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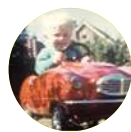
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If it was up to Free Car Mag then the lead presenter on a certain TV programme about cars would be Idris Elba. He really loves motors and most importantly understands them and the people who drive them. Instead he'll be making Hollywood blockbusters and gritty TV drama like Luther and The Wire, so he won't have to talk to some non-entity in a reasonably slow car.

We are in the middle of Wimbledon at the moment and Jaguar are ferrying all the players, officials and important people around in their lovely cars and dominate our celeb section this week. We also caught up with Maria Sharapova who went to Mayfair to take a closer look at the new Porsche Boxster, and quite right too.

Icon is an overused word, but look at how beautiful and simple a 1970 Range Rover is. We want one of those and the sophisticated and shiny 2015 model too with all the mod cons. Then if we decided to go completely off road and onto the track it would have to be behind the wheel of the brilliant Clio Trophy.

I am sure that Idris would approve.



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Stars out in force for Wimbledon

Stars of tennis, film, music and fashion were out in force as Jaguar and Ralph Lauren, celebrated at a glamorous event as both were official partners of The Championships, Wimbledon. Jaguar, celebrating its 80th anniversary and their first year as The Official Car of The Championships, Wimbledon, partnered with Ralph Lauren for its annual Wimbledon warm-up event at The Orangery, Kensington Palace, which marks ten years for the company as the Official Wimbledon Outfitter. So who did we spot?



Matt Smith, our second
favourite Doctor Who



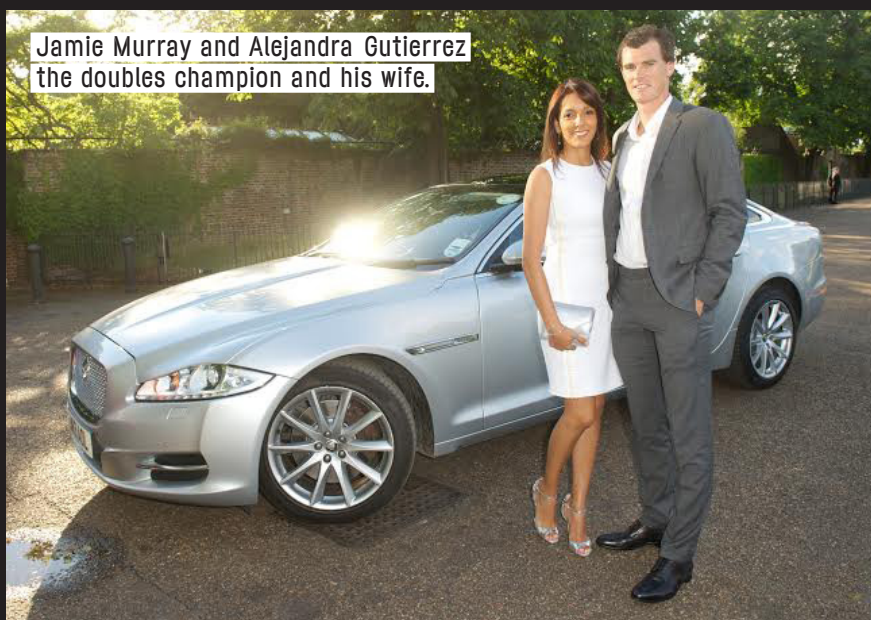
Mollie King our
favourite Saturday



Alice Eve Star Trek actress



Jade Parfitt, Supermodel,
Presenter and Mother,
but not in that order.



Jamie Murray and Alejandra Gutierrez
the doubles champion and his wife.



Jeremy Irvine
Actor, Warhorse.

SPOTTED
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ABOUT



Boris Becker and his wife Lilly

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6 Navy Bow Clutch Bag £8
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Idris Elba loves speed and cars. As well as being an A-list Hollywood actor, he's been spotted with some of the coolest and quickest cars around.

FAST ROAD TO FREEDOM

So where did it all start for Idris? Well it started very small. We found this out when he made a brilliant programme for BBC2 called not surprisingly, 'King of Speed' and was interviewed about the show.

IDRIS ELBA'S FIRST CAR WAS...

"My first car was Mini Clubman, I bought it when I was 14 years old...my parents didn't know I bought it. The mini for me is a symbol of my liberation and being

able to drive three different generations of rally going minis (in King of Speed) was an absolute dream – to be in those cars, a model which I've had such a connection with from day one, was a real honour."

SPEED

"I'm addicted to speed, it's no secret, but whilst travelling, listening, learning and telling these amazing stories, what surprised me the most, was just how far people are willing to go, the risks people are willing to take, to satisfy that addiction.

Rally driving is the ultimate, most extreme example of this; I mean you're not on a track, there is no wall of tyres to spin into, so if you come off on that course, you're likely to hit a massive tree or roll down a ditch and chances are, you're going to get hurt. Bad.

All of the drivers I met, are willing to put their life on the line in the pursuit of speed. But it's not just about speed, it's about being faster than the next guy. As a speed addict, it's something I can relate to."

BOY RACERS

"Ultimately, boy racers are not just kids in their Fiestas down the Southend beach front, or the guy cruising around Chelsea in a million pound Bugatti, they are all the people in between, who have been around since Henry Ford's time and who just love driving."

WHO IS THE KING OF SPEED?

"I've had the pleasure of meeting some extraordinary motor car drivers from a really wide spectrum of disciplines, but I think perhaps Ari Vatanen may be the ultimate. He is truly an extraordinary individual and I tell you what, he is someone who will, fight till the very end, continue to push the accelerator and break late on every corner, real or symbolic. He lives life to the full and you can see that when he gets behind the wheel."

And the best car from the series? Considering Idris drove muscle, rally and racing cars, "The Black Fiesta XR2 was my absolute favourite."





Idris Elba

Idris traded up from the XR2 recently when he took the brand new Jaguar XE for a very extended test drive. The 750 mile trip in the XE 2.0-litre i4 163PS diesel began at Idris's former college, the National Youth Music Theatre in London. They covered four countries in three days on a variety of roads in tough weather conditions. The mood changes when Idris drives Jaguar XE S 3.0-litre petrol 340PS with Martin Brundle at Spa Francorchamps racing circuit in Belgium. The drive culminates in delivery of the new Jaguar XE sports saloon to Germany's capital for an exclusive launch party and DJ set by Idris.

"I had a great time driving the

Jaguar XE in some pretty bad weather conditions - the highlight for me was hammering it round Spa with the legendary Martin Brundle.

"The car was a real head turner and I made sure I pushed it hard all the way to Berlin - so the most surprising thing was the efficiency, averaging 65 mpg. I also loved the in-car tech as I'm a big fan of gadgets, and the XE was fully loaded in that respect too - I even planned my DJ set list as I drove.

"I've long been a fan of Jaguar and its incredible sporting heritage. I like to push what I do and explore different areas of my expertise and that's why this film project with Jaguar really appealed."



WATCH THE FILM OF IDRIS ELBA'S EPIC DRIVE HERE:
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ELBA RECORD BREAKER



Idris Elba's dreams of speed did eventually come true this year when he drove a Bentley fast enough to break the historic Flying Mile UK land speed record set by Sir Malcolm Campbell in 1927. He hit a top speed of 180.36 mph at the wheel of a Bentley Continental GT Speed on Pendine Sands, Wales. This broke the existing record of 174.8 mph set by Sir Malcolm almost 90 years ago in his Napier Campbell Blue Bird. Filmed for a The Discovery Channel programme Idris Elba: No Limits, he commented, "I'm absolutely elated to have broken the 'Flying Mile' at Pendine Sands. It's an honour to have taken on the challenge, and to successfully follow in the footsteps of the illustrious Sir Malcolm Campbell."



SPOTTED IN MAYFAIR

0-62 mph
in 4.5 seconds.
Top speed
180 mph.



We never need an excuse to print a picture of a Porsche or tennis superstar Maria Sharapova.

ACE

Maria Sharapova called in at Porsche Centre Mayfair before the Women's Tennis Association Pre-Wimbledon Party, for a ride in the latest Porsche, the mid-engined, two-seater Boxster Spyder.

Sharapova, a Porsche Global Ambassador, was so keen to see the car during its short time on these shores, that she made a special stop on her way to the party to make sure she didn't miss out on a drive.

Driving around the streets of Mayfair was certainly an experience savoured by the five-time Grand Slam

Champion. Speaking about the drive, Sharapova commented: "This is huge fun - truly thrilling. I love that this new Boxster Spyder is like a classic sports car, but at the same time feels so modern and sophisticated. It's a fantastic car and I need to get one!"

The new Boxster Spyder is on sale now priced from £60,459. Customers will also be able to explore the potential of their new car by participating in a complimentary course at the Porsche Experience Centre, Silverstone.



THE CARS OF ENTOURAGE

The great thing about HBO's Entourage is that there was always a superb quotient of high-end cars.

Vince and his mates were always driving around in Ferraris, Aston Martins and Mercedes. However, the wonderful 1965 Lincoln Continental Convertible was always a mainstay of the opening credits. Four door convertibles are incredibly rare and don't always look that elegant. Now the brilliant new Warner Brothers Entourage film features not just the Continental but something that is drop dead gorgeous. The Cadillac Ciel is a hybrid four door convertible that was first seen as a concept car back in 2011.

Entourage the movie reunites the cast against the familiar fast-paced backdrop of the Los Angeles entertainment industry. Ari is now a studio boss and one of his movies is being directed by Adrian Grenier's character Vince Chase.

"Ari's un-retirement is something we know fans are excited about and I'm thrilled Cadillac was able to help tell that story," Doug Ellin, writer, director and producer of Entourage said in a statement. Cadillac will also have more of a role in the movie, as its Escalade SUV and ELR extended-range electric car also appear on screen.





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Jaguar Land Rover's Invictus Games work placement legacy programme has seen the first five successful participants being offered a permanent position at the company. The bespoke training programme is designed to help rehabilitate wounded, injured and sick ex-personnel and aid transition into civilian careers. Staff Sergeant Wayne Walker, formerly of the Queen's Royal Lancers has joined the Solihull manufacturing team as a Process Leader, following completion of the company's inaugural twelve week programme.

Wayne, 36, joined the training programme on 1st December 2014 after being medically

discharged from a 19 year military career, which saw him serve in operational tours of Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq. It was in Iraq that he sustained a serious knee injury.

Speaking of this new chapter in his life, Wayne said: "I was put forward for this opportunity via The Armed Forces' Motorsport Charity - Mission Motorsport which supports those leaving the Forces. I wasn't sure what would come out of it but I've received incredible support throughout the programme from my family and everyone at Jaguar Land Rover. I am delighted to have been offered this permanent position which means security for my family's future and has been a great confidence boost. I hope this will inspire others also leaving the Forces."

Here is proof that Jaguar Land Rover in particular are a force for the common good.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

Cereal Offender

CYCLIST CATCHES DRIVER
EATING HER BOWL OF
BREAKFAST AT THE WHEEL
LONDON EVENING STANDARD

"My poor little oven wouldn't have coped with all of that sponge"

LARA CLARKE USES AN INDUSTRIAL OVEN TO BAKE A HUGE LAND ROVER CAKE WEIGHING 600KG TO CELEBRATE PRODUCTION OF JAGUAR LAND ROVER'S TWO MILLIONTH DEFENDER.



"Because the green light means 'transport is free to go' all the other lights in conflict to this one must show red."

GERMAN TRAFFIC LIGHT STAYS RED FOR 28 YEARS IN DRESDEN

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CITROEN BERLINGO VS RENAULT KANGOO

Sometimes you need a van.
Sometimes you need a compact
family car. So try these for size.

WHY BUY?

It is hard to argue with the boxy dimensions of these vehicles which can accommodate just about any load, especially as the seats can be moved and taken out. Brand new both could seem expensive which means that they are excellent used prospects.

WHICH MODELS?

Citroen Berlingo built from 1998 to 2009. The 1.6 petrol is arguably the better value buy, but the 2.0 TD diesel is refined and economical. The Kangoo from 1999 to 2008. The 1.5 litre diesel is the frugal choice for many. Four wheel drive model not really worth the bother.

ARE THEY RELIABLE?

Going by Warranty Direct's statistics the Citroen is clearly the better buy. Electrical failures continue to be at the top of the list for modern cars.

HOW MUCH DO THEY COST?

You can pick up early versions from £300, but quite often they have lead quite a hard life. £4500 or more for later examples. Same concerns about the early Kangoos which can be even cheaper in basic trim at below £400. Top money is now £4000, so very good value.

CITROEN BERLINGO

Average
Repair Cost
£200.80

Electrical
45.00%
failure rate

Axle
Suspension
25.00%
failure rate

Cooling
& Heating
15.00%
failure rate



RENAULT KANGOO

Average
Repair Cost
£300.00

Electrical
33.78%
failure rate

Axle
Suspension
13.51%
failure rate

Cooling
& Heating
12.00%
failure rate



SUM UP:

These are both durable vehicles that do exactly the same job, with the emphasis on practicality. Base your decision on what you can find in the classified ads in the best condition at the right price.

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RANGE ROVER AT 45

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In the beginning there was just Land Rovers. They ran around farmyards and building sites working hard for a living. The question is what could the Lord of the Manor or Architect drive? So Land Rover invented the Range Rover 45 years ago and the rest is history.

Fourth Generation 2012 onwards

The first SUV in the world to feature a lightweight all-aluminium body, which brought enhanced efficiency to the range. Last year, Range Rover became the first vehicle to feature Land Rover's innovative All-Terrain Progress Control (ATPC) system – a world first technology designed to enhance off-road capability by automatically maintaining an ultra-low crawl speed over obstacles, allowing the driver to concentrate on steering the vehicle.





Remote Rover

In the very near future you can probably do this with your Range Rover from your smart phone.

Second Generation – P38a 1994 – 2001

The second-generation Range Rover or P38a – so named because it was developed in building 38A in the Solihull factory. In 1999 Land Rover created the most luxurious Range Rover yet with the Linley special edition. Inspired by furniture designer Lord Linley, only 10 examples of the £100,000 model were produced. All featured black paintwork with matching black leather upholstery, and piano black interior trim. It was one of the first luxury cars to feature satellite navigation and even included a television.

Third Generation – L322 2001-2012

The arrival of the third generation Range Rover delivered significant improvements over its predecessor in every department. Bigger and more spacious than the P38a, the interior was inspired by high-end yacht designs, fine furniture and first-class airline seating. The result was the most luxurious vehicle interior in the world. Technological highlights included the addition, in 2010, of 'virtual' instruments. It also became the first vehicle to provide a 'dual-view' infotainment display, allowing the driver to keep tabs on the sat nav instructions while the passenger watched a DVD.

First Generation – Classic 1970 – 1994

In 1972 it became the first vehicle to complete an 18,000-mile Trans-America expedition, staged by the British Army, which included the perilous crossing of the Darien Gap in South America. This was followed in 1974 by the successful completion of an epic 7,500-mile trek across the Sahara Desert in 100 days. This reputation was enhanced with victory in the 4x4 class of the 18,750-mile London-Sydney marathon in 1977 and by winning the inaugural Paris-Dakar rally in 1979.



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BENTLEY FLYING SPUR BELUGA

If the Flying Spur V8 isn't enough then the Beluga model adds 20" Black and Bright alloy wheels, a gloss black radiator and body coloured grillebar. Inside there is piano black veneer, contrasting leather binding, deep pile carpets and machined gear shift paddles. Not only that, order the Beluga with the Mulliner Driving Specification and buyers get 21-inch 6 Spoke Extrovert Alloy wheels. Essentially the Beluga achieves the impossible by making the Flying Spur look even more purposeful. Golly.



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km of CO2 from new three-cylinder engine so it won't cost much to run or tax. There's even a 220d xDrive model which is the only car in this class with four-wheel-drive and seven seats. So there are loads of reasons to buy this Bimmer with 7 seats.

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Media' infotainment system. Stop/Start and battery regeneration systems are also standard on board, while the BlueMotion adds 17-inch 'Soho' alloy wheels with super-optimised low rolling resistance tyres, sports suspension (lowered by 15 mm), unique BlueMotion front and rear bumpers and BlueMotion badging and chrome grille highlights. So not only Blue, it's Blingy.

LIVY'S TESTS

Halfords Upholstery Cleaner

This was something of an emergency product test. I have never used upholstery cleaner before.

The appearance of what I believe to be a chocolate stain and possibly a soft drink spill on the passenger seat, spurred me into action.

Firstly there was old school soap and water. Not very effective.

In the garage I found stuff that would be outdated at a 1990s car boot sale. However, Simoniz Dri-Clean and Turtle Wax Renew both squirted foamy stuff out of the nozzles. The Renew even had a swanky brush. However I really didn't fancy doing a retro stain removal test

with something that had gone off and could leave an even worse mark.

So I popped into Halfords and bought their Upholstery Cleaner although I think the design of the bottle has now changed. It produces a foamy deep clean to the affected area when wiped off. It is very easy to apply and remove, leaving no water or foam markings when dry.

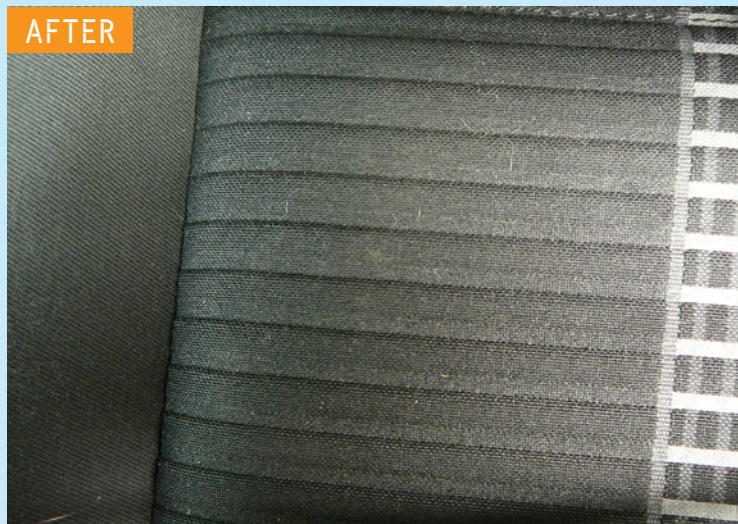
The bottle says that it is quick dry, which it may be, but I wouldn't sit on it straight away as I think a damp bottom is bound to be the result.



BEFORE



AFTER



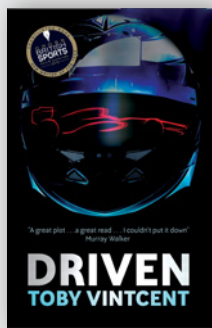
Livy's verdict This is more effective and quicker to use than some soapy water and a brush. A few applications might be required to lift deeper stains, but for my chocolate and soft drink spills it was very effective. So I would use it again without any hesitation.

INTRODUCING THE NEW BENTLEY B06

Ever fancied wearing a Bentley on your wrist? Well here's your chance and all for under £8K.

Distinguished by its ingenious "30-second chronograph" system, inspired by a Breitling patent dating from 1926 and based on a central hand sweeping around the dial in half a minute – thereby ensuring extremely accurate 1/8th second time readings. Another world-exclusive feature is the "variable tachometer" with a rotating bezel serving to calculate average speed whatever the time elapsed, the distance covered or the speed reached. The knurled motif on the bezel, a nod to the famous Bentley radiator grilles, is picked up in the openworked dial revealing glimpses of the high-performance engine. The Bentley B06 is available in steel or red gold, along with a choice of a bracelet or a leather, crocodile leather or rubber strap adorned with a central raised knurled motif matching that on the bezel.

from £7,720. breitlingforbentley.com



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Amazon.co.uk



NAUTILUS CAR £18-25K

Captain Nemo's six-wheeled Nautilus car from Sean Connery's adventure movie The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen will be sold by international auctioneers Coys at their Blenheim Palace auction on July 11th. The vehicle started life as a Land Rover fire tender, adapted via a steel frame with the addition of a Rover V8 engine.

coys.co.uk



ROAD ANGEL HALO £199

Recommended for drivers of HGVs, LGVs and taxi cabs to consider installing the Halo dashcam. It differs from some other dashcams on the market as it has a rear-facing camera (as well as a front-facing one) to capture footage from behind a vehicle. Helps to safeguard professional drivers against disputed accidents or false claims.

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Clio Trophy

TROPHY IS A WINNER

Clio RenaultSport 220 Trophy has it all, power, ability and value. So bring it on.

First deliveries of the new Clio Trophy are projected for August, but you can order one right now and you will be getting an awful lot of finely tuned performance car for not much money.

According to Renault here's a car that will deliver 220hp for less than £22,000 (£21,780) and is aimed at track-day enthusiasts and drivers who demand cutting-edge performance, handling, style and equipment for road use.



Price
£21,780
Deliveries
August

TROPHY PERFORMANCE

0-62mph
6.6 seconds



Renault have done all sorts of clever things to boost the output of the engine by 10 per cent and the performance of the Clio Trophy is pretty impressive. This all translates into a 0-62mph time of 6.6 seconds on the way to a top speed of 146mph. The fun element is the R.S. Drive system with Normal, Sport and Race settings. This permits multiple downshifts when the appropriate paddle is continuously held and also features Launch Control. In Race mode, the gearchange is a manual-only operation; so it will not kickdown or change up at the rev limiter without intervention by the driver. Great news.

TROPHY HANDLING

The Trophy has been designed for maximum enjoyment on race tracks as well as public roads, so it has firmer and lower suspension and faster steering than other Clio models. High-performance Michelin Pilot Super Sport 205/40R18 tyres certainly help, while the 18-inch 'Radical' wheels with black inserts and diamond-effect facing, look oh so good.



Top speed
146mph.



47.9
mpg

TROPHY EQUIPMENT

Standard features include the Renault R-Link system featuring a connected multimedia tablet, 7-inch touch-screen, voice control, TomTom LIVE satellite navigation, a DAB radio with 2 x 35W speakers, Bluetooth music streaming and hands-free telephone operation, 3D sound by Arkamys, vehicle and web connections, USB and AUX sockets and a rear parking camera with sensors. A hands-free keycard with automatic door locking, engine start/stop button, automatic climate control, automatic lights and wipers, cruise control, speed limiter, front and rear electric windows, electrically adjustable and heated folding door mirrors and a height-adjustable driver's seat are also standard.

TROPHY STYLE

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The 220 Trophy is available with exclusive Frost White paintwork, a new and distinctive Renault i.d. matt body colour. This colour also comes with a gloss black roof and rear spoiler for £1,300. Just in case you wondered, Glacier White, Deep Black, Flame Red and Liquid Yellow are also available. There is 'Trophy' badging on the front blade (bonnet grille in the old days), door mouldings and individually-numbered door sills. Inside there is an embossed leather steering wheel and carbon-look air-vent surrounds, door handles and gearlever base plate. The air-vent inserts are in satin chrome. Heated leather 'Trophy' sports seats with integrated headrests are available as a £1,600 option.



NEXT ISSUE

We look at what a walking, talking Teddy Bear might buy and drive. Maybe the summer heat is getting to us, but we will also be trying on some MINI clobber, revealing why Formula E is cool, getting all excited about the latest Lotus 3 Eleven and discuss Chris Evans.



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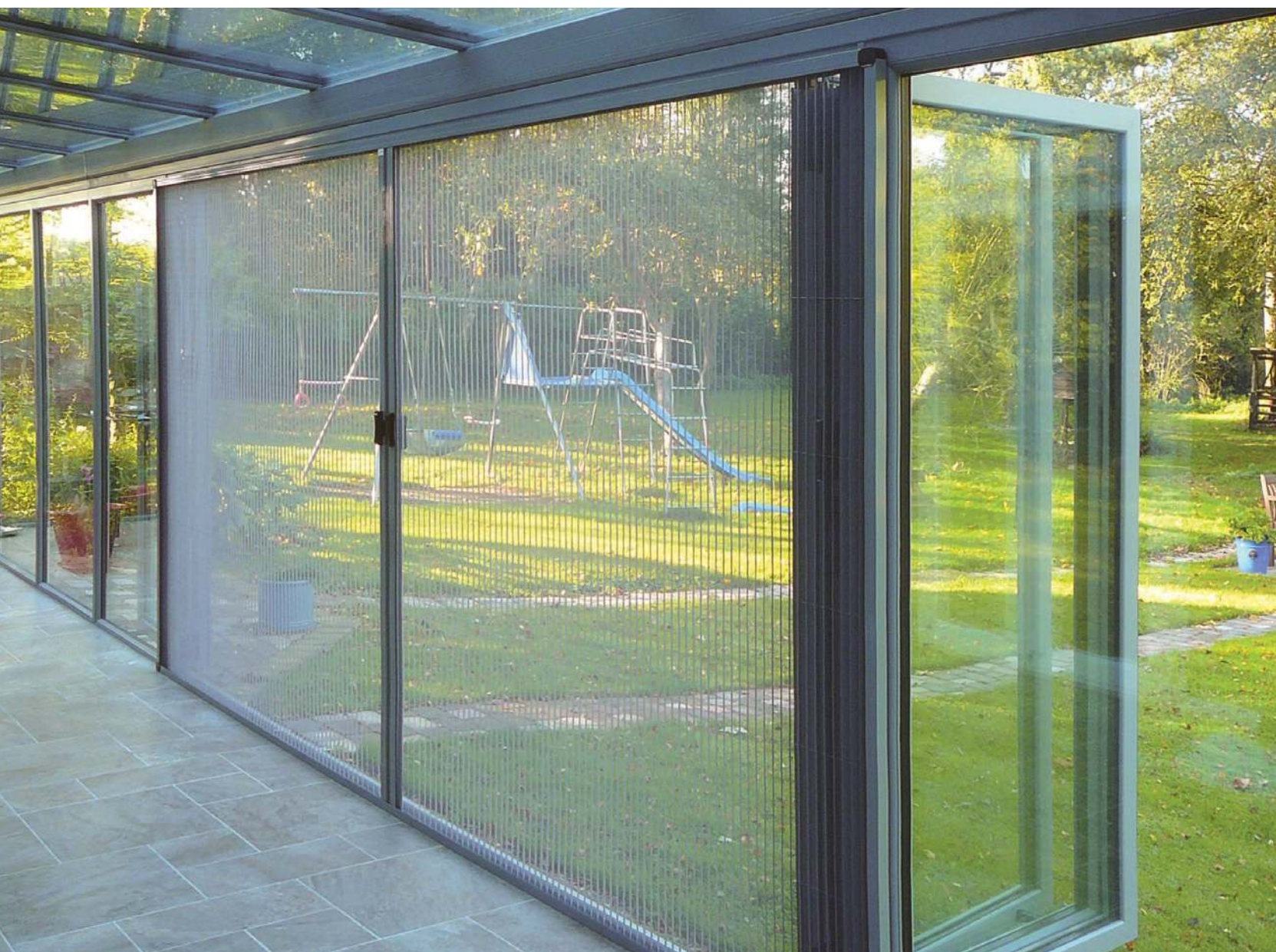
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