

If you watched telly in the 1970s and liked cars, you loved Hazell. Here was a bloke with some taste. It was more than the simple fact that he had a beautiful Stag, but that he also managed to keep it roadworthy. That V8 engine made a magnificent sound, but as we all know it could overheat and expire in clouds of steam. Not for James Hazell, that's how super cool he actually was. The great news is that you can watch all the episodes on Talking Pictures TV.

Hazell was a private eye created by a footballer. Incredible at the time and still fairly remarkable now to find someone who kicked a ball for a living to have the creativity and intelligence to come up with something so original. Terry Venables, a Chelsea and QPR regular was not alone though and had professional help from novelist and sports writer Gordon Williams. They were both responsible for the 1974 novel *Hazell Plays Solomon* using the pseudonym of 'P.B. Yuill'. Luckily this caught the eye of TV producer June Roberts. By that time Venables was managing Crystal Palace.

A proper London cockney detective with a flash car and a nice line in patter with a distinctly Phillip Marlowe style voiceover. It took a while for the first series to really get going and settle down into a proper lark, brutish but stylish style, but once it did with some changes in the script editing department and the

series was off.

Hazell was initially stifled in 1978 by something peculiar to the era, a strike by technicians, just ten of the projected 13 episodes were made. A fascinating fact is that John Nettles, who later became *Bergerac*, was up for the role. It is hard to think that he could have been better than Ball, but it must be remembered that he also ran a stylish old 1947 Triumph Roadster as his TV detective car. Apparently that broke down all the time and was a pig to drive.

Ball though was perfect as the ex-cop drummed out after a messy divorce and descent into drink. Cheeky, charming and not afraid to get stuck in and quite often duffed up. The supporting cast is exceptional and you will bump into his Mrs. at the time Pamela Stephenson, otherwise it is everyone else you recognise from *The Sweeney* and *Minder*.

Indeed, Leon Griffiths, who wrote some scripts would go on to develop *Minder* (1979-94), the series that replaced Hazell in the ITV schedules. Never mind all that, though just look at the street scenes, Escorts, Allegros and Transit vans. A fantastic slice of 1970s motoring life. That's why we love it and why you must tune into **Talking Pictures TV on Virgin 445, Freesat 306, Freeview or Youview 81 or on the Sky digital satellite platform, channel 328.**



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Could save lives ahead of the 2022 safety deadline

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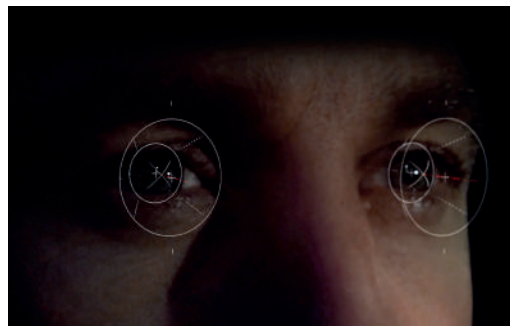
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The system, already available on DS 7 CROSSBACK, combines a pair of infrared cameras focused on the driver with continuous vehicle position monitoring. Futuristic driver-facing cameras, mounted above the steering wheel and at the top of the windscreen, monitor three key physical signs of distraction or drowsiness; movement of the eyes, eyelids or neck. If any of these are detected, an audible alert is set off and a warning notice appears on

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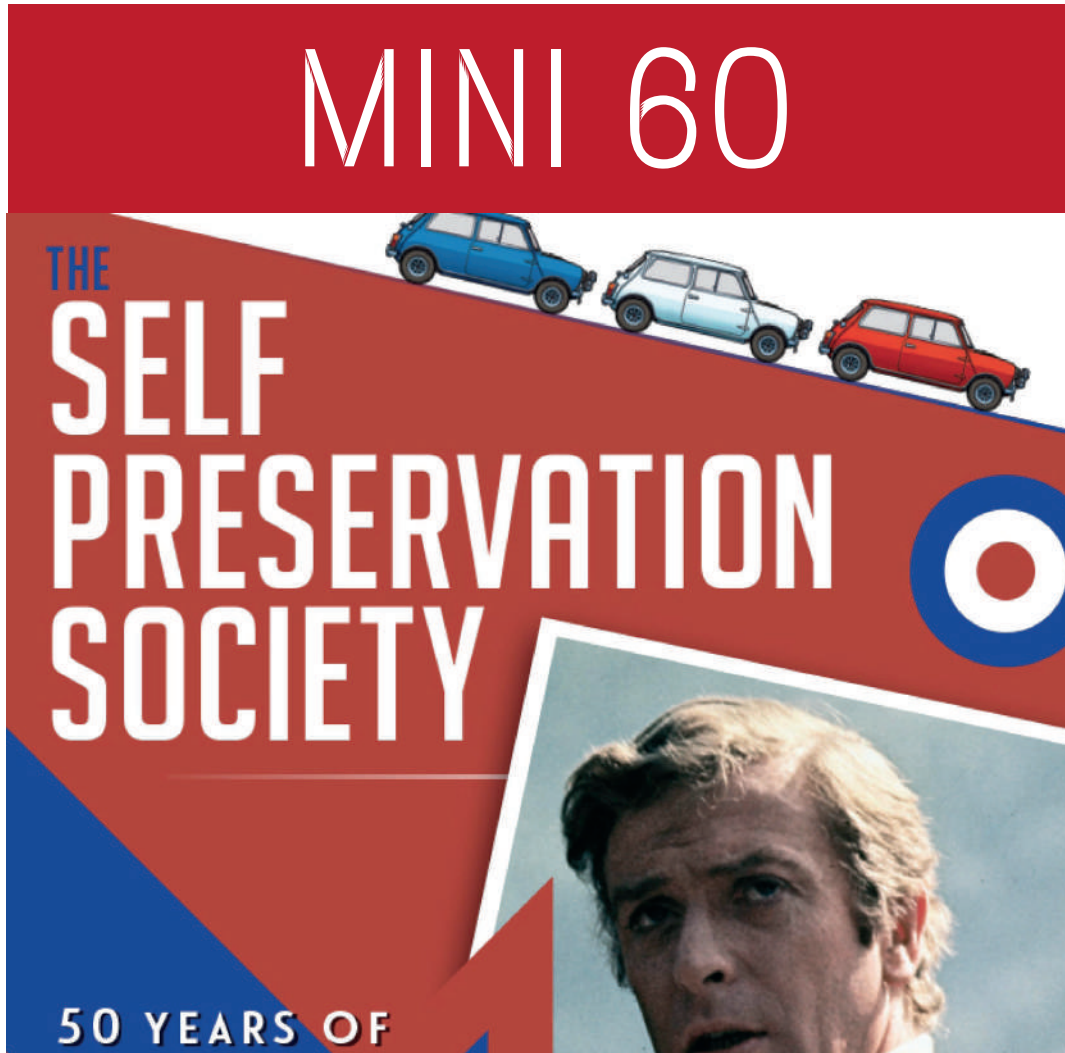
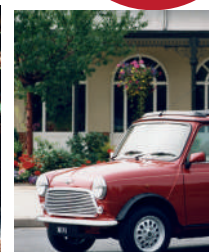
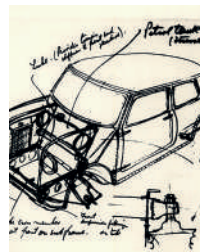
At the same time, vehicle position monitoring constantly tracks the car in relation to road markings and warns the driver with an audible alert if there are any sudden or unexpected steering movements.

The combination of these technologies allows the DS DRIVER ATTENTION MONITORING system to comprehensively monitor drivers for the key warning signs of distraction and drowsiness and maximises the window in which a driver can be warned and encouraged to take steps to counter against it.



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The first photograph is 'Flying High', showcasing the Jaguar XF. Using hundreds of individually crafted paper birds, finished in bright orange to create a dramatic contrast with the XF's striking metallic paintwork, it references the XF's precision engineering and beautifully crafted exterior.

Rankin said: "It's not often a global automotive brand presents you with an open brief, but that's exactly what happened this time. They wanted three entertaining and eye-catching photographs to celebrate the core characteristics of each model. And that was it. What a dream brief."

He continued: "The idea behind the 'Rooms' concept was to create a backdrop for each model – a bespoke visual tapestry that is fun and will make people smile. To me that's what makes all Jaguar cars different and desirable, so I hope we've managed to achieve that."





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Research by Halfords reveals that many motorists struggle with the cold weather when driving. A poll of 2,000 by Halfords found that 48% have avoided driving because of the weather and 52% of motorists cited ice as one of the reasons that they put off travelling.

Ania Kanwal at Halfords says: "We're delighted to be launching the giant Winter Wizard Salt Stick, an easy way for home-owners and motorists to quickly thaw ice and snow. We were dismayed to see so many people put off driving because of ice and snow and hope that they'll be able to shake 'n' salt their way through the icy weather."

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# Sound of Synergy







## Free Car Mag spoke to DJ Mark Knight, who is a full on car nut, about making music with engines.

**E**ssso has partnered with British DJ Mark Knight to create the 'Sound of Synergy' – an exclusive electronic music track for the dancefloor, inspired by the sound of the Aston Martin Red Bull Racing team's Honda engine, which runs on Esso Synergy race fuel.

Producer and Formula One™ fan, Knight, who is a resident DJ at Ibiza's top super clubs, was tasked with capturing the sounds of Aston Martin Red Bull Racing's 2019 challenger, the RB15, at the team's factory and then turning those sounds into music. Using a series of samples and effects once back in his London studio, the 'Sound of Synergy' which transcends energetic music beats and F1 engine sounds, was finessed into a single music track ready for both the radio and the dancefloor.

After visiting the Aston Martin Red Bull Racing factory in Milton Keynes, the Toolroom records label boss explains, "the track replicates the energy and power of the engine, which provided a broad palette of sound that readily translated into music. I am so happy with the final execution of the track and can envisage filling a club with this mix, especially with the distinctive bassline, inspired by the sounds of Fleetwood Mac."

David Tsurusaki, Esso's Motorsports Technology Manager explains how "Formula One™ has an exclusive and unmistakable sound, which is ultimately the result of the fuel allowing the engine to run how it does. The partnership between Esso and Knight highlights how a unique partnership creates an opportunity to show two different aspects coming together to make something really special."

The unique partnership between Esso and Mark Knight illustrates how making sounds of a car engine and music beats can deliver an entirely new music experience for Formula One™ fans, drivers and music lovers everywhere.

### **When Esso presented the brief to you, what drew your initial interest to the concept of the campaign?**

It was mainly the challenge that I was interested in. I'm always looking to push myself as a producer and this was like nothing I've ever done before. It was the chance to marry my two huge passions, cars and music, so I certainly wasn't going to turn this down.

### **Do you think that any other engine would sound similar?**

Obviously all engines are unique and have their own sound and nuances, but there was definitely something really interesting about working the RB15 engine. It gave me a really broad sonic palette of sounds to work with.

### **What about other car noises, brakes, gear shifts, air con, could you make a tune out of those?**

I guess so - I think if you're creative and have enough technical ability you could probably make a tune out of pretty much anything that creates a tone.

### **Are you into cars?**

Yes, massively border line obsessive - if I buy any more I fear my wife may leave me..! I have an Aston Martin Vanquish, AMG GTR, Range Rover Vogue, Deranged Ford Ranger and 1966 Lotus Elan Plus 2, so pretty much a car for every occasion.

### **What was your first car?**

I had what feels like an infinite amount of very bad, cheap vans when I first started driving as I was working as a bricklayer when I left school but one that especially stands out was a Yugo Zastava, a Yugoslavian van that I bought for about £30.

### **What's your favourite car?**

My favourite new car would be a Ford GT 40 and old would be a Lamborghini Miura.

### **Do you listen to your music in the car? If not who?**

I do as a point of reference to check mix downs. "The car check" is a great way of hearing music your making in a more real life situation you listen with a completely different mindset than being sat in the studio or playing in front of a big crowd, so it's a really useful thing. For enjoyment though its either Mi-Soul Radio or I listen to a lot of soul, funk, boogie and disco its great departure from house music as well as being a great source of inspiration and vibe...



## FCM 79

Incredibly the next issue of your favourite Free Car Mag will be out in a brand new year. To kick it off we spoke to Mike Brewer and his partner Marc 'Elvis' Priestley about their new spin-off show *Wheeler Dealers: Dream Car*. It sounds pretty brilliant and you can read all about it. See you then.



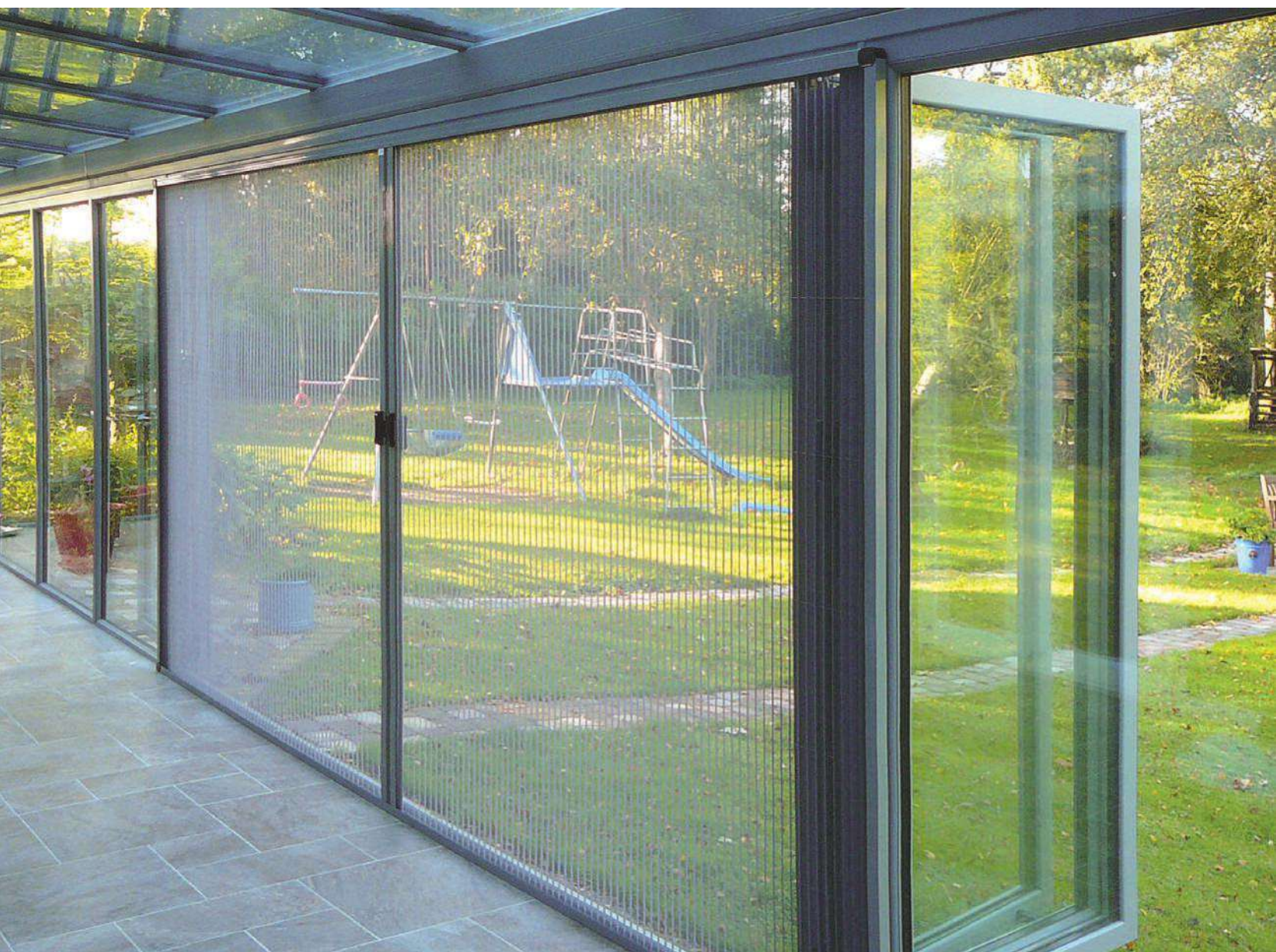
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