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# Free-torial

**P**rison planet. That's what we live on and more specifically we will be living inside a 15 minute city/zone too. That's if the politicians have their way. Also Electricity Cars. So far I've covered them, but I believe that they are the method being used to deny us all personal transport. The stupid Orca Cat thing is Chinese and do we really want to encourage that sort of thing? See you next time...



Free Car Mag will be tackling ULEZ with a Tatra 603 and an old MIG-15.

**toad on the road** He's a hi-viz wearing amphibian with a motor and a croak.

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# SCOTLAND LAUNCHES A WAR ON CARS WITH ATTEMPTED NATIONWIDE 20 MINUTE CITIES

15 Minute Cities, Psychological Trickery

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Scotland jumps off the net zero deep end and aims to try and cut car use by 20%




**Alan D Miller**  @alanvibe · 12h

“the era of unrestrained private car use is well & truly over” says this Scottish MSP

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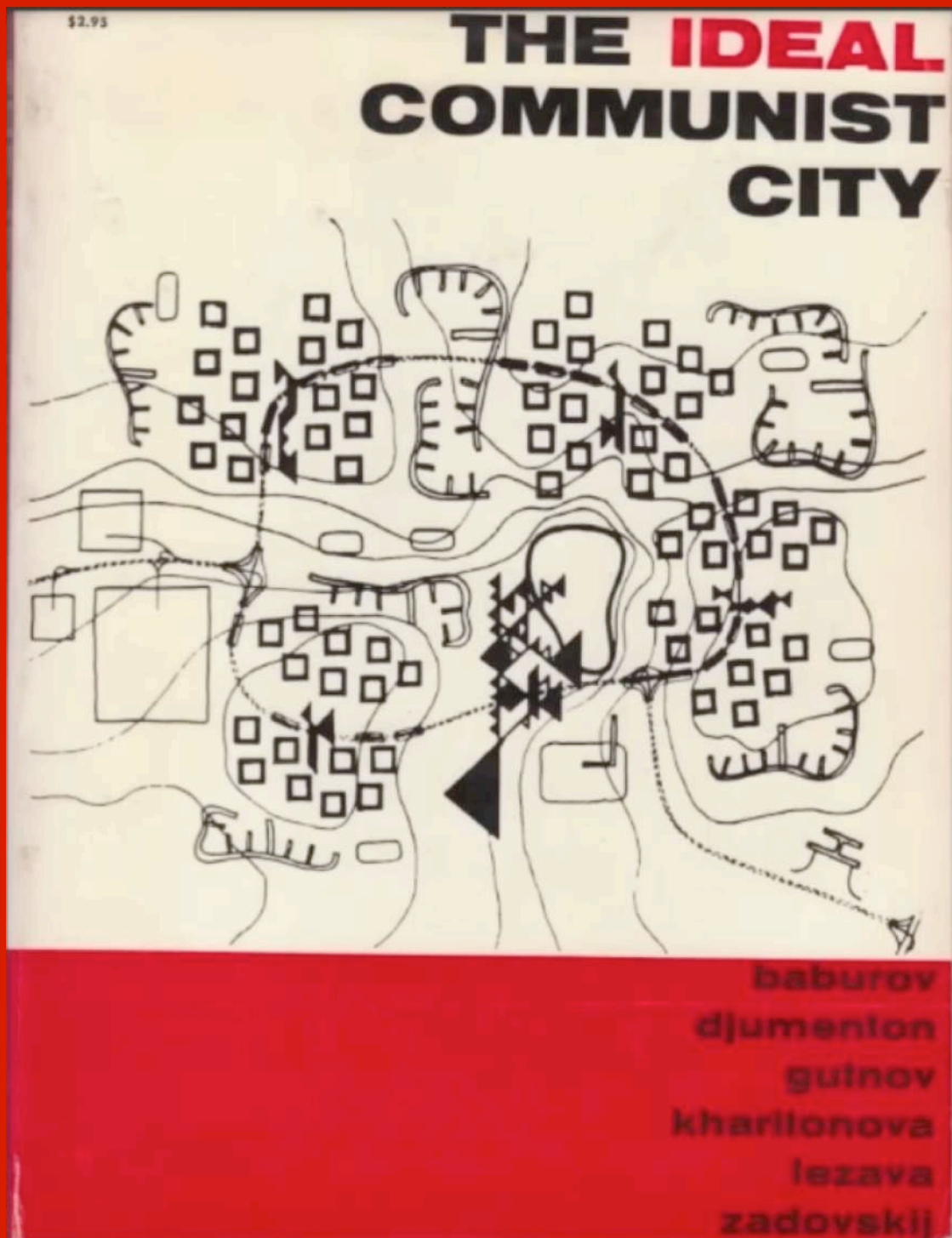
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# Ever wondered where the 15 minute city concept came from?



The Ideal Communist City (1969) is an English translation of urban concepts advanced by architects and planners from the University of Moscow. The book was first published in a Soviet journal of a communist youth organization in 1960 and was then republished in Italy in 1968. Offering a new way of thinking about mobility, equity and social interaction in neighborhood planning, The Ideal Communist City was a direct response to suburban development and its focus on private spaces for family life: “the new city is a world belonging to all and each” where life is “structured by freely chosen relationships representing the fullest, most well-rounded aspects of each human personality.”

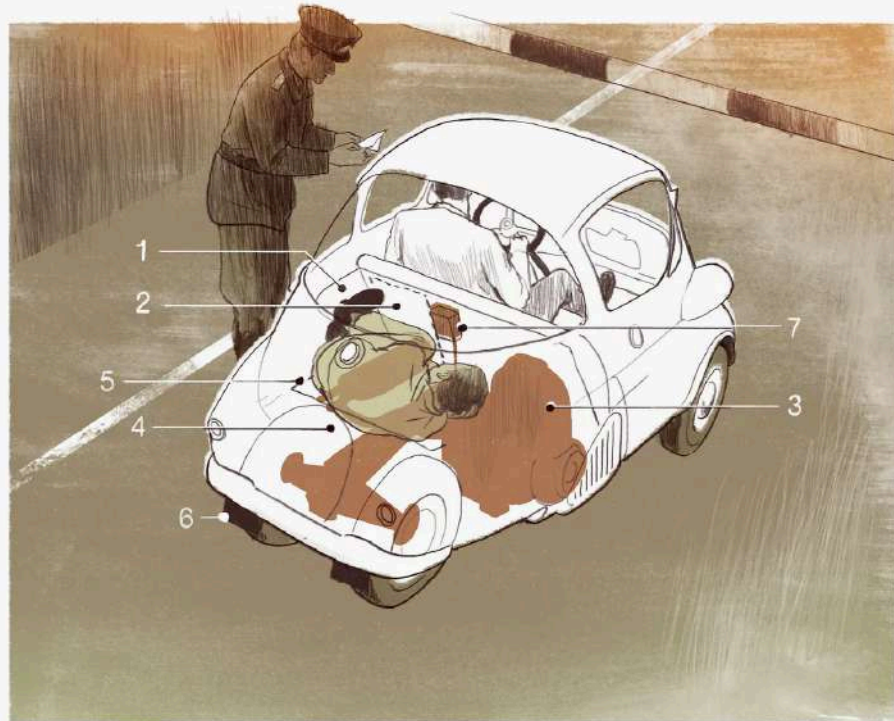
Isetta on Film

# The Small Escape

Free Car Mag hijacked the story for a front cover, but the original reasons for making this film remain relevant today. Small cars can make a big difference



1. Remove the storage box behind the seat and then later weld it back in four inches higher. This frees up a space for the modifications and the stowaway.
2. Remove the seat and the spare tire and saw a 20-inch x 20-inch entrance hole into the piece of sheet metal that serves as the rear panel.
3. Dismantle the exhaust pipe cover, and remove the air filters and everything else that takes up unnecessary space.
4. The technical modifications and the position of the passenger require the exhaust pipe to be bent.
5. Install a floor panel out of sheet metal to the suspension to prevent the stowaway from being burnt by the hot exhaust.
6. Sand everything so it's perfectly smooth again, and cut off part of the rear fender so it doesn't scrape the ground with the weight of the stowaway and raise suspicion.
7. The last modification is made on the day of the escape: the large 3.5 gallon tank, which Jacobi has already detached from its holder, is unplugged from the gas hose. A small canister, hardly bigger than an oil can, is put in the place of the tank – two quarts of gas is all he will have to get his friend over the border...



Thousands of exhibits in the Berlin Wall Museum on Friedrichstrasse, Berlin, commemorate the history of the once divided city, the tightly controlled border between East and West and the people who sought their way to freedom against all odds. On the upper floor near the window, which overlooks Checkpoint Charlie, there is the smallest escape car ever used: a BMW Isetta. Klaus-Günter Jacobi (79) regularly accompanies visitors through the museum as a tourist guide. What only few people are aware of: Jacobi does not only know all about many escape attempts, but that it was his idea to hide a person inside the tiny bubble car and to cross the border with the unnoticed passenger. This is how his best friend managed to escape from East to West Berlin. More than 30 years after the fall of the Berlin wall, BMW recounts the tale of Klaus-Günter Jacobi, his friend Manfred Koster and the mini-car, which helped nine people escape the GDR. This story is the plot of the movie "The Small Escape", which premiered on 2 October 2019 as a TV spot, on Youtube and on other social media channels of the BMW Group.

The elaborately produced blockbuster-style

movie takes the audience back to the year 1964. Jacobi's family had already left the East of the city in 1958, three years before the construction of the Berlin wall. When his old friend Manfred Koster asked him to help him escape from the GDR, he came up with a bold plan. His BMW Isetta was to serve as the escape car. The moto-coupé measuring only 2.30 meters in length and 1.40 meters in width would arouse little suspicion with the border soldiers, or so he hoped. And even today it stills seems virtually impossible to hide a person inside a BMW Isetta. The bubble car is already a very tight fit for two people on the seats directly behind the front door. The hiding place for his friend was built behind the seat bench directly next to the engine. Car mechanic Jacobi carried out the conversion in his former training workshop in Berlin- Reinickendorf. He cut an opening into the trim behind the seat bench, shifted the shelf upwards and removed the spare wheel, heating and air filter. He also exchanged the 13-litre fuel tank for a 2-litre canister to make space for the hidden passenger.

# Isetta on Film







**T**he Small Escape” shows how the BMW Isetta was turned into an escape car and how the risky border crossing played out. The thrilling history lesson was produced by director Alex Feil, camera man Khaled Mohtaseb and set designer Erwin Prieb in Hollywood blockbuster style. The props, costumes, vehicles and street sets were created in Budapest to stage a faithful 1960s Berlin setting. A checkpoint complete with wall and border strip was recreated resulting in an oppressive atmosphere which continues to grow throughout the course of the film to then culminate in a happy end. “Since their invention, automobiles have brought freedom and self-determination to humankind. Cars bring people together. This is something one should always also keep in mind in the current debate. The movie emphasises this. The moving escape story with the BMW Isetta can also be seen as a symbol of the invaluable value cars and individual mobility can have. It’s all about freedom, independence and dreams. Our movie recognises the drive and courage of the people who made this successful escape possible”, says Jens

Thiemer, Head of BMW Brand Management. On 23 May 1964, shortly before the border crossing closed on midnight, the BMW Isetta converted by Klaus-Günter Jacobi, rolled underneath the opened barrier. Shortly after crossing, he freed his friend Manfred from his hiding place behind the seat bench and took him in his arms delirious with joy. This was the only time Jacobi’s BMW Isetta was used as an escape car, but his achievement was to inspire imitators. Eight further GDR citizens managed to escape to the West over the following years in a similarly converted BMW Isetta. Today this car is on display in the Berlin Wall Museum. The movie “The Small Escape” will also be a permanent exhibit of the permanent exhibition on spectacular escape attempts.

The movie The Small Escape can be watched on the BMW Group [Youtube](#) and other channels. The detailed story of Klaus-Günter Jacob, his BMW Isetta and the spectacular escape of his friend across the internal German border is told on [www.bmw.com](http://www.bmw.com). <https://www.bmw.com/en/automotive-life/berlin-wall-escapes-in-a-bmw-isetta.html>

# Kia Xceed Updates



The Kia Xceed may be part of the Ceed lineup – think of it as the crossover, body-on-stilts version of the Ceed hatchback (though only the front door panels are shared), but it's actually also the dominant force. It has lead sales not only in the Ceed/XCeed range since it was introduced in 2019, but has surged to take the third best-selling spot in the entire Kia UK portfolio, behind the Sportage and Niro. That's almost 10% of the

company's sales. For 2023 Slovakian-built Xceed for Europe gets some updates. It still retains the drivetrain previously offered including a Plug-In Hybrid model offering 36.6 miles of electric driving range, although predominantly popular with fleet sales (70% of sales). For the general consumers it's the petrol model that appeals. **Read the full review and watch the film presented by Shahzad Sheikh at [www.freecarmag.com](http://www.freecarmag.com)**



# Nissan X-Trail

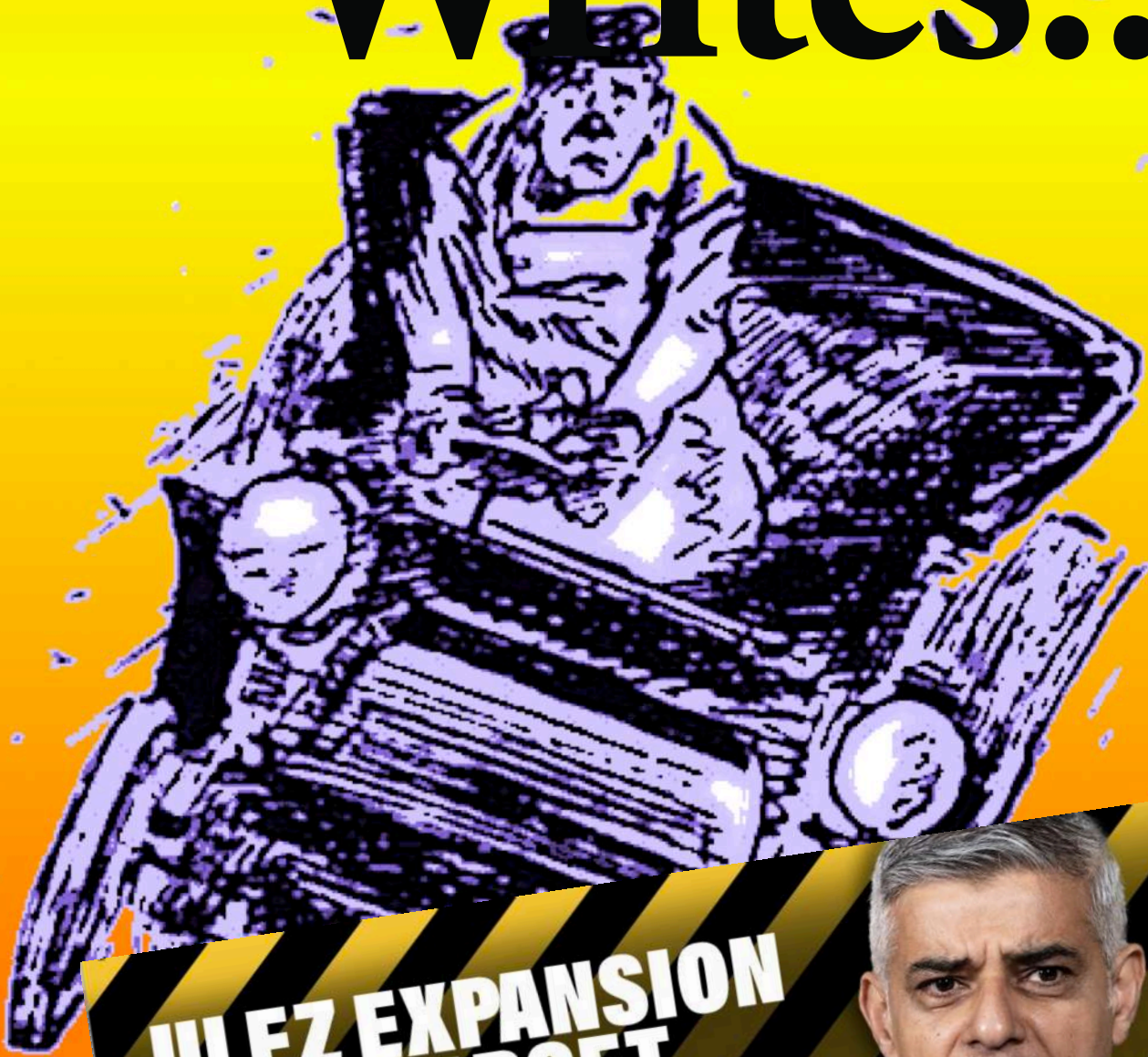


This is the all-new fourth generation Nissan X-Trail (known as the 'Rogue' in some markets) now on sale in the UK. In fact, it has already been on sale in some parts of the world since last year, but Nissan held back the European launch until this year, awaiting E-Power and E-4orce tech, which means that we are offered the X-Trail at its potential best, with range-extender

style hybrid drivetrain and four-wheel drive capability. To understand today's X-Trail, we need to go back a couple of generations of this model. Traditionally, the X-Trail was something of a smaller alternative to Nissan's big beefy all-terrain king ... **Read the full review and watch the film presented by Shahzad Sheikh at [www.freecarmag.com](http://www.freecarmag.com)**



# A Reader Writes...



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Low Traffic Neighbourhoods are bad enough but the London wide Ultra low Emission Zone is unfair and unaffordable for many. Free Car Mag reader Ricky, gives us the lowdown in his outlying area.

I live in Petts Wood, in London Borough of Bromley and fall within his tax on the elderly and less well off families. I have two older neighbours, who like most elderly people, have kept their cars for a long time and kept them well maintained. One is a 97 Nissan Micra and one is a 99 Rover 214 so they will both be clobbered with a £12.50 charge to go to the garden centre or get their hair cut and they cannot afford to get a new car. They cannot walk to these places as they are not well enough to, so Khan is effectively cutting off their lifeline to get out and about. So unfair.

If it was all about emissions, then the cars should be banned from the area, not "you can use your car as long as you pay Khan to use it" – it's just a moneymaking scheme. On top of this, for example in Camberwell, there have been planters placed on the side roads blocking the roads so all the traffic now has no option but to sit in massive traffic queues on the main roads, so all those people that live on those roads now have congestion (and those "paying polluting" cars) all day every day.

Apparently in the Survey that was carried out over 70% of responders said that the ULEZ should not come out to the outer London boroughs, but Khan has completely ignored the survey and bringing it in anyway. Shocking!

Bromley councillors are quite rightly fighting this ULEZ tax as it will hit Bromley economy as we have lots of people from outside the Borough come to Orpington shopping or work in Bromley – people won't do if it will cost them £12.50. Plus the outside boroughs don't have the congestion and pollution that the inner boroughs do (see above re planters!)

I am lucky – I have a 14 year old Ford Mondeo which luckily is compliant but I feel for the other people where I live.

Keep up the good work fighting for the poor and the elderly, and the owners of classic cars that are not that old.

Got a view on a motoring matter, please get in touch. Through the usual channels.

# Making the Misfit



**B**eating a record number of over 100 entries, 'The Misfit', a 1963 Ford Anglia with a supercharged BMW engine, will represent the UK in the global Hot Wheels™ Legends Tour and stake its claim to be a 1:64 scale die-cast in the 2023 line up. 'The Misfit' was also voted the fans' favourite at this year's event. We spoke to the brilliant 'Misfit' builder Rob Rashbrook and owner Michael Charalambous to find out what makes this vehicle so special. First of all, this is a Ford Anglia. One of the most popular cars built in Britain in the '50s and '60s which enjoyed a revival in the thriving custom car scene of the 1970s, so it never really went away and Rob has a soft spot for them. read more at [www.freecarmag.com](http://www.freecarmag.com)



# Lots more Misfit



## Classic Market

This car that nearly became the next Hot Wheels toy has been auctioned by leading classic and niche vehicle online platform Car & Classic. This Anglia has been impeccably engineered to be solid, dependable and usable. We've seen this car evolve over the years, its creator painstakingly

refining the details and hand-crafting them to perfection, all the while following his own unique and offbeat path. Now someone new owns The Misfit and can enjoy driving this wonderful custom car. Read much more at [www.freecarmag.com](http://www.freecarmag.com)



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# GWM ORCA FUNKY CAT EV



**T**he GWM Ora... what?! Never heard of it? Never seen it before? Well, it's a real car, it's all-electric, and it's on sale now. First impressions? What do you think? A small cuddly runabout? Perhaps around the size of a Fiat 500? It's actually larger, about the same length and width of a Volkswagen Golf. Bigger than you think, small enough to scoot about the city. And what of the styling? The illegitimate first born of a liaison

between a Porsche 911 and a Volkswagen Beetle one night in Shanghai; it is catch-your-eye cute from the front, Beyonce bootylicious at the back, perhaps the only hint of it's one and half ton bulk. . **Read the full review and watch the film presented by Shahzad Sheikh at [www.freecarmag.com](http://www.freecarmag.com)**





# Genesis GV60

If you've been following the latest additions to the rapidly growing electric-car segment, you'll be familiar with both the Hyundai Ioniq 5 and the Kia EV6. The Genesis GV60 shares its platform and drivetrain with those cars, but this is the Korean Motor Manufacturing Group's luxury arm. In the past Genesis has done its utter best to emulate and imitate marques such as

Mercedes and even Lexus. However, with this car it has set off on its own path, innovating and creating something that is derived from 'lesser' siblings, but is inspired by nothing other than Genesis' newfound confidence and desire to set its own terms. .. **Read the full review and watch the film presented by Shahzad Sheikh at [www.freecarmag.com](http://www.freecarmag.com)**





# 1974 Tatra 603 II

**B**A car developed under a veil of secrecy after Tatra were instructed by the Council For Mutual Economic Assistance to focus solely on truck production. The 603 was finally given the green light in 1953 after the socialist government officials grew tired of Soviet cars, and it remained in production until 1975. Tatrás were distributed almost exclusively amongst high-ranking government officials and we're informed that this example belonged to the prominent Czech politician and diplomat Ā. Císarš. rImported to France in 1991 following the decline of the USSR, this 1974 Tatra 2-603 II has lain dormant in recent years, having been off the road since 2008. Now running and driving around the vendor's property under its own steam, it's time for the next owner to continue the recommissioning read more at [www.carandclassic.com](http://www.carandclassic.com)



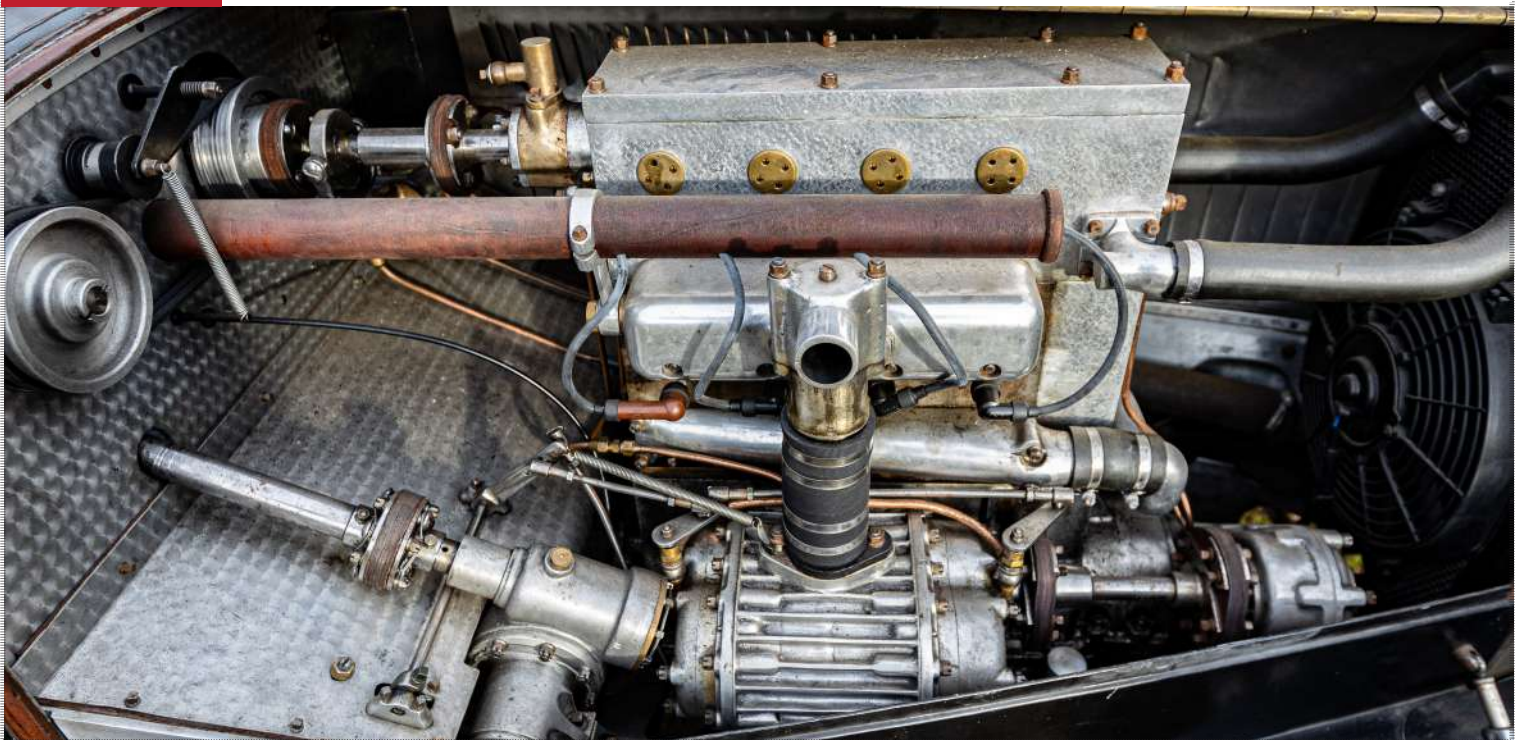


# Bugatti Pur Sang

## Classic Market

This Leading specialist online auction site Car & Classic heads 2023 with the auction of a Pur Sang Type 37A, a faithful replica of the famous 'voiturette racing' Grand Prix Bugatti of the late Twenties by nearly as-famous company Pur Sang. The Argentinian business, well known for the attention to detail

and quality of its recreations, needs no introduction to Bugatti fans. Pur Sang ('Thoroughbred') builds around 20-30 models to order per year; manufacturing high-quality vintage cars: Read much more at [www.carandclassic.com](http://www.carandclassic.com)



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# History Lesson: Railways to Cars

In the late 1820s a new form of transport was evolving, something that was a total revelation to people that had relied on horse transport since the dawn of time. It was faster than a racehorse and could carry much heavier loads.

Yes, the railways had arrived!

No longer were people confined to be born-live-die in the same place and this 'cork out of a champagne bottle' moment, was soon grasped and what we now call 'rail mania' was started and rail lines spread at an incredible rate all over Great Britain and the whole world soon followed suit, as people and commerce realised the huge benefits of such a system. Even Government recognised the overall well-being the new transport system provided and rail companies were told that to get an operator's licence, they had to include cheap travel for the masses; third class was born.

Jump forward one hundred years to the 1920s and many now realise that the car/motorbike is another giant leap in transport terms. Mass production meant that these modes of transport had become more affordable and plenty of returning military personal from the recent World War had learnt to drive/ride in their countries service. People were no longer tied to pre-set destinations and fixed timetables of rail companies and something new was added to the mix; flexibility!

But this new found transport freedom also produced a simmering resentment by some groups that later on, would manifest into where we stand today.

Jump forward another one hundred years to the 2020s and that "simmering" resentment is now **total** resentment of those choosing to drive!

For example just put into Google, "Active Travel" followed by your county and see what comes up? Certainly none of the 'Positives' of car ownership are mentioned, only the Negatives' are promoted way beyond fair balance.

Any 'Flexibility' can now be easily controlled by ANPR camera/computer technology, so we are now seeing the imposing of "**15 minute cities**", which in their own blurb says "How long does it take you to get to a supermarket? What about a public park, pharmacist, or primary school? For proponents of the 15-Minute City planning concept, the answer to all of those questions should be "less than 15 minutes. On first glance, the concept is very simple: to create neighbourhood's and cities where a person can meet a host of their basic needs via a short walk or bike ride; larger cities also tend to include public transit in the mix. Exactly what defines 'short' varies from place to place". (And, perhaps your general health?) So this is why places like Canterbury, Oxford, and Bath are in the planning stage of dividing cities into car-less 'ghettos'

Some might see this as a return to born-live-die policy of two hundred years ago?

Whatever your views of the above; how will they implement this nonsense when land shortages and land values are so high? It also goes on to say "The greater aim should be to improve accessibility as much as possible to reduce our dependence on cars and reclaim our neighbourhoods for people. This will benefit our health, sustainability and communities."

Odd that when you stop being a pedestrian and get in a car, you suddenly become a non-person, just like being 'Cancelled' and those roads have to be "reclaimed" from you! That is until you get out of that car and become a 'model' citizen again, (pedestrian, cyclist, bus rider, blah, blah, blah!) This clearly shows that this is the usual anti car rhetoric that we have had to endure these last few decades.

**By nature, humans are inquisitive and like to see other places and do not want to live in ghettos designed by academics/planners, which seem completely out-of-touch with real world reality of the average person's way of life or expectations.**

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# Starmmer backs Khan's ULEZ scheme



Here is an INTERVIEW Transcript with Sir Keir Starmer, Leader of the Labour Party, speaking to LBC's Henry Riley at an Octopus Energy site in Slough -

Key: LBC's Henry Riley (HR) & Sir Keir Starmer (KS)

- **HR:** "We're here in Slough today, many workers here will be commuting into London, on the ULEZ charge – which is scheduled to expand from the 29th August – that's going to hit many workers, do you really think it's the right time to be charging people £12.50 as the Labour Mayor [Sadiq Khan] is recommending, if people's vehicles don't meet certain emission standards"
- **KS:** "The Mayor has made very clear why he is putting in place & extending the scheme as it is... and he's right about that – of course it's difficult, but he has to take those measures"
- **HR:** "So you support it?"
- **KS:** "Yes"

In the last week over 1000 of the 5000 (and counting) FairFuelUK Supporters deliberately excluded from the ULEZ Consultation results by a manipulative London Mayor, have emailed all Labour GLA Members and copied in the Leader, deputy leader and Chair of the UK Labour Party. They are demanding to know why their opinions

were scrapped. Details of what they sent to the Mayor of London's Offices and his Party Members can be seen at: <https://fairfueluk.eaction.org.uk/Khan-Lies>

**Howard Cox Founder of FairFuelUK says:** "It is more than sickening that the London Mayor chose to ignore the Consultation process where 6 out of 10 respondents opposed the expansion of the ULEZ into Greater London. But it's made even worse that the potential next Prime Minister of our country backs Sadiq Khan's deliberate manipulation of a democratic process. Mark Harper, the Transport Minister and the Prime Minister must step in and overall the decision to expand the ULEZ any further."

**Commenting on Sir Keir's remarks Paul Scully, the Minister for London, said** "rather than blinding and tribally supporting his Labour Mayor, Keir Starmer needs to speak to people in Outer London who don't quality for the scrapage scheme, don't have the extensive choice of buses and tubes that his own Inner London constituents enjoy and therefore remain dependent on their cars".

**Scully, who is also the Conservative MP for Sutton and Cheam, added:** "Ulez expansion will have a negligible effect on air quality according to the Mayor's own report, whilst coming at as massive cost for those who can least afford it".

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# ***BANGERNOMICS***



# ***The War on Cars***

<https://youtu.be/b0M3Mh7WiLY>

A photograph of a multi-lane highway during the day. The road is filled with cars and trucks, creating a traffic jam. Above the road, several circular speed limit signs are visible, each displaying the number '40'. The text is overlaid on the top left of the image.

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A photograph of a white GMC Hummer EV truck parked at a charging station. The truck is viewed from the rear, showing the 'HUMMER EV' and 'GMC' branding. A charging cable is plugged into the back of the vehicle. The background shows a building and some trees.

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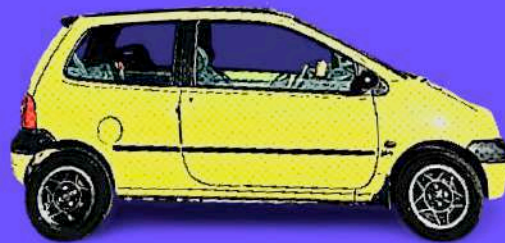
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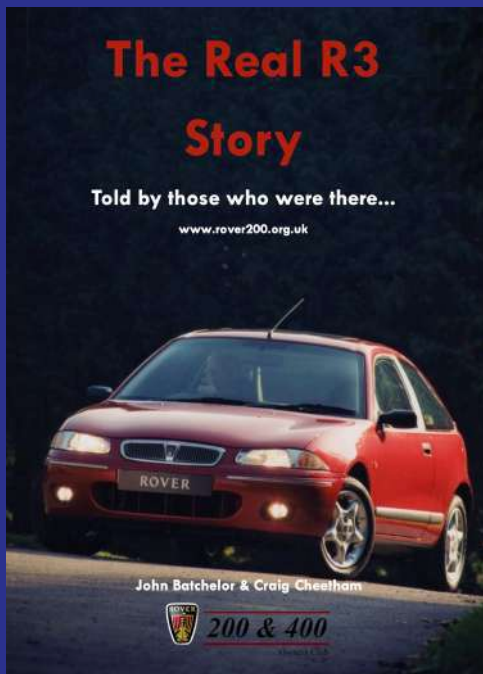
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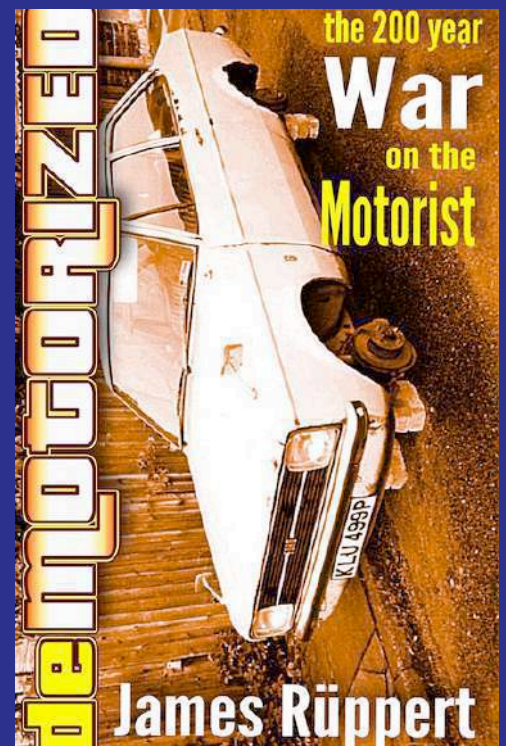
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To commemorate the 25th anniversary of the launch of the third generation Rover 200 (R3), the Rover 200 & 400 Owners Club has published an 80 page full colour booklet with contributions from many of the Rover Group team that were involved with the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



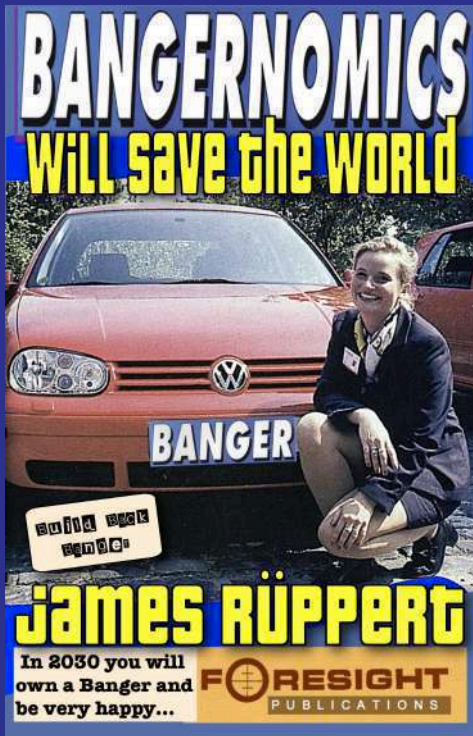
Old cars don't die, they simply become Bangers. Affordable, practical and reliable transportation for the people. They don't need to spend a fortune on a brand new motor, get into debt or trapped into a spiral of despair, better known as an easy payment scheme. Others may specifically want a Banger Van, 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](http://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.

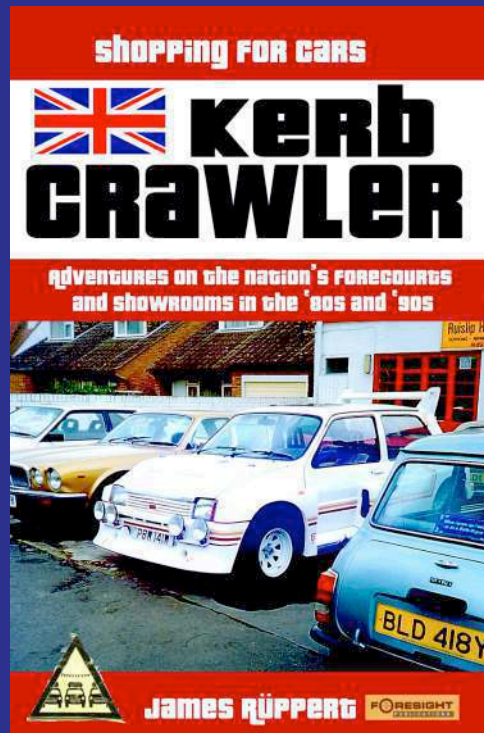
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The world of motoring is in a desperate crisis. Demonised, despised and attacked from every wrong thinking government, local authority, pressure group and even car manufacturers themselves. Bangernomics is here to bring motoring back to the masses, saving time, money and automotive headaches. James Ruppert has been banging on about this to anyone who will listen since the 1980s and now squashes together the original Bangernomics, Bangernomics Bible and Bangernomics Diet into one easily digestible guide to buying and running an older cost efficient automobile. As our freedoms are being crushed and especially the right to travel it is more important than ever to have our own means of getting around in an independent, safe and truly affordable manner. As every right thinking intelligent motorist knows only **Bangernomics will save the World.**

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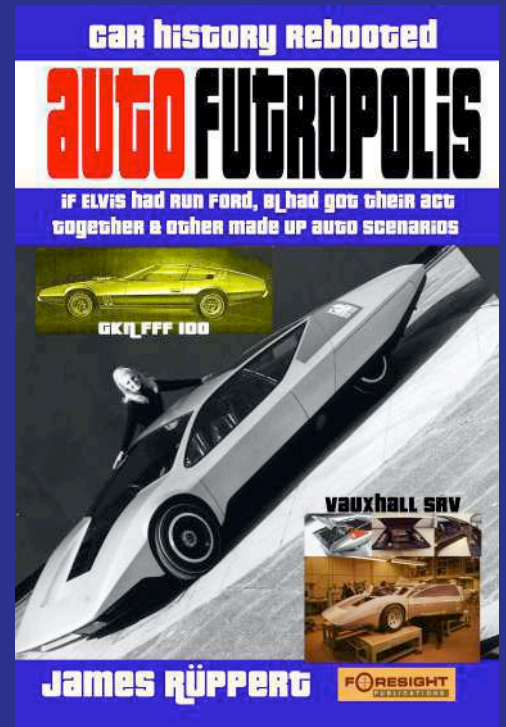
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Shopping for cars can be a full time job, well it was for me anyway. In the pre Interweb age it meant actually going to look at cars for sale. It meant talking to the blokes selling the cars face to face. You learned loads lot doing it that way. With the benefit of hindsight and a time machine, some cars look cheap now, but they could well have been pretty expensive then. Find out how I got sued by one of the 'stars' of the Italian Job, was told off by the Deputy Prime Minister, found out what the worst car Sir Ian Botham ever owned was, and that time I lent my car to Bjork. Plus there are excursions around the UK that includes buying a car in Scotland and posting it to Japan. Also looking for Bangers in Northern Ireland whilst trying to avoid the troubles. Then there is Princess Diana's Escort Ghia and the true origin of the word Bangernomics. There are Cop cars, Army surplus and even the true meaning of motoring life...

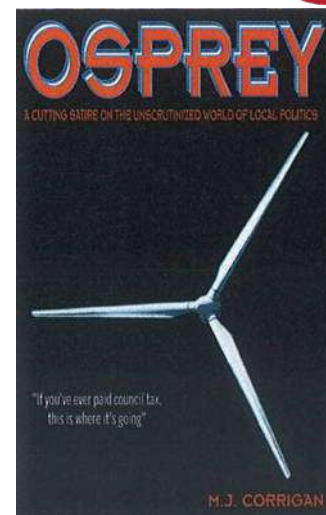
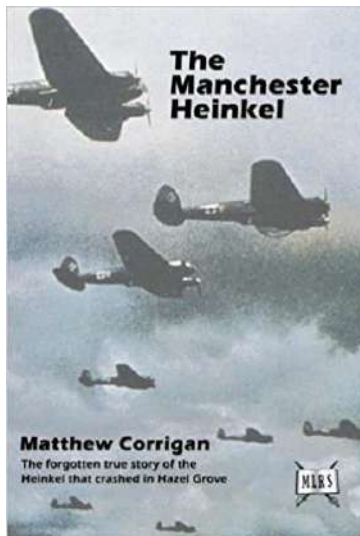
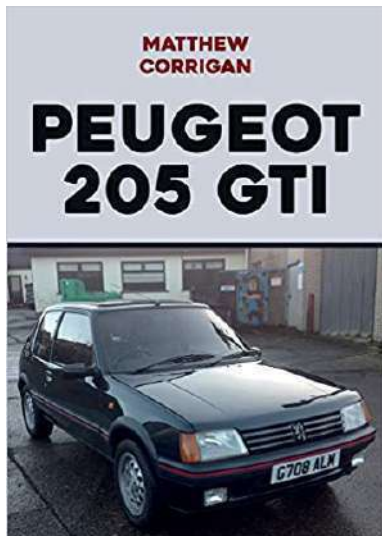
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Just imagine if BMC had not been so terrible, that Elvis ran a car company, levitating motors were a reality along with steam powered gentleman's carriages and an electricity car designed by and for gentleladies...well, wonder no more. Here is a fully illustrated book which rewrites and redraws automotive history. As well as old stories revised and refreshed, there are new drawings, stories and much else besides. The alternative histories covers vans, trikes, lorries and pretty much flying cars as well as designers with different careers, the cold war and all sorts of other made up nonsense. There is also some truth. Even the made up tales contain rather a lot of verifiable, fact checkable goodness. Only someone arrogant enough to think they know better would even attempt to rewrite history. James Ruppert is stupid enough to believe that his takes on automotive history would interest anyone else. Except that the column he did for Classic Car Buyer a few years ago certainly triggered readers enough to make him think that they should be revisited in Autofutropolis.

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**PEUGEOT 205 GTI - CORRIGAN  
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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.

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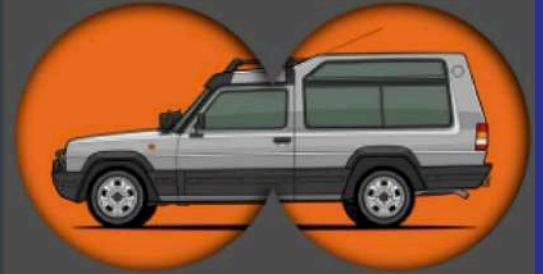
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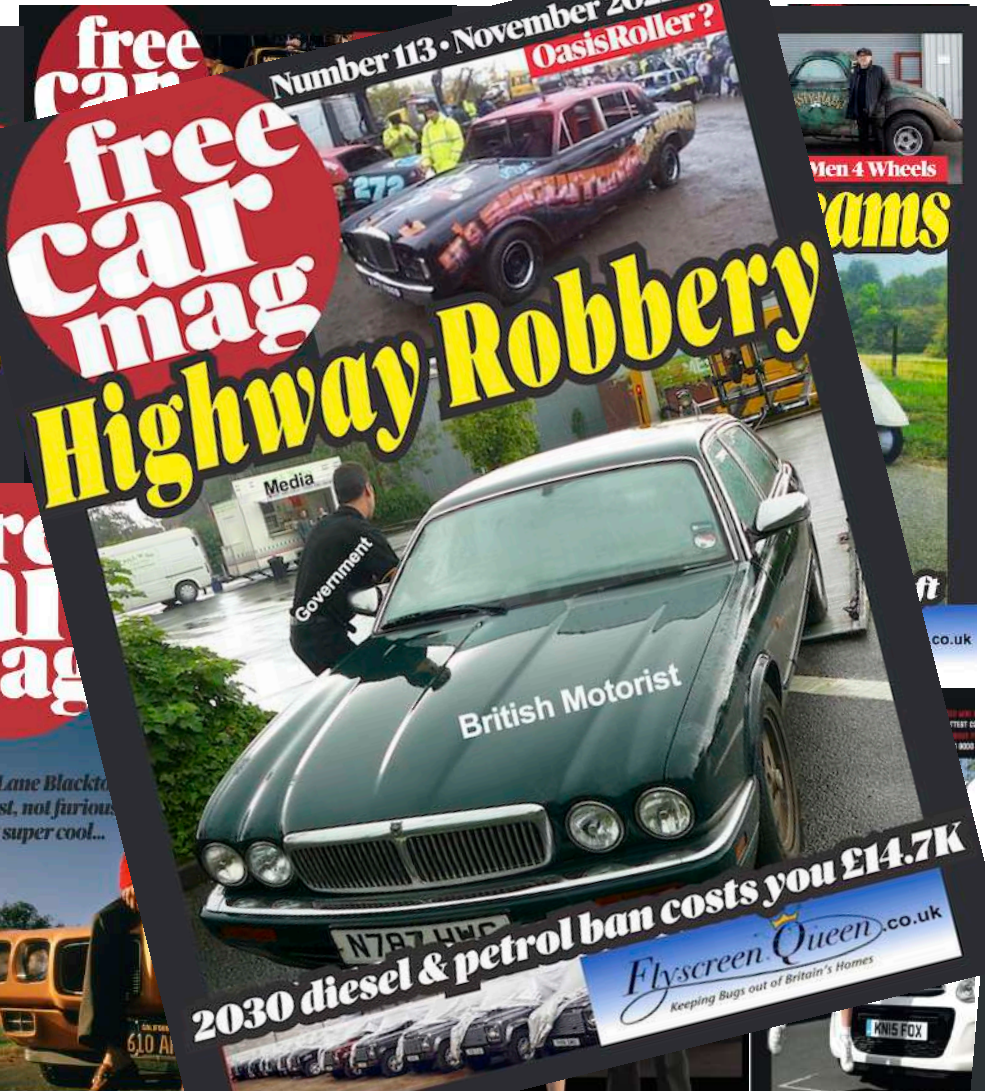
The World Economic Forum want more complicated unaffordable cars and would prefer it if you didn't drive so much and shared a bus.

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Free Car Mag is now the only pro-motorist Mag in the entire known Universe and that's official so please turn up to see what we might be doing in a month's time. We have no idea about the details except that the stories will reflect what is happening on the front line against autotyranny. See you next time...

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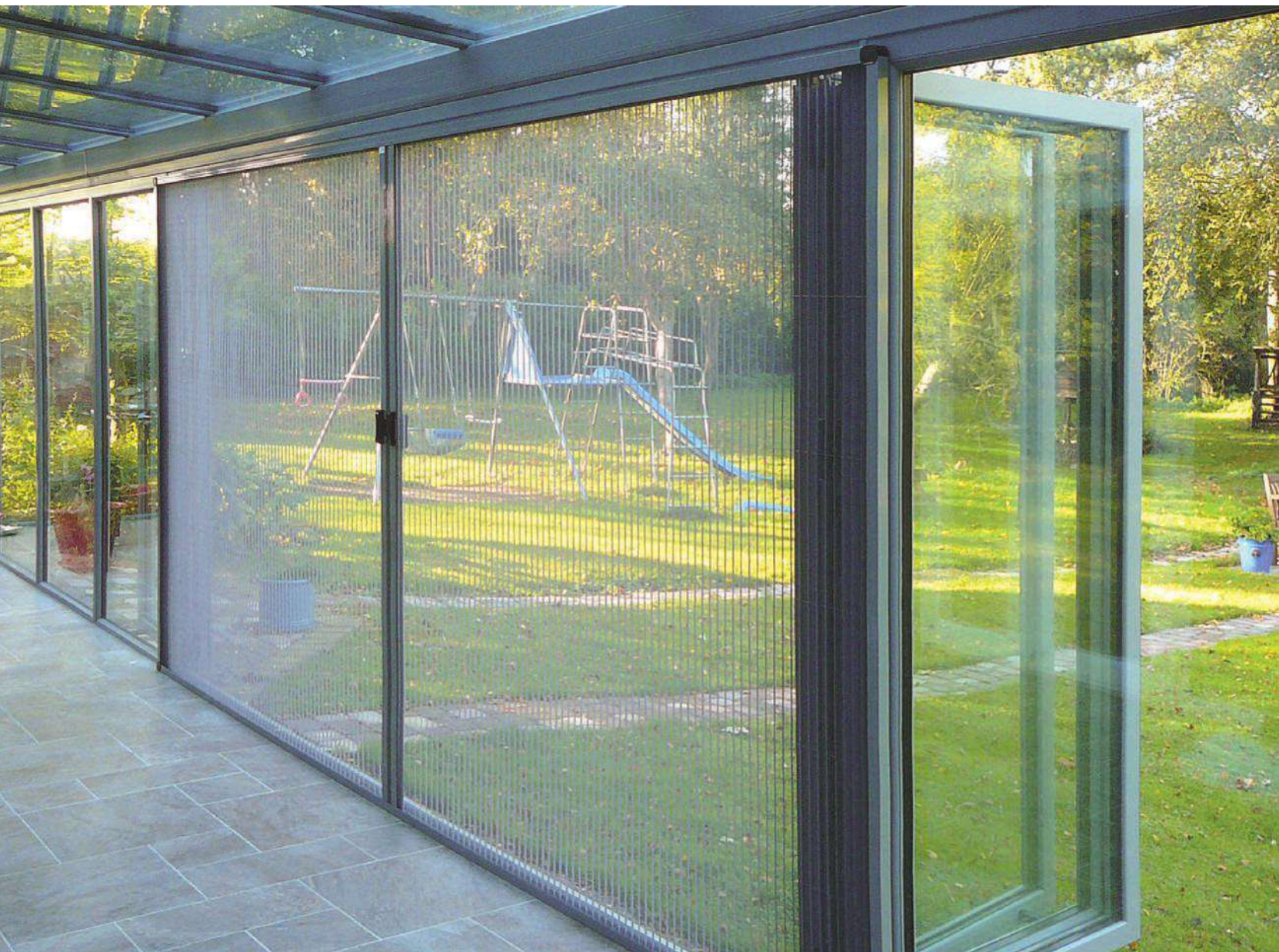
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