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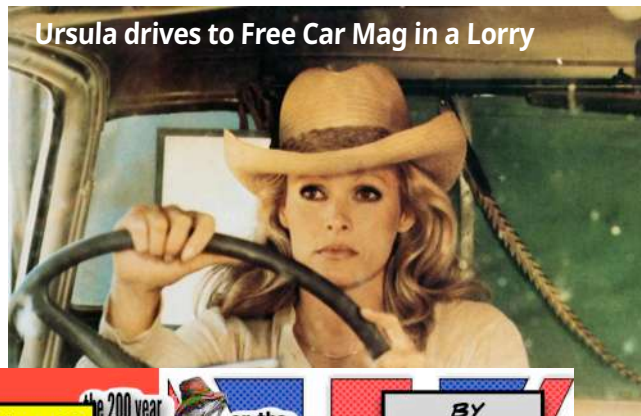
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Free^{car}torial

Sorry for being a bit late, been terribly busy. We have some old, old school Honda S800s both driven and restored. Otherwise, any excuse for a cheesy '70s Spanish Car promo shot. We must be careful as the government are ramping up plans to ban what we love. Free Car Mag will continue to stick up for the Great British Motorist.



Ursula drives to Free Car Mag in a Lorry

toad on the road

He's a hi-viz wearing amphibian with a motor and a croak...

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DECARBONISATION MONSTER, SORRY MINISTER RACHEL MCLEAN

LADY, ARE YOU GOING TO BAN CLASSIC CARS IN THE FUTURE?

(NOT) "AT THIS STAGE..."

TIME IS RUNNING OUT...



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Honda S800

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T've been waiting to drive a Honda S800 for over 35 years, ever since I saw it in dealership in London as a teenager. It was a Japanese MGB, miniscule yet maverick, mini yet clearly mighty. That's down to the motorcycle derived engine. A 791cc four-cylinder producing

70bhp in a lightweight two-seater roadster (though it was also available as a coupe) capable of accelerating it from rest to 60mph in 13.6 seconds and reaching nearly 100mph. **Read the full review and watch the film presented by Shahzad Sheikh at www.freecarmag.com**





Kia Picanto Driven.

The current Kia Picanto has been around since 2017, but last year it received a facelift and tweaks to its drivetrain. What we have here on test is a 1.0-litre 3-cylinder car with just 66bhp, claimed to be capable of 100mph (though you'd need to be going downhill, with the

wind behind your back, while slipstreaming another car to attain that). And at 14.1 seconds for the 0-60mph acceleration run, it'll be beaten by one of those new London Taxis. **Read the full review and watch the film presented by Shahzad Sheikh at www.freecarmag.com**





Manor Park Classics

Auction

Free Car Mag love classics and Manor Park's near-unique recipe of operating from its purpose-built Cheshire premises, giving buyers five days of flexible viewing beforehand, and allowing access to the physical sale to online and 'phone bidders proved yet again to be a

great success. **Read the full review at**
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Jaguar F Pace Driven by Brown Car Guy

I'm going to be making a very special exception in this review. Normally I don't like plug-in hybrids. What's the point? Electric cars must be plugged-in of course, but it's frankly a nuisance. Hybrids should have the advantage of self-charging. So why put up with the hassle of plugging them in too? Dunno. . **Read the full review and watch the film presented by Shahzad Sheikh at www.freecarmag.com**



Ursula's SEAT 133

Two Classics together. Ursula and her SEAT.





S EAT has been featured in an array of cinematic hits, from the Bourne series to Mamma Mia!, playing a supporting role to some of Hollywood's biggest stars. SEATs have been driven by Colin Firth, Pierce Brosnan and Donald Sutherland, to name a few. Despite several appearances from a variety of models, the most prominent SEAT vehicle on the filmset has been the SEAT Ibiza. Throughout its 37-year history and after five generations, the popular compact car has accumulated more than 500 screen appearances. SEAT has been a star off-camera, too. Ursula Andress, the legendary 'Bond Girl' who accompanied 007 in Dr. No (1962), bought the first SEAT 133 when it went on sale in 1974 and became something of an ambassador for the model. **Cameo appearances** Several SEATs that have snuck onto the big screen, whether to one side of the frame or speeding across the screen. the following SEAT cars have cameoed in notable movies; The Alhambra in Bourne Legacy

(2012), The Ibiza Jason Bourne (2016) • The Ibiza in Notting Hill (1999) The Leon in 3 days to kill (2014) The Leon in Men in Black: International (2019) **Supporting roles**

SEAT models have also featured in a range of supporting roles, in use by a supporting character and often setting the scene, providing character and context. Memorable appearances of SEAT

vehicles playing supporting roles are: • The 124 and the 124 D in Mamma Mia! (2008) The Ibiza in Terminator: Dark Fate (2019) The Sport Bocanegra in Veneno (series, 2020) The Leon in Dark (series, 2017-2020) The Leon in Sherlock (series, 2010-2017)

Leading roles SEAT has also seen plenty of its vehicles take a leading role in both films and television series, with the character of the vehicle matching that of the protagonist. The most recognised of these appearances are: The Ronda in La muerte de Mikel (1984) The 131 in Cuéntame cómo pasó (series) The Ibiza in Money Heist (series, 2017) trouble with spies (1987) The Ibiza in



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1967

Serial One

N600-1000001

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First Class

This is absolutely adorable. Honda might go on about their little electric thing, but this is older and much cooler and they took the trouble to rebuild it...

Honda has taken viewers on an in-depth journey of the restoration of the very first Honda automobile in America, the N600 with Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) 1000001, called "Serial One."

The 12-episode documentary series that has chronicled the meticulous, step-by-step restoration of the N600 through the eyes of Los Angeles-based mechanic Tim Mings.

The series finale reveals the restored "Serial One" to the world. The "Serial One" online content series, which paid homage to Honda's automotive roots in the U.S. while showcasing the company's challenging spirit to fulfill big dreams, has engaged fans for over six months on Honda's social channels and at serialone.com.

In the last episode, the fully restored "Serial One" is shared with the audience, along with a look back in time, from the start to finish of the restoration process. Tim Mings and team take "Serial One" through the final finishes, from installing the doors to tightening the last bolts and signing the roof of the vehicle before the roof liner is installed. For the first time, viewers will see and hear the engine turning over after it is installed. Throughout the episode, Tim Mings shares his experiences of the elaborate rebuild

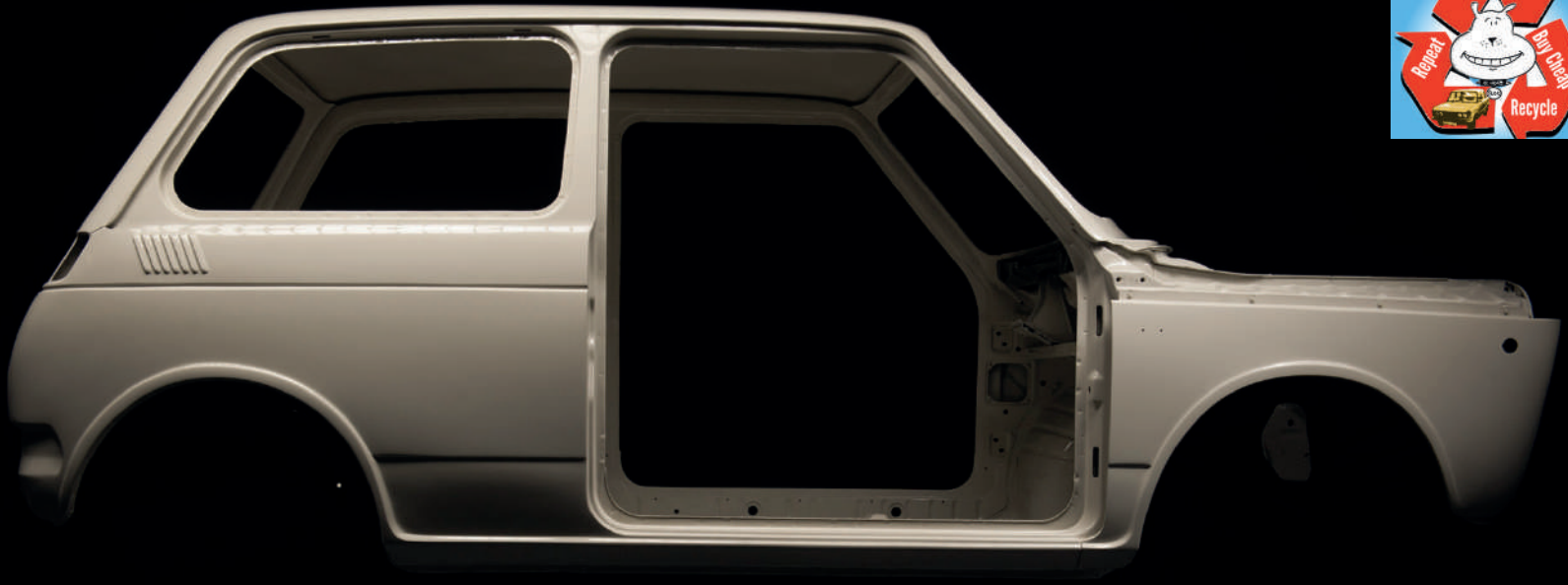
and the emotional connection he developed with the N600 and Honda. The finale culminates with the journey of "Serial One" to the Japanese Classic Car Show in Long Beach, California, where it is revealed to fans.

N600 History: The First Honda in America

In 1969, after a decade of growth that led to Honda becoming the top-selling motorcycle manufacturer in America and the world, Honda embarked on a new mission to sell cars in the United States. Honda entered the U.S. market with the Honda N600, which was just 122 inches in length and could actually fit between the wheels of some full size vehicles in America, which measured up to 225 inches in length and weighed nearly twice as much as the NSX. The N600 had an all-alloy engine that could achieve 9000 rpm and reach speeds of 81 miles per hour. A simple, yet skillfully designed vehicle, the N600 was nimble and fuel-efficient, characteristics it shares with today's Honda's, and helped paved the way for the quality and reliability for which Honda vehicles have become known.

Honda Resto









Cars on TV

Year Zero



The brilliant Car Years is back on ITV4 and both Vicki and Alex are wonderfully deep into the dressing up box...





Vicki Butler Henderson (Fifth Gear, Top Gear) and Alex Riley (The One Show, The Classic Car Show) return to champion the very best cars released from a moment in time. The new series of THE CAR YEARS features eight classic motoring years as Vicki and Alex pick a car each that they think is worthy of being crowned best in year.

The all-important decision of which car wins comes down to an expert panel of three judges made up of well-known and noteworthy automotive commentators. The competition between Vicki and Alex reaches new heights as each result from the judges comes in, putting automotive reputations on the line in this fascinating returning series.

Iconic cars such as the Land Rover, Ferrari 308, Lotus Elan, Ford Capri, BMW M3 and the MGB all feature in episodes starting with 1948 and spanning the 60s, 70s and 80s, before finishing up with an epic battle between two rally giants in the year 2000. The expert panel of judges include former Top Gear Stig and Hollywood stunt driver Ben Collins, motoring presenter Rory Reid, former F1 driver and broadcaster Karun Chandhok, World-renowned car journalist Jason Barlow, author and Grand Tour script editor Richard Porter, plus journalist and presenter

Erin Baker. It's not just the cars that star, as the show travelled to Northern Ireland to put the classic cars through their places on some of the most picturesque driving roads in Europe. From the stunning Antrim coastal roads of Ballygally, Carnlough, Ballintoy and Portrush, through the epic switch-back roads of the Mourne Mountains and Slieve Binnian, the landscape provides an extraordinary backdrop to the stories behind the featured cars. Vicki Butler Henderson commented, "It's been an incredible experience bringing The Car Years to Northern Ireland. The roads are terrific and you're treated to some incredible views and warm welcomes wherever you stop. If you want a cracking road trip holiday, start by exploring this beautiful country." Alex Riley added, "Northern Ireland provides the most incredible backdrop to the latest series of The Car Years. Driving some of the World's great cars along the Antrim coast was a thrilling experience and I can't wait for viewers to see just how amazing they look in this extraordinary landscape."

Watch The Car Years season 2 trailer...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m2POXy1_iIO

End of the Road For Classic Cars?



Decarbonisation Minister states that there are no plans to remove older cars and classic cars from the roads "at this stage."

Minister Rachel Mclean made the comments in an interview with Autocar. A recent report by the Centre for Economics and Business Research (CEBR) highlighted the economic value of the classic car industry, which has a annual turnover of £18 billion and supports 113,000 jobs. A conservative estimate of the value of the UK's historic and classic car fleet in the report is £12.6 billion.

ABD Spokesman Paul Biggs said: "The obvious aim of the ban on new petrol and diesel car sales by 2030 is to end the sale of petrol and diesel fuels as soon as possible. This has huge implications, not only for classic vehicles or other vehicles with a long lifespan, but also the 6000 essential products that are made from refining oil. No one is telling us how these products will be replaced and there is no comfort in Rachel Mclean's words for the long term future of classic or older vehicles."

The soon to be released report on the 2030 Petrol and Diesel ban by the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) Fair Fuel for UK Motorists and Hauliers represents the beginning of a proper scrutiny of a government policy that has so far avoided rational debate and a proper cost:benefit analysis.

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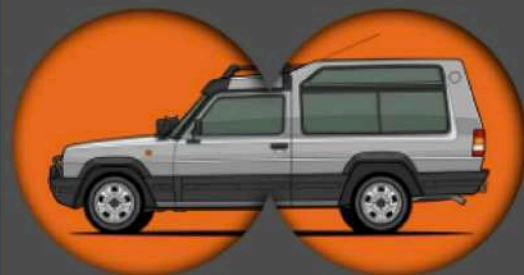
FCM Book of the Month

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)
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ON THE ROAD



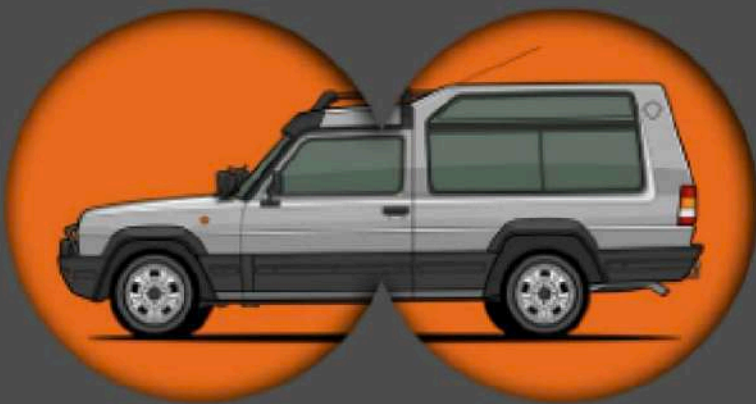
DAVID MILLOY
Illustrations by Russell Wallis

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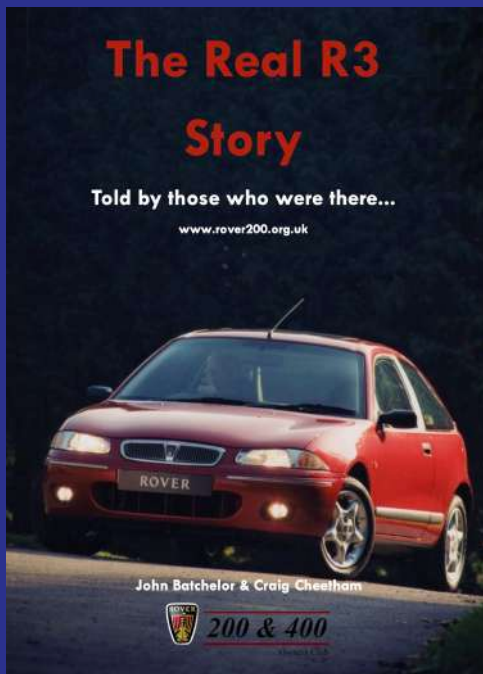
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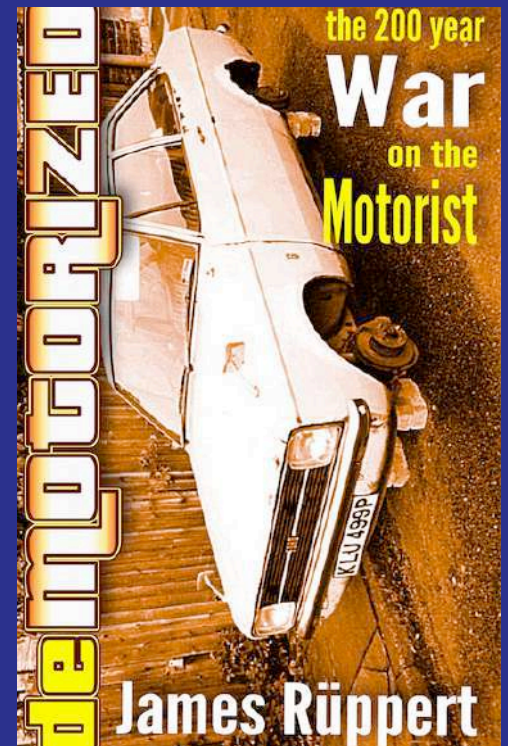
Here are books written by some of our contributors and friends. We would encourage you to go to our related www.bangernomics.com Site to buy books and things that supports what we do. Sticking up for the Motorist.



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>



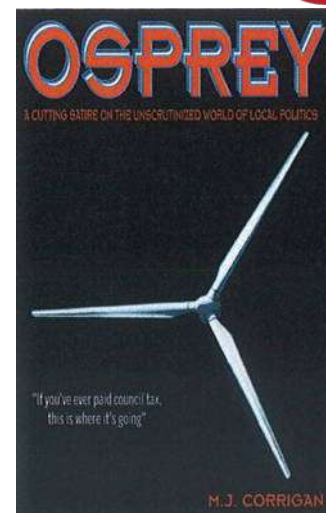
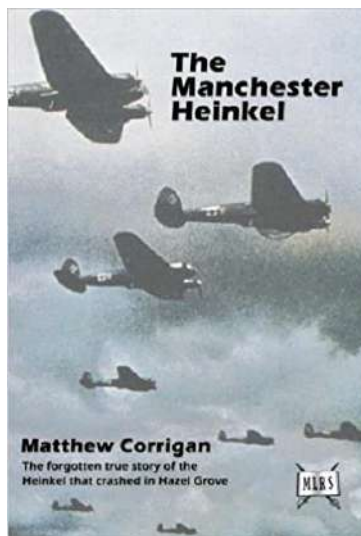
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This is the not quite definitive history of how parking became an industry, governments overtaxed motorists, carmakers lied about how safe and environmentally friendly they were and tested their emissions on monkeys and humans. Also why robot cars 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.

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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

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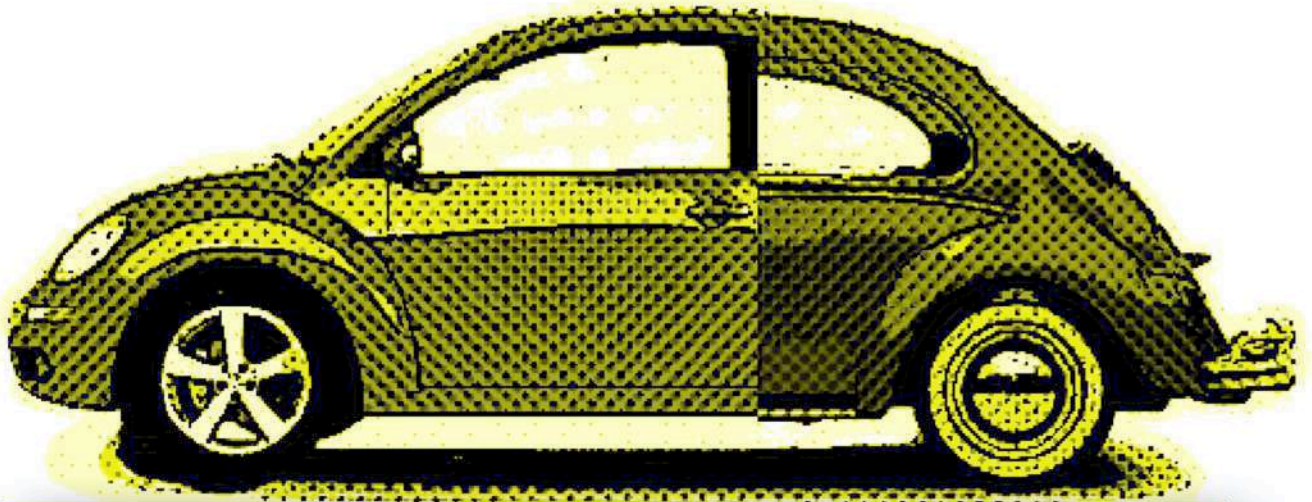
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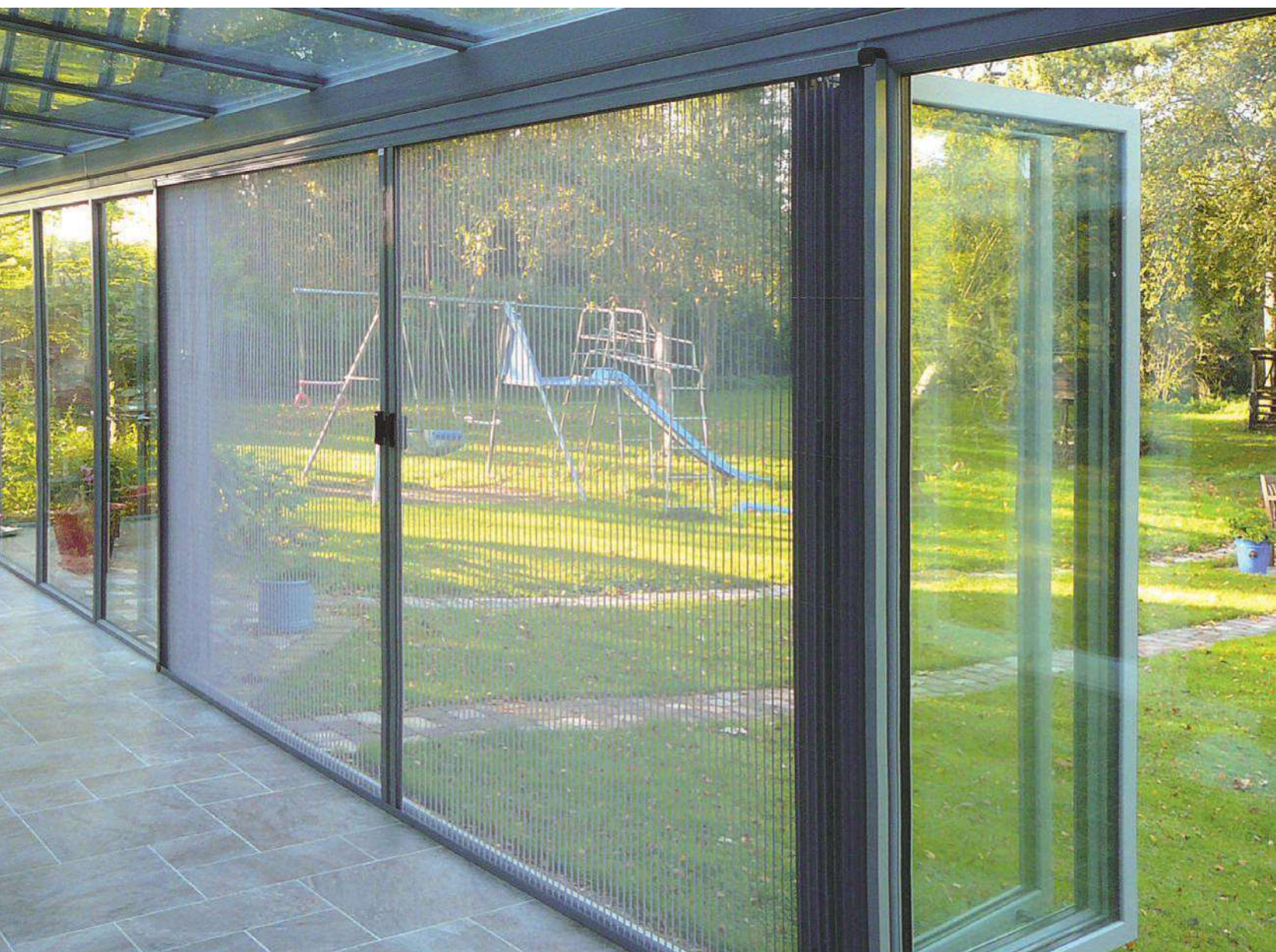


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