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Merry Christmas everyone. It is the end of another tough year for anyone who likes cars, or just needs to drive anywhere. We remain under attack, but maybe some help is on the way. Certainly the extension of the ULEZ is bad news if you live in or regularly visit London. Trouble is, this will be coming to a town near you soon, unless we stand up now for our rights. Hope you have a magnificent time so Happy Christmas and may your god go with you. See you next year...



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

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Suzuki S-Cross Hybrid

With all Suzuki models now offered being electrified, here's the latest addition to the popular compact SUV in the line-up, the S-Cross. For 2023, it gets a full hybrid, in addition to the mild hybrid it was launched with just last year – which I previously reviewed. That version, which was a 48-volt mild hybrid, basically meant that it provides assistance to the starter motor and a little extra boost to acceleration, which adds

to the available torque, and reduces fuel consumption and emissions. A key advantage of going down the mild hybrid route, and one that Suzuki has exploited more than other manufacturers who also offer 'MHEV'.... **Read the full review and watch the film presented by Shahzad Sheikh at www.freecarmag.com**





Mercedes SL320

The fourth-generation Mercedes SL luxury convertible ran from 1989 right up to 2001, and is often referred to by its manufacturer code name, the R129. A 12-year model cycle is almost unheard of these days in the motor industry, but even at the end of that run, this series SL still looked fresh. Bruno Sacco was responsible for a design that revolutionised Mercedes styling

at the time. The modern square-jawed, sharp-edged appearance immediately made the previous SL look dated (though those are looking tasty again). The R129 certainly had a few tweaks along the way, and by 1996 ... **Read the full review and watch the film presented by Shahzad Sheikh at www.freecarmag.com**





Car & Classics Mini Market

One of the first Minis, this UK spec Mini Moke sold in August 2021 for £26,750; that price reflects its provenance and condition, as it was restored to a very high standard; on average, Mokes sold for around £17,500 at UK physical auctions in 2021. This 1976 Leyland Mini van, also sporting high restoration standards, sits at the other end of the spectrum, almost like a speedwell-style modified car, thanks to some Mk1 Cooper elements like a 12G295 head and twin carbs. Its only 'sin' being a Leyland and not an Austin, it sold for £22,750, the third most expensive van in the last five years. Had it been an Austin, that price would have been a record (Leyland van record standing at £25,200 at the time of writing)....read more at www.freecarmag.com





Classic Market

A 1997 Cooper Si (MPI, multi-point injection car), with airbag, sold last month for £15,750: it is a John Cooper Garages conversion, but does not have a John Cooper Works package. In fact, this one is a Cooper Si, a model that is far less common, especially as this is a narrow-arched (as per all Minis post-1984) 12" lighter wheels. An "S"

Works conversion (therefore with sports pack MPI) sold at the end of 2020, was registered after the last Mini to roll off the production line in 2000 (registration X411), with its X766 plate.

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911 H

Dakar!



A 911 you can take to the beach...or
the desert for some fun



The exclusive model, limited to 2,500 units, not only shows that there are hardly any limits to the concept of the #porsche 911. It also evokes the first overall victory by #porsche in the 1984 Paris-Dakar Rally, which was simultaneously the birth of all-wheel drive in the #porsche 911. This is why the new 911 Dakar is also offered with an optional Rallye Design Package, reminiscent of that iconic winning car.

The first striking detail of the #porsche911dakar is its ground clearance, which is 50 millimetres higher than that of a 911 Carrera with sports suspension. And the standard lift system can raise the front and rear ends an additional 30 millimetres. Its ground clearance and ramp angle rival those of conventional SUVs. The lift system is not only used to slowly cross obstacles, but is an integral part of the retuned chassis. The 'high level' setting is available for ambitious off-road adventures at speeds of up to 170 km/h. Above that speed, the car automatically lowers back down to its normal level.

Complementing the car's sporty off-road

attributes are specially developed Pirelli Scorpion All Terrain Plus tyres (sized 245/45 ZR 19 at the front and 295/40 ZR 20 at the rear). The chunky tread pattern is nine millimetres deep and the reinforced sidewalls and the threads consist of two carcass plies. All this makes the tyres of the #porsche911dakar ideal even for challenging terrain and they are highly cut-resistant. Pirelli P Zero summer and winter tyres are available as an option, also with two carcass plies. But the all-terrain tyres come as standard and offer sports car dynamics on the road as well.

The three-litre biturbo six-cylinder with 480 PS (353 kW, 911 Dakar: Fuel consumption* combined (WLTP) 11.3 l/100 km, CO₂ emissions* combined (WLTP) 256 g/km, Fuel consumption* combined (NEDC) 10.5 l/100 km, CO₂ emissions* combined (NEDC) 239 g/km) and a maximum torque of 570 Newton metres delivers superior performance with a compelling boxer sound. The new sports car sprints to 100 km/h in 3.4 seconds; due to the all-terrain tyres the top speed is limited to 240 km/h.

911 Heaven





As standard, the engine comes with an eight-speed PDK and #porsche all-wheel drive. The standard equipment also includes rear-axle steering, the engine mounts from the 911 GT3, and PDCC anti-roll stabilisation. The interplay of all the components results in the 911 Dakar being just as dynamic on sand and loose surfaces as it is on the Nürburgring Nordschleife. Maximum off-road performance is also ensured by two new driving modes, which can be selected using the rotary switch on the steering wheel. Rallye mode is ideal for loose, uneven surfaces and features rear-focused all-wheel drive. In Offroad mode the high clearance is activated automatically. This mode is designed for maximum traction on difficult terrain and on sand. Both of the new driving modes also feature the new Rallye Launch Control, which enables impressive acceleration on loose surfaces and allows wheel slippage of around 20 per cent.

Additional characteristic features of the 911 Dakar include the newly developed, fixed lightweight rear spoiler made of CFRP and the CFRP front luggage compartment lid with striking air outlets taken from the 911 GT3. There are also standard off-road details such as the red aluminium towing lugs at the front and back, the widened wheel wells and sills and the

stainless steel protective elements on the front, rear and side sills. The side air intakes on the redesigned front end are also protected against flying rocks by stainless steel grilles.

The roof of the #porsche911dakar features a visible 12-volt power outlet for the headlights of the optional roof rack. With a capacity of 42 kilograms, the rack can accommodate rallying equipment such as fuel and water canisters, folding shovels and traction boards without any problems. A roof tent is also available for the 911 Dakar.

In the interior, the 911 Dakar underscores its sporting ambitions with standard full bucket seats and the omission of the rear seats. Lightweight glass and a lightweight battery reduce its weight further, enabling the #porsche911dakar to weigh in at just 1,605 kg – a mere 10 kg heavier than the 911 Carrera 4 GTS with PDK.

A defining feature of the Dakar interior is the standard Race-Tex surfaces with decorative stitching in Shade Green, which is also exclusively available as a metallic exterior finish for the 911 Dakar. The Rallye Sport Package with roll-over bar, six-point seat belts and fire extinguisher is optional.

911 Heaven





At the heart of the optional Rallye Design Package from #porsche Exclusive Manufaktur is a two-tone paint finish in White/Gentian Blue Metallic. This is the first time that #porsche has implemented the combination of bi-colour paint and decorative foiling in series production. On the side of the vehicle, the customer can choose an individual race number between 0 and 999. In addition to the rally stripes in red and gold, the 911 Dakar with Rallye Design Package, whose appearance is based on the winning vehicle of the 1984 Paris-Dakar Rally, also bears the "Roughroads" lettering on the doors. The term is a registered trademark and reflects the concept of the 911 Dakar and its suitability for driving off-road. The white-painted rims and the red taillight strip, in contrast to the standard vehicle, round off the distinctive appearance. Further highlights can be found in the interior: Extended Race-Tex and leather surrounds as well as seat belts and accents in Sharkblue. 911 Dakar customers can exclusively order the #porsche Design Chronograph 1 – 911 Dakar or the Chronograph 1 – 911 Dakar Rallye Design Edition to match the vehicle. For the first time, the housing is made of particularly scratch-resistant and light titanium carbide.



Watches

Carrera



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Watch this Space



Fancy a watch as a present? Want it to have a motoring connection? Have a significant other with a few bob who is prepared to stump up on your behalf? Here are a few budget spanning suggestions



TAG Heuer and Porsche entered into a global partnership that celebrates their brands' shared history and values. They are once again joining creative forces with the fourth instalment of their collaborative product design, releasing two new limited-edition timepieces in tribute to one of Porsche's most iconic models and the first 911 to bear the Carrera name: the Porsche 911 Carrera RS 2.7, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2022.

To mark the occasion, two distinctive TAG Heuer Carrera x Porsche Limited Editions are being introduced, showcasing the signature features that have made both the 1972 sports car and the 1963 chronograph timeless objects of desire.

"The name and spirit of the Carrera are incredibly meaningful and emblematic for both TAG Heuer and Porsche. So, for the 50th anniversary of the very first Porsche 911 Carrera, the iconic RS 2.7, we wanted to create a tribute watch that would express the character and power of this ground-breaking sports car within our own signature TAG Heuer Carrera chronograph. The two timepieces we imagined together are sleek, assertive, memorable; they reflect their illustrious past while also projecting something even more exciting – what Porsche and TAG Heuer can now achieve together," says Frédéric Arnault, CEO of TAG Heuer.

"The Porsche 911 Carrera RS 2.7 was the first 911 to be christened 'Carrera' and was the crowning glory of the Porsche range at this time,"

says Detlev von Platen, Member of the Executive Board for Sales and Marketing at Porsche AG. *"The anniversary of this sports car icon is the perfect occasion for us to launch a joint watch with our close partner TAG Heuer, with whom we share the same philosophy and love for exclusive products that combine innovation and heritage."*

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The **Seiko 5 Sports x Honda Super Cub Limited Edition** has been created in collaboration with Honda's world-renowned urban motorbike, Super Cub.

The Honda Super Cub has been in continuous manufacture since 1958 and is the most-produced motorbike in history. This limited edition timepiece takes inspiration from the well-known motorbike with its eye-catching retro features. The dial emulates the front of the bike with the 12 o'clock marker shaped like the front headlight and the 1 and 11 o'clock indices like the front indicators. The Super Cub logo

also appears on the dial as it would be on the historic vehicle. A fuel gauge icon features on the crown, whilst the bezel showcases a speed of 30km/h. The accompanying Nato strap can be worn over the rider's clothing, this is a favoured feature for motorcyclists as they can see the time at a glance whilst maintaining two hands of the vehicle.

The **Seiko 5 Sports x Honda Super Cub Limited Edition** will be limited to 6,000 pieces of the green model and 5,000 pieces of the black model. £340-£380
www.seikoboutique.co.uk





.tread pattern from their latest tyre – it all works,” comments, George Bamford, Founder, Bamford London.

A Better Way Forward Together
The MICHELIN x Bamford B347 Pilot Sport is an automatic monopusher chronograph with a 41.5mm black cutting-edge forged carbon case housing a Sellita SW510 automatic movement. The single push-button located at 2 o'clock provides the start-stop-reset function and the car-related references only begin there.

The tachymeter is a racing-inspired chequered pattern representing a start/finish flag. This watch launches in time for this year's Goodwood Festival of Speed, the only show in the year where Michelin appears in the Supercar Paddock without its normal blue and yellow corporate colours. However, the signature Michelin yellow is present on the seconds and sub dial hands of this watch.

The black dial features white accents as well as luminous hour and minute hands. The white sub-dials are a nod to Michelin's latest brand campaign showing tyres on vehicles as white, cartoon-style circles, because of course, tyres used to be white.

The Michelin yellow also features as a

unique coloured fleck on the strap, which is made using recycled MICHELIN Pilot Sport 5 test tyres. The material is from Michelin's research and development campus, Ladoux, based in Clermont-Ferrand, France. The strap features a real tread pattern, taken from the Pilot Sport 5: specifically, a 225/40 ZR18 (92Y) tyre. This size tyre would be used on cars like the retro BMW E36 and E46 M3, and the British-built Lotus Evora and 3-Eleven Models, plus the Morgan Aero 8, and various iterations of the VW Golf GTI hot hatch.

Partnering Bamford London and Michelin to create the unique watch strap, Greenology, a specialist in full circle, sustainable solutions for end-of-life tyres, utilised the recycled MICHELIN Pilot Sport 5 test tyres sourced from Michelin's research and development campus.

Adding to the special elements of this timepiece, the caseback and custom box feature a heritage 'race winner' Bibendum (MICHELIN Man) which is usually reserved for Michelin's own use.

This unique timepiece costs £2,500 inc VAT and it is available from

Bamford London
www.bamfordlondon.com

Motoring Watches



The global brand Michelin and the world's ultimate hub for personalised luxury products, Bamford London, have come together to create an exclusive 133-piece limited edition watch, one for each year since Michelin was founded in 1889.

The MICHELIN x Bamford B347 Pilot Sport is an exciting blend of the two brands' visionary spirit and collaborative expertise, continuing to satisfy their customers' expectations as well as surprise them.

Bamford London launched the Swiss-made Bamford B347 model in 2021 which was another step forward for the brand,

driving further ahead with cutting-edge materials and design limits. The MICHELIN x Bamford B347 Pilot Sport turns another corner with the use of new materials and design choices bringing these two brands into perfect alignment.

"What started out as a light-bulb moment, stood next to a line-up of Porsches at a car event with a friend who works at Michelin, has developed into this stunning display of two pioneering brands. The racing-inspired design, lightweight carbon body, integrating the recycled tyre rubber and marking this by adding the

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Bonnet

Using an Aston Martin DB5 as the basis for a fancy watch.
Free Car Mag are properly on board with this.
Only 1021 DB5s were built between 1963 and 1965.
Only 600 watches will be made.



The search for an Aston Martin DB5 bonnet: As one of the most coveted collector's cars, finding spare parts was a challenging but exciting adventure. Louis and Simon eventually found the bonnet they were looking for in a specialised garage in a London suburb.

Transforming a DB5 into 600 unique dials: Several years of research and development enabled Atelier Jalaper to break through the many technical barriers encountered along the way. Demonstrating ultimate technical prowess, Atelier Jalaper's founders were successful in keeping the patina of the bonnet in the production process.

www.atelierjalaper.com/





WristRacer

The TAG Heuer Carrera Chronograph will forever be known as the chronograph of choice of some of Formula 1's greatest teams and drivers. The timeless design born in 1963 has taken on many celebrated expressions, yet the yellow gold pieces of this collection always stand apart. With its sophisticated deep black dial, the 2022 gold edition continues to build on this rich lineage of legendary racing timepieces. The TAG Heuer Carrera Chronograph was designed for racetrack thanks to its highly legible, uncluttered dial, sleek lines, and high-performance movements. In 1970 the first yellow gold automatic models were introduced, the Heuer reference 1158 CHN, which were then-CEO's Jack Heuer's personal favorite. They quickly became a must on the grid as a signal of success, following Jack's strategy to present them to many winning drivers. They are still highly sought after by fans and collectors eager to hold a piece of the unmistakably glamorous 1970s racing spirit synonymous with the most famous names of racing during this incredible period.

TAG Heuer continues to build on this unique legacy and introduces a never-seen-before dial design, black with golden gilded subdials, an inverted version of the famed Heuer reference 1158 CHN. Connoisseurs might also recognize the two-tone palette of the legendary John Player Special livery which stood out in Formula 1 in the 1970s and 80s. TAG Heuer ambassador and world champion Ayrton Senna's 98T Lotus sported the world-famous livery at the beginning of his brilliant career.



chronoabarth

Abarth and Breil present the new chronograph inspired by the Abarth 695 Tributo 131 Rally, a car which pays homage to the Abarth 131 Rally forty years after its last race. The Scorpion's vehicle was a tribute to the history of Abarth racing, which has always been part of the brand's DNA.

The new Breil Abarth 695 Tributo 131 Rally chronograph is in keeping with the Scorpion's celebrations of its icon from the 1980s. Last May, as part of its tribute, the brand introduced the Abarth 695 Tributo 131 Rally special series, an exclusive limited-edition vehicle which was produced in just 695 models and sold around the world. The series stood out for its unique and refined look with specific references to its historic precursor, like its three-layer, two-tone "Blue Rally" glossy livery which reinterprets the original colour in a contemporary way.

Abarth and Breil's collaboration goes back to 2014 and came about from a meeting of two legendary Italian companies which share the same passion for design, performance, and meticulous attention to detail. Inspired by Abarth's classic tradition of adding stylistic embellishments to its iconic vehicles, Breil has engraved the silhouette of the legendary 131 Rally car on the case back, a design which has been brought back to the new

vehicle as well. In fact, the Abarth 695 Tributo 131 Rally is the Scorpion's first vehicle with stylistic "Easter Eggs" which have been hidden by the designers to thrill customers with the silhouette of the 131 Rally engraved on the lower part of the door, the Alcantara dashboard, and the headrests of the new seats.

The watch has an IP black case which is 43 mm in diameter and uniquely characterised by a three-dimensional design of the IP black bezel—a reference to the Scorpion car's 17" alloy wheels. This sporty detail has been accentuated by IP gold steel inserts. Additionally luminous IP-gold hour markers have been placed on the black carbon fibre dial. To highlight its sporty look, the hour and minute hands are semi-skeletonised and luminous as well. Plus, standing out at the 12 o'clock mark there is the legendary Abarth logo with its unmistakable Scorpion, alongside Breil's logo in gold.

Equipped with a black stainless-steel strap with a safety closure, the new Breil Abarth 695 Tributo 131 Rally chronograph manages the hour, minute, seconds, and date (placed at 4:30) functions, in addition to the chrono functions (the minute counter goes up to 10 min). The watch includes Epson VR3G movement and is waterproof up to 10 metres.

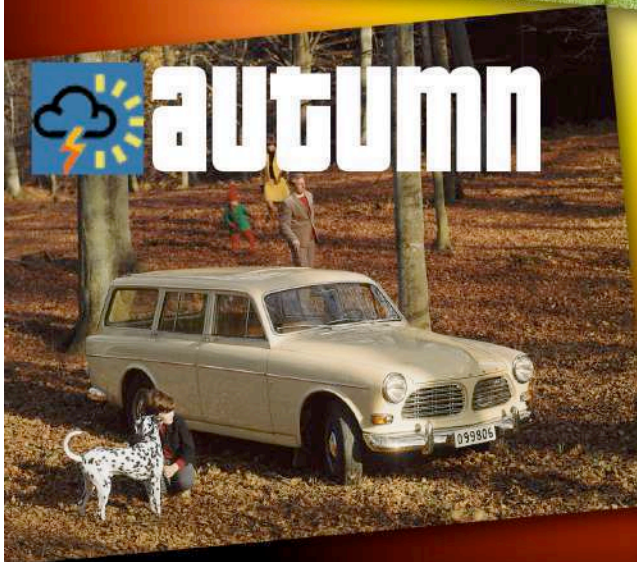


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The truth about 20mph Speed Limits

The Welsh government's default 20mph limit 'communications toolkit' contains the usual ideological propaganda and Oxford states its 'principle' of overriding consultations.

The DfT commissioned the most comprehensive 20mph study to date of 12 areas, which was published in 2018 (1). The findings included that 'there is not enough evidence to conclude that there has been a significant change in collisions and casualties following the introduction of 20mph limits in residential areas' and 'there has been a small reduction in average (median) speed – less than 1mph.'

Despite the authoritative DfT study, the Welsh government continues to claim (2) that 20mph limits will reduce collisions/the number of severe injuries (and reduce the impact on the NHS), more people will walk or cycle, improving health, wellbeing and the environment. General national surveys loaded to produce the desired outcome are used as justification for local policies. Speed limits are also confused with actual travelling speeds and the actual impact speeds pedestrians are hit with. It's clear from comparing DfT casualty data for pedestrian injuries and pedestrian deaths that vehicle impact speeds with pedestrians are already below 20mph in 30mph limits due to drivers lowering their speed in response to the prevailing road conditions, taking avoiding action and modern braking systems. (The vehicle stopping distances quoted by the Welsh government are based on a 1960s car with drum brakes). Hence the lack of any genuine significant casualty reduction or average speed reduction. Plus, would anyone be encouraged to walk on a pavement or cycle more because numbers on poles get expensively changed from 30 to 20, and are vehicle emissions lower? Probably not. No mention is made of the fatality risk for a pedestrian hit at just 15mph by an e-scooter or bicycle (3) or any suggestion of default 10mph limits for e-scooters and bicycles if Welsh 'safety logic' is followed.

Meanwhile, Oxfordshire is busy implementing virtual ghettos or gated communities in the form of anti-car road blocks euphemistically named Traffic Filters and Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs). They are also confining car driving residents to city 'sectors' via fines, plus, of course, implementing 20mph limits, including roads that previously had higher speed limits than 30mph. Oxfordshire County Council's cabinet member for highway management Andrew Gant recently stated that, "You do have to be prepared to stick to your principles and, in the end, override a consultation" (4).

ABD Spokesman Paul Biggs said: "The intensifying war on driving is purely ideological with little or no support from actual facts or data. It's therefore no surprise that policies attacking the UK's 37 million drivers avoid any proper democratic or consultation processes."

See Sources at the ABD website and also brilliant opinion piece in The I paper

<https://inews.co.uk/opinion/why-20mph-speed-limits-dont-make-sense-1978936>

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London ULEZ Expands

FairFuelUK has sent this Letter by post and email to the Transport Minister, Mark Harper, calling on his offices to overturn the unilateral decision by Mayor Khan to ignore public opinion and expand the ULEZ across London Boroughs.

Dear Minister,

Please overrule the unilateral decision by the Mayor of London to expand the Ultra-Low Emission Zone across the London Boroughs in Greater London.

The decision is undemocratic and goes against public opinion.

Sadiq Khan has ignored the results of TfL's allegedly autonomous consultation process which clearly showed at least 66% of those taking part were against the expansion plans.

Over 5000 FairFuelUK supporters took part in the consultation. But we were warned before the results were announced by a whistle-blower who told me: TfL has been ordered from upon high to ignore 5000 emails from real people, supplying their home addresses, because FairFuelUK put in place a way for them to object to Mayor Khan's cash grabbing plan. With or without my help, the result of the consultation showed the majority don't want ULEZ to be expanded.

Any manipulation of the consultation result by Khan's cohorts must be met with an intervention by your good offices.

The irony, even with FairFuelUK supporters removed from the consultation, 59% still objected to the expansion of ULEZ.

In early September, Labour MP Janet Daby even attempted to discredit me and the entries from motorists who used FairFuelUK to respond to the consultation, claiming that we had attempted to 'manipulate the outcome' (<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/tfl-ulez-expansion-sadiq-khan-drivers-labour-b1023422.html>, 7 September). This refers to one-click templates used by campaign groups on both sides of the argument, where respondents could pre-fill some of the form by clicking a link. An example from a pro-ULEZ campaign group is linked here <https://twitter.com/wearepossible/status/1544643121866211328>.

Whistle-blowers close to the consultation told GLA Conservatives Assembly Members that this justification has been used to disproportionately exclude votes against the ULEZ expansion. We understand from their evidence that pro-ULEZ template responses have NOT been excluded to the same extent, or at all.

Minister, this must be investigated with a full independent enquiry commissioned by you.

Consultations held by public bodies must comply with the law, the key principles of which are set out in the Gunning Principles, <https://www.local.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/The%20Gunning%20Principles.pdf>. If responses are improperly excluded in a way that favours a particular side, this may breach the first and fourth principles. Public officials working on the consultation are also required to comply with the Nolan Principles, <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-7-principles-of-public-life/the-7-principles-of-public-life--2>

RAC head of roads policy Nicholas Lyes said the announcement will be "a hammer-blow for desperate drivers and businesses already struggling with crippling fuel costs".

Michael Lloyd of the Federation of Small Businesses said a "heavy-handed" Ulez expansion will "leave many small firms in a precarious position". He added that a recent survey of affected small businesses suggested 18% planned to shut down if the extension went ahead, and 25% intended to pass the extra cost on to customers.

Minister, the Mayor is to spend £200m of Londoners' money on an expensive scheme he cannot justify. In a time of financial recession and no proof that an expanded ULEZ will make any difference to the environment, please use your powers to reverse this decision and set up an enquiry into the Mayor's alleged manipulation of the ULEZ expansion consultation process.

*We look forward to your response as quickly as possible
Kind regards*

Howard Cox

Founder of the FairFuelUK Campaign

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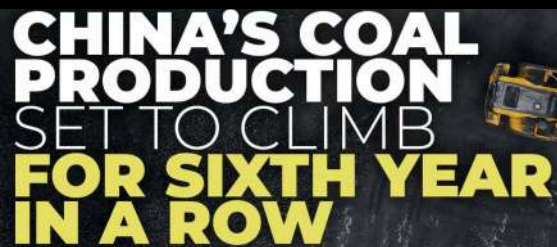
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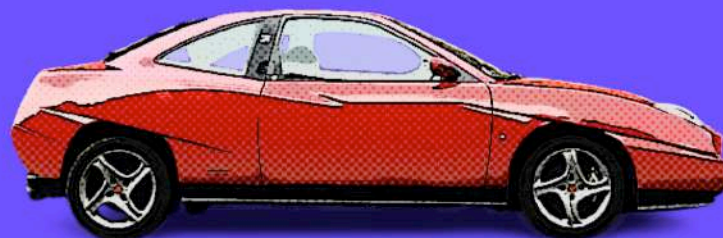
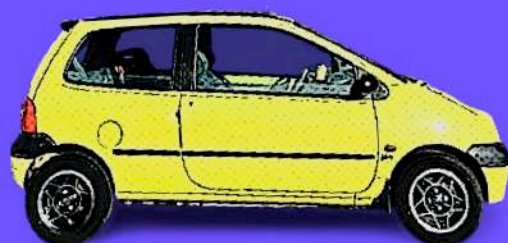
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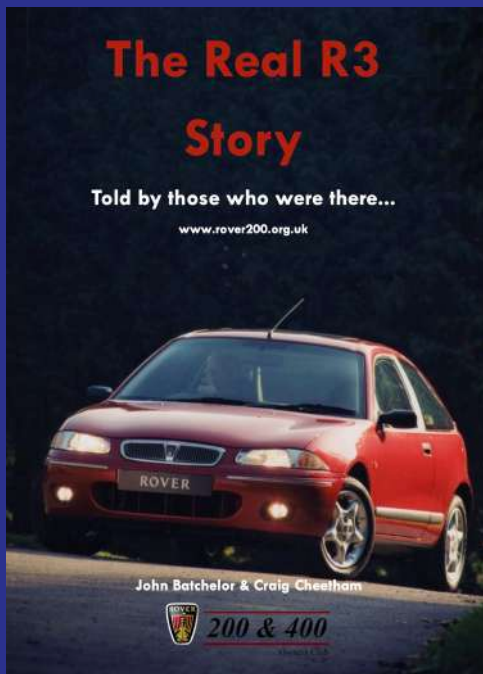
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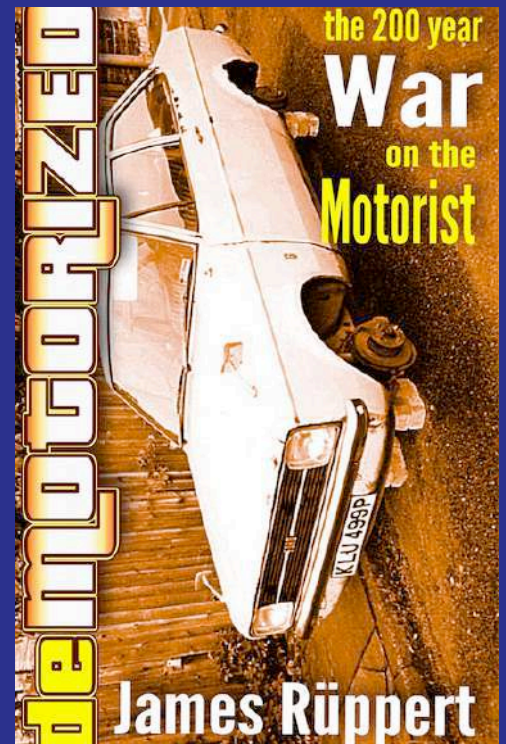
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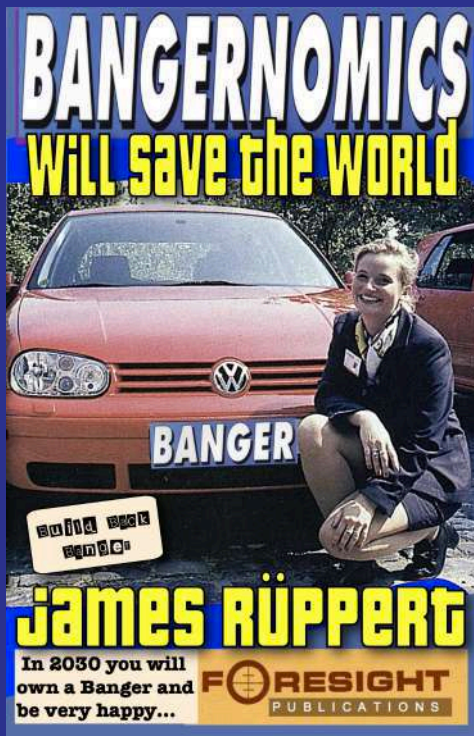
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This is the not quite definitive history of how parking became an industry, governments overtaxed motorists, carmakers lied about how safe and environmentally friendly they were and tested their emissions on monkeys and humans. Also why robot cars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

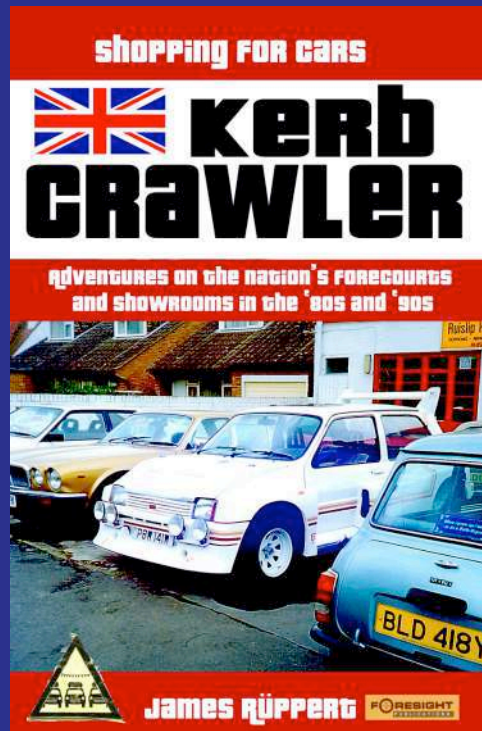
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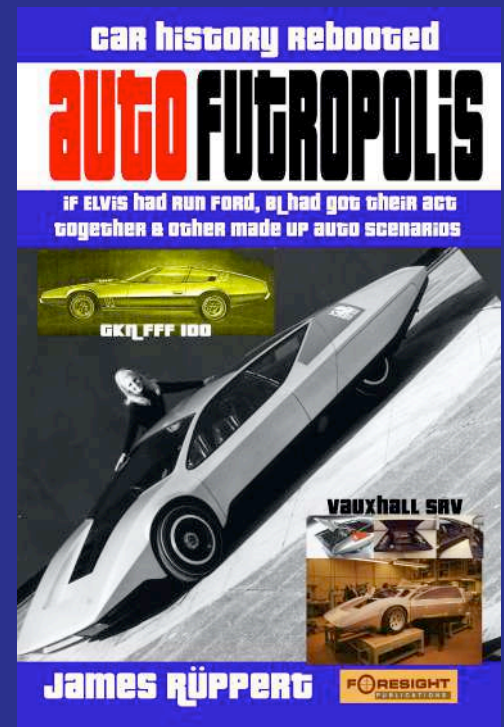
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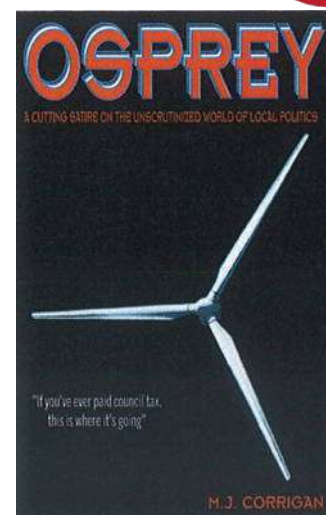
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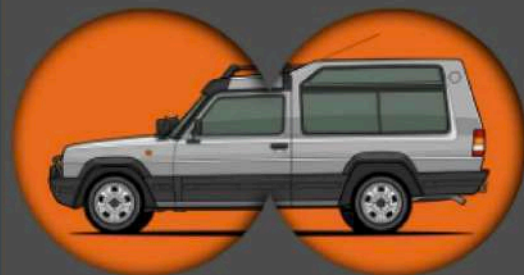
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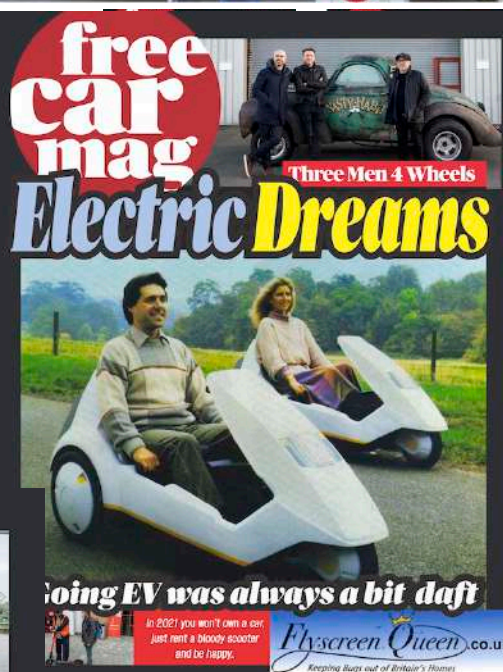
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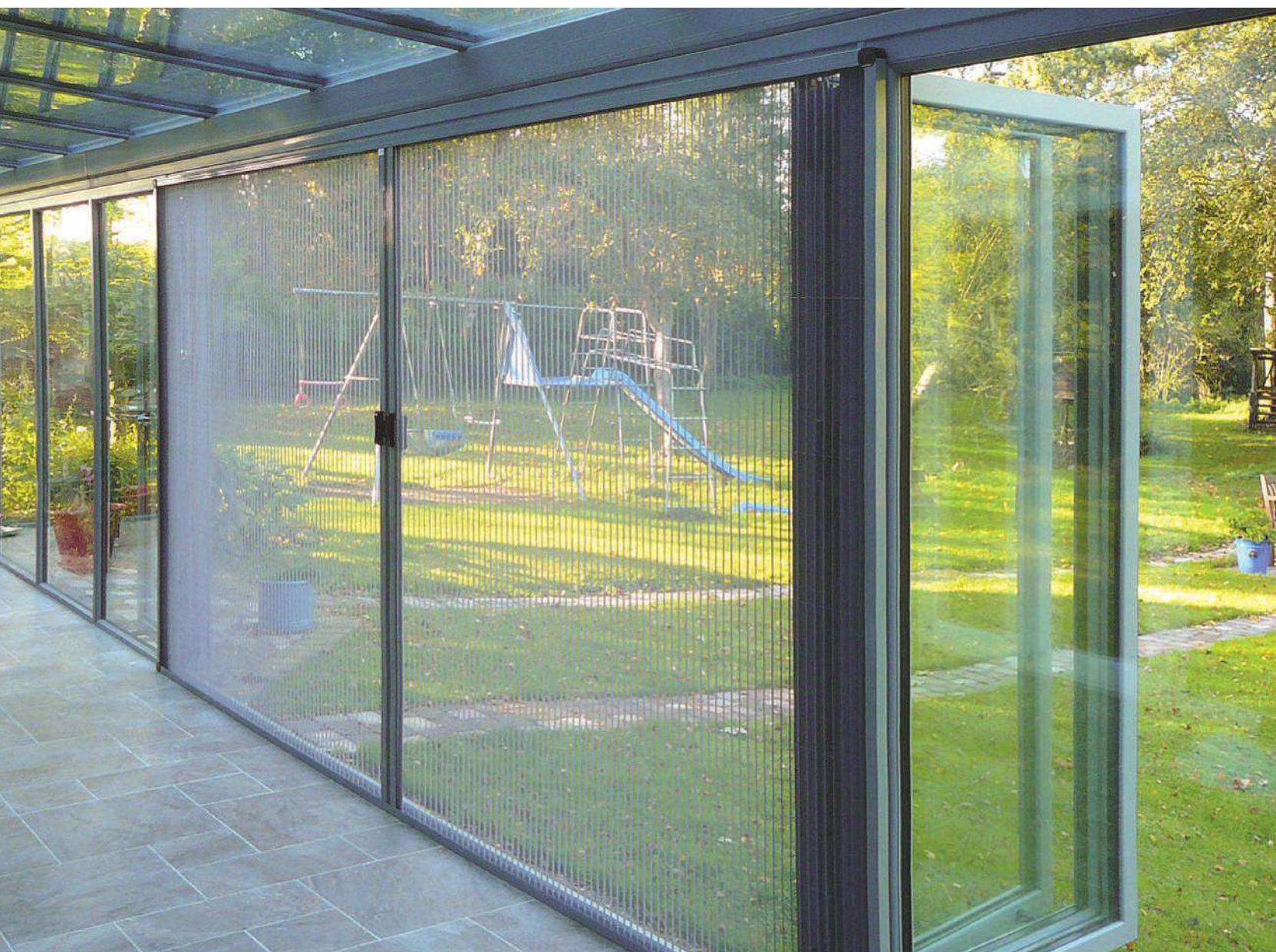
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