



Warren Oates is GT0

*Two Lane Blacktop
not fast, not furious,
just super cool...*



Driven...

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Keeping Bugs out of Britain's Homes





1986



'XJ40'



Freeetorial

Two Lane Blacktop is a proper film about cars. I know that there is a well known franchise around now which is up to part 25 or something, but really the old stuff is so much better. Proper actors, like Warren, no CGI and a script you need to think about. Meanwhile Free Car Mag will continue to stick up for the Great British Motorist.



Warren Oates gives Free Car Mag driving tips.



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This decent looking little Audi executive class saloon has a bit of a wild streak. Note the 'S' ahead of the 3 rather than 'A'. That means it has 310bhp, Quattro all-wheel drive and 0-62mph in under five seconds! Thanks to a turbo 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine that also puts out 295lb

ft of torque put to the ground through a 7-speed dual clutch auto. Top speed is limited to 155mph. **Read the full review and watch the film presented by Shahzad Sheikh at www.freecarmag.com**





MG ZS EV Tested, well plugged in...

The MG ZS EV is, as you've probably guessed, the fully electric version of the formidably priced, practical and appealing ZS compact family SUV. It's a little more expensive, whereas the regular ZS starts at just over £15k and tops out at around £20k, this starts at £25k, and the

range-topper tested totalled nearly £29k. **Read the full review and watch the film presented by Shahzad Sheikh at www.freecarmag.com**





Alfa Romeo Stelvio Driven by Brown Car Guy

**Brown
CARGUY**

This isn't my first time reviewing an Alfa Romeo Stelvio. I reviewed both the 510bhp Quadrifoglio and 280bhp 2.0-litre turbocharged four cylinder when they first came out about four years ago. For the latest model year generation, the Stelvio has received a few enhancements. But here's a sage piece of advice: never pass up an opportunity to drive a Stelvio. By the end of this piece, or if you watch my video review, you'll realise why. **Read the full review and watch the film presented by Shahzad Sheikh at www.freecarmag.com**





GR Yaris Circuit Pack

**Hands
On in
FCM**

Every now and again a new car comes along that creates so many ripples of excitement in the automotive world that we, at Free Car Mag, couldn't wait to find out more about this special vehicle. Allow us to introduce to you, the GR Yaris – a four-wheel drive, road-going sports

car that was developed directly from Toyota's championship winning World Rally experience...
Read the full review by Kiran Parmar at www.freecarmag.com



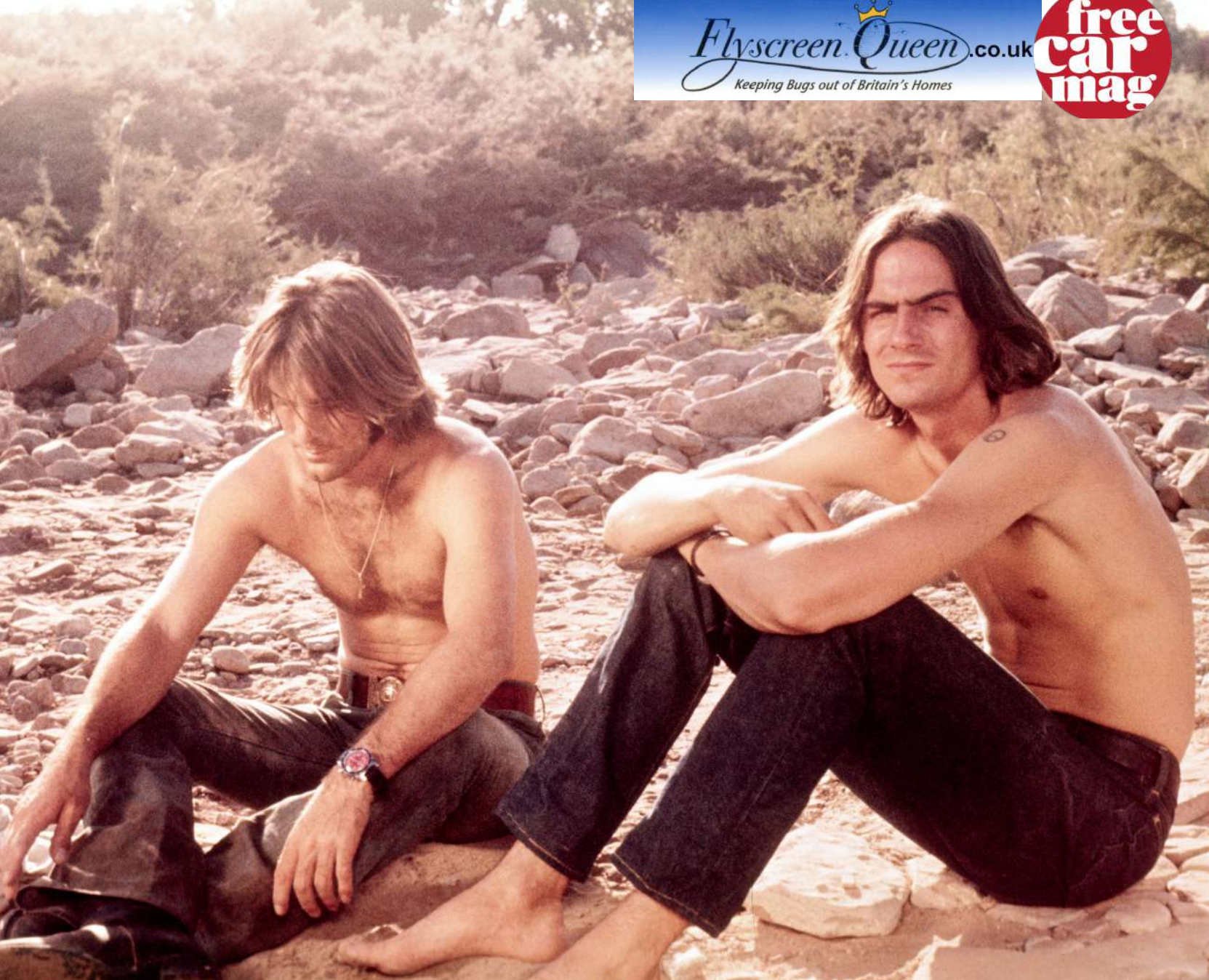
Cars on Film

Slow Lane



A film about illegal Road Racing? That would be Two Lane Blacktop. Not much happens, Warren Oates is in it and Park Circus put it on the big screen.





With its gorgeous widescreen compositions and subtle look at American male obsession, this breakout feature from maverick director Monte Hellman (who recently passed away) one of the artistic high points of 1970s cinema headlines the season. Drag racing east from Los Angeles in a souped-up '55 Chevy are the wayward Driver and Mechanic (singer-songwriter James Taylor and the Beach Boys' Dennis Wilson, in their only acting roles), accompanied by the Girl (Laurie Bird). Along the way, they come across Warren Oates, old timer "G.T.O." (named after the car he drives) who challenges the trio to a cross-country race. The prize: their cars' "pink slips". Scripted by legendary novelist Rudy Wurlitzer, this open road epic remains a timeless, existential portrait of lives in transit and of a country questioning its identity

When Free Car Mag saw it in 1978, the editor went and painted the bonnet of his Mark 1 Mini 850 primer grey, like the lad's old Chevy. The film was not that old back but the hippy dippy setting and sentiments were ancient history by then. California was also a world away from dull old '70s Britain, but the film is never less than interesting and it contains beautiful people. Warren Oates was brilliant in every film he did.

Park Circus and Cinema Rediscovered to announce the launch of 1971: The Year Hollywood Went Independent, a brand-new season of films to be launched at July's Festival (to be held in Bristol from 28 July – 1 August), and which are available for cinemas nationwide to book from August onwards, to help inspire their audiences back to the big screen. Other films in this seasons includes Alan J Pakula's *Klute* (Warner Bros.), Bob Rafelson's [Five Easy Pieces](#) (Sony Pictures), Robert Altman's [McCabe & Mrs Miller](#) (Warner Bros.) and Peter Bogdanovich's [The Last Picture Show](#) (Sony Pictures), all released in 1971, reveal a parallel Hollywood universe of personal, complex, nuanced and countercultural cinema. Find out more details at www.parkcircus.com



FCM Book of the Month

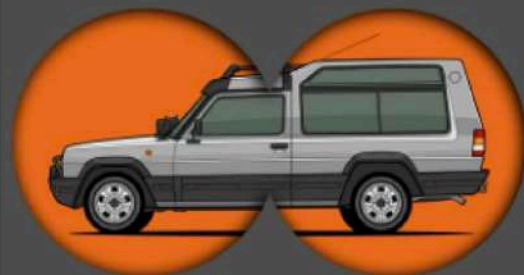
Here is our Book of the Month, maybe for the next few months and it is by the better half of the Bangers and Classics Podcast...

David Milloy. A proportion goes to charity which proves what a jolly good egg he is. Do some good and buy a great book.

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YOU (PROBABLY)
WON'T SEE
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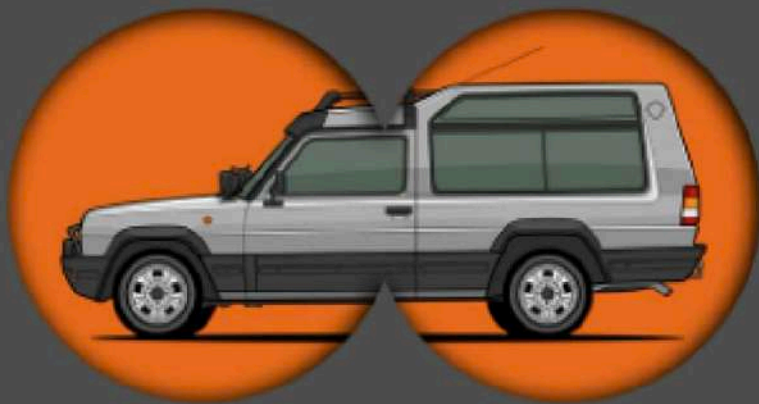
DAVID MILLOY
Illustrations by Russell Wallis

In Lesser Spotted Classics, motoring writer David Milloy briefly tells the story behind each of twenty-one great cars that are a rare sight on UK roads. David's lucid, well researched text is superbly accompanied by bespoke illustrations – one for each car - by Russell Wallis, a professional illustrator who holds a degree in Automotive Design. It's fun, informative and affordable - no classic car enthusiast should be without it. And by buying it you'll be helping others: 25% of David and Russell's royalties from sales will go to charity. That's the official line, but actually it is all quite true. The illustrations make it, but the choice of classics is inspired. The landscape format is very satisfying to hold and read. Buy it.

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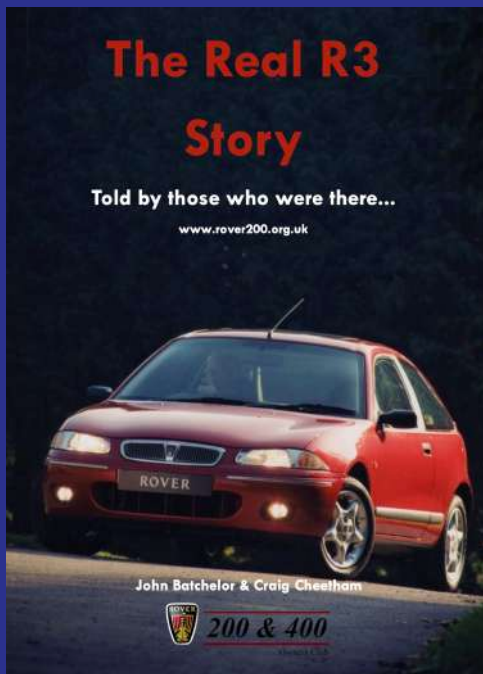
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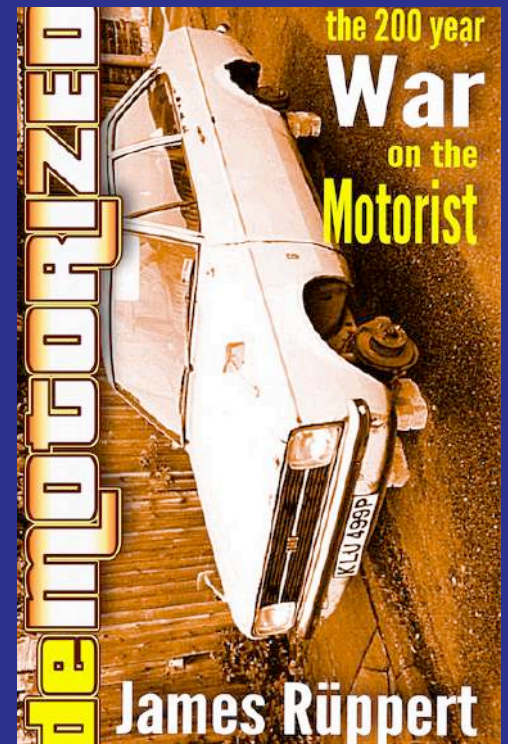
Here are books written by some of our contributors and friends. We would encourage you to go to our related www.bangernomics.com Site to buy books and things that supports what we do. Sticking up for the Motorist.



To commemorate the 25th anniversary of the launch of the third generation Rover 200 (R3), the Rover 200 & 400 Owners Club has published an 80 page full colour booklet with contributions from many of the Rover Group team that were involved with the development and launch of the car. This booklet is available to purchase online for £10 from the club. <https://www.rover200.org.uk/shop>



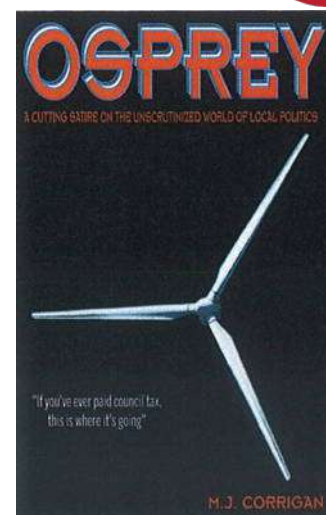
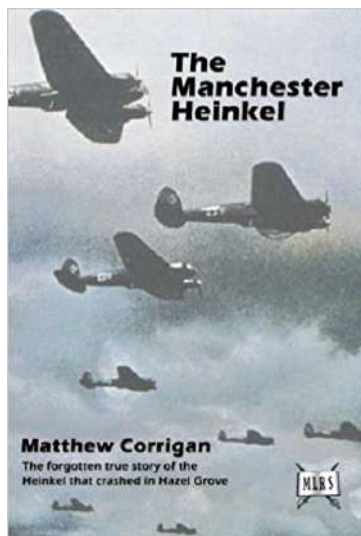
Old cars don't die, they simply become Bangers. Affordable, practical and reliable transportation for the people. They don't need to spend a fortune on a brand new motor, get into debt or trapped into a spiral of despair, better known as an easy payment scheme. Others may specifically want a Banger Van, LuxoBanger or Happy Shopper (see inside for details). This Bangerpedia contains 755 models on offer in the UK car market, with descriptions, basic specifications, brief buying tips and a ridiculous rating system. James Rüppert is best known for writing Bangernomics, Demotorized and telling the fine readers of Autocar which used cars to buy every week.



This is the not quite definitive history of how parking became an industry, governments overtaxed motorists, carmakers lied about how safe and environmentally friendly they were and tested their emissions on monkeys and humans. Also why robot cars are so dangerous and electric cars are not the answer. Also, who is behind the ongoing plan to Demotorize the world. Printed in 2020 it predicted the future with terrifying accuracy. Buy it before it gets banned. Now updated with a Chapter all about what happened recently in 2020 to screw the average motorist. **Bangernomics Books** available also as PDFs to download at www.bangernomics.com

Despite appearances it isn't a fact and stat based history of the boxy Bertone designed version of the British Leyland Mini. The author, Frank Kirtley, does know his cars, but not to the extent that it would bore someone who wasn't into vehicles. The book itself looks great on your bedside table, not least because the cover features a period (1980s) Dutch registered Innocenti 120 with a moon roof and added wing damage, pictured on a dusty European mountain pass. This suggests, as you read a few chapters in, that the story inside may well be 'based on a fairly true story'. Driving around Spain and France in a boxy mini whilst involved in a cold war spy plot is a massive plus point. It is straightforward, there are some twists, but it is delightful to be able to get into the back seat of the Inni and go along for the wild ride.

<https://www.smashwords.com/books/>



PEUGEOT 205 GTI - CORRIGAN
AMBERLEY PUBLISHING £14.99

Covers the engineering and design features that made the 205 so special. Within a stylish design, it offered a variety of lively petrol and diesel engines while the suspension, with MacPherson struts at the front and torsion arms with trailing arms at the back, offered excellent ride and handling. Soon the first GTI version was produced with an eager free-revving 1600 engine. In 1986 a 1900 version was introduced. Drawing on his personal experience of driving a renovated Peugeot 205 GTI, Matthew Corrigan also provides advice on restoration, parts, and other ownership tips.

THE MANCHESTER HEINKEL
MATTHEW CORRIGAN £8.99

Here is the forgotten story of the only plane to be shot down over Greater Manchester in World War Two. The Heinkel He111 was brought down in a dog fight over Stockport in May 1941 and the plane landed near a farm. Amazingly the four German crew members survived and were One eyewitness, a local solicitor, went over to the site of the crash to help and put the German pilot under citizens arrest. Matthew Corrigan heard the story growing up and was surprised that there was so little records or information about his momentous event, so decided to research and write this book.

OSPREY - MATTHEW CORRIGAN
EMPIRE £8.95

OSPREY -- Overhead System Producing Renewable Energy is an audacious scheme to harness high-altitude wind power. Is it a breakthrough in clean energy or a far-fetched fantasy designed to extort millions? Set in recession-hit Manchester, Osprey is a brilliantly satirical novel that lifts a lid on everything from phone hacking to climate change hysteria. Topical, controversial and worryingly believable, OSPREY is a tale of panic, greed and people on the make.

The Ultimate
Classic Car
Quiz Book



The questions, the answers,
the stories...

by David Milloy

THE ULTIMATE 'BOOKS' BY
DAVID MILLOY £8.00

Packed with facts, trivia and statistics, The Ultimate Quiz Books are the quiz books that not only gives the answer to each of its multiple-choice questions but also tells the story behind it. So if you've ever wanted to know the story behind a certain car being mentioned in a National Security memo to President Jimmy Carter or about a Hollywood filmstar's appearance in a round of the British Saloon Car Championship then the Classic Car is the book for you. If you are a fan of motorsport then the F1 delivers fascinating facts by the hundreds. Not only that, by buying these book, you'll be helping others - the author will donate at least 25% of his royalties to charity. That's another great reason to buy not just one, but both these books. Free Car Mag 'Books' of the year.

The Ultimate
Unofficial F1
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Clean Air Zones Don't Add Up



An Clean Air Zones (CAZ) are a cost:benefit fail, not an economic benefit

A new CBI Economics report claims that even a small reduction in nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) levels as a result of the Birmingham Clean Air Zone (CAZ) 'could' prevent 50 deaths and save 150 days in hospitalisations due to respiratory conditions each year. They also claim that the resultant extra 216,000 working hours 'could' provide an economic boost of £2.7 million in Gross Value Added (GVA).

ABD Environment spokesman Paul Biggs said: "This report is another example of the abuse of 'statistical constructs' (1) (2) derived from unreliable air pollution epidemiology and models that do NOT refer to real people or real deaths. There are no death certificates or coroners' reports in Birmingham citing nitrogen dioxide as a cause of death and the NHS does not attribute the hospitalisation of individuals to nitrogen dioxide. Birmingham's own 2018 economic report on the CAZ (3) showed that it was poor value for money – the claimed health and environmental benefits over 10 years were outweighed by the disbenefits accruing to transport users. The CBI report only looks at dubious theoretical benefits and ignores the actual costs of CAZ."

The 2018 10-year Birmingham CAZ economic appraisal (3) resulted in a 'present value' disbenefit of £66 million and a net 'present value' of minus £122 million.

Clean Air Zones charges are just another form of regressive taxation that hits small businesses and less well-off individuals with older vehicles the hardest.

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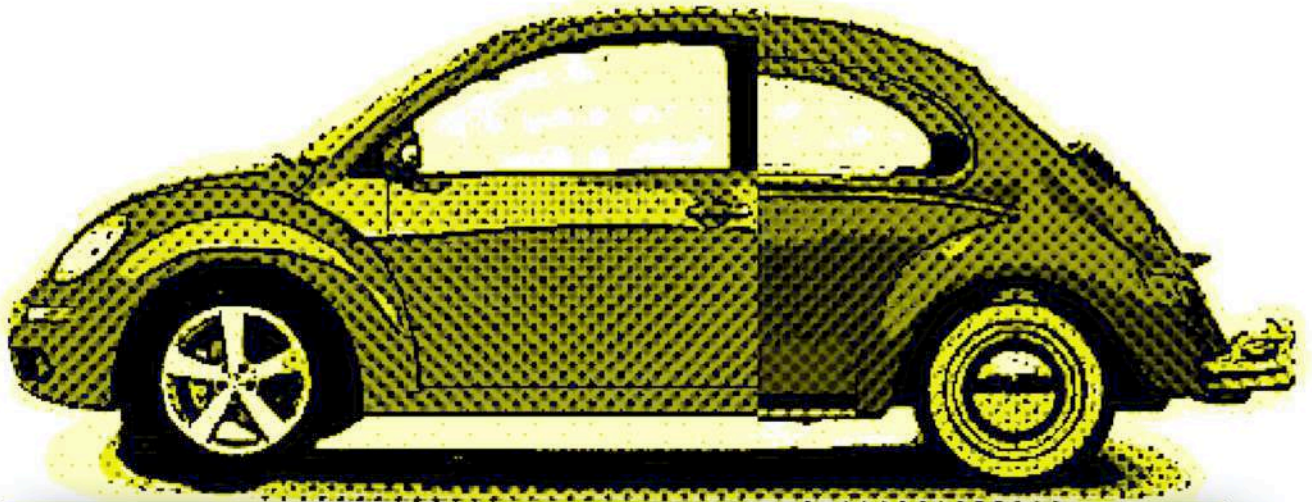
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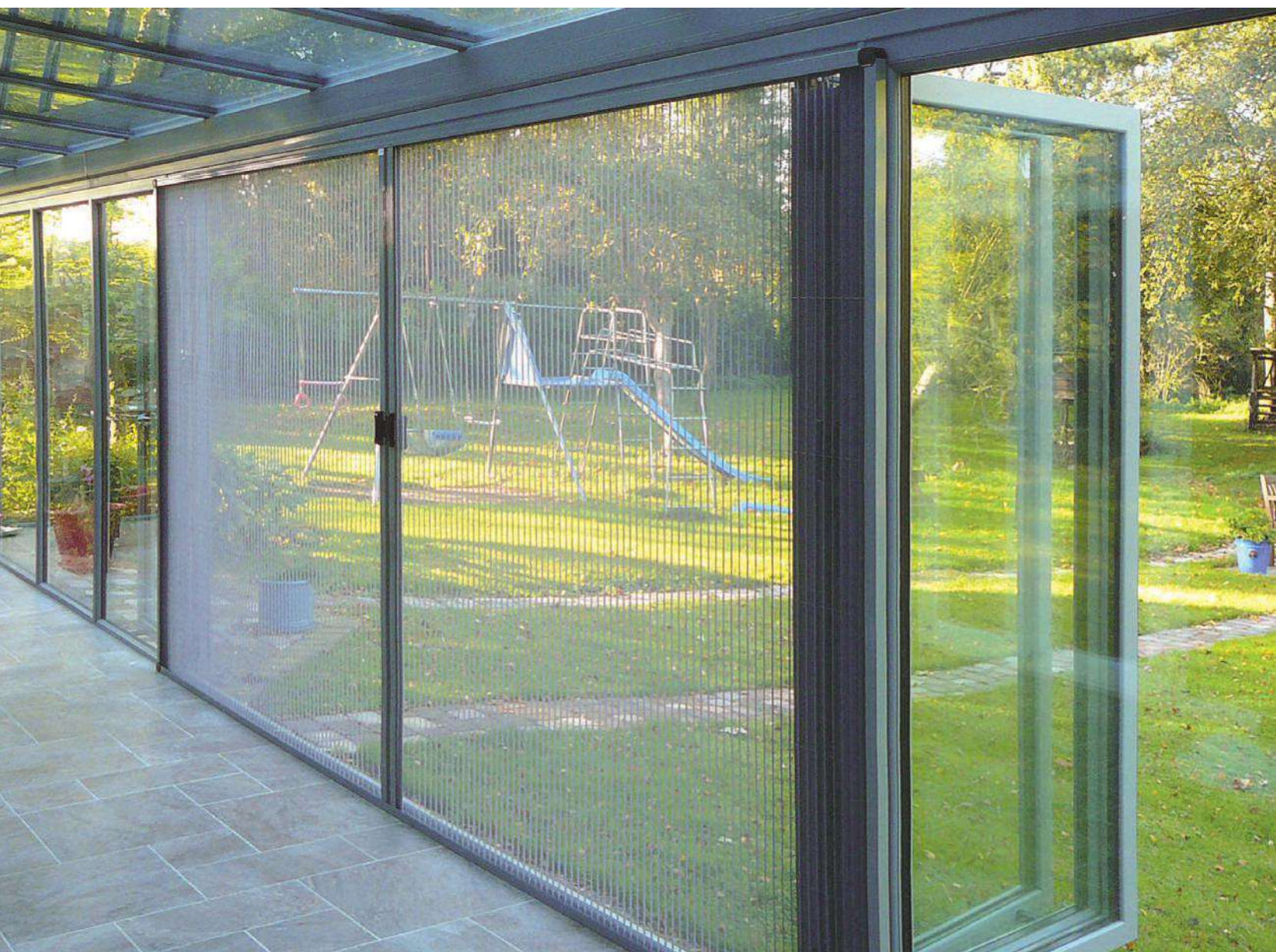


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