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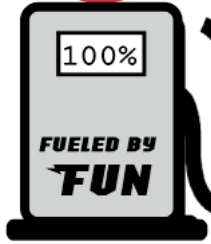
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his time...

It may seem as though we got our covers mixed up and this should have been last month's. That is perfectly possible of course and it wouldn't be the first time, but there is a very good reason why we have an old Land Rover on the cover. Strike, the BBC detective series, features one rather heavily. That means when you talk to a couple of stars, Holliday Grainger and Tom Burke, who spent so much time in the Series 2A, they had something to say about the experience.

There is an Arkonik, who seem to do something interesting to an old Defender every few minutes, which is why we are happy to feature their latest Enduro.

We love old cars and it is great to see Volvo embracing their heritage with Sir Roger Moore's P1800. It is great to see that the company boss runs one, so we celebrate that. Then we fast forward into the future with an Electric Avenue section which will probably have to be a regular spot as the motor industry switches to batteries. On the subject of regular features we would like to welcome the New Car Advice team. Each month they are answering the most fiendish new car buying questions. If you have one, then hop off to their brilliantly helpful website at newcaradvice.co.uk.

Bangers are back, we talk to the Flipping Bangers TV presenters and there's the Bangernomics article with an added Bangerpedia which is our exclusive guide to older City cars.

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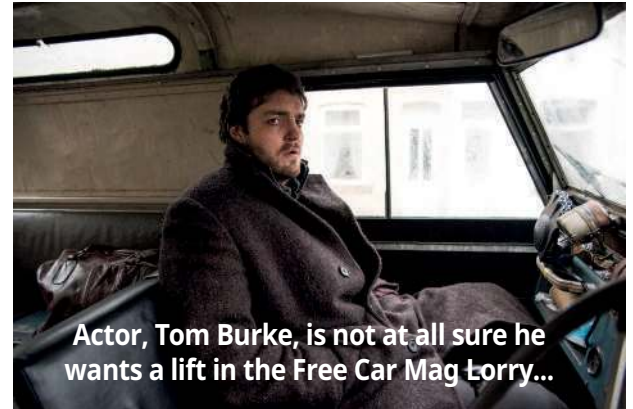
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FREE CAR MAG & GENEVA MOTOR SHOW

As all the grown ups were running around the motor show looking at the latest models from the major manufacturers, we were taking a look at the odder exhibits. For the second year running we ran into a LEGO man, this time on the DACIA stand. We always enjoy hanging around The David Brown stand and they had Speedback Silverstone Edition limited to a run of only 10 production cars. The cost is a rather epic £744,000. We rather like their Mini Remastered which is a snip at £99,000. It is a Mini for the modern era with in-car infotainment system, operated via a 7" touchscreen interface, offering Bluetooth® connectivity and much more.

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MORGAN BRING BACK PLUS 8 & MINI BY DAVID BROWN

The Plus 8 50th Anniversary is based on Morgan's production Plus 8, featuring a bonded and riveted aluminum chassis and will be the final Plus 8 to feature a BMW V8 engine. Fifty limited-edition examples of the model will be produced and individually numbered. The celebratory model is available in two race-inspired specifications: blue 'speedster spec' or a British racing green edition with a soft-top. At 1,100kg, the Plus 8 is one of the lightest V8 passenger cars in the world. It is capable of 0-62 mph in 4.5 seconds and has a top speed of 155 mph. Each Plus 8 50th will come with a Christopher Ward C1 Morgan Plus 8 Chronometer anniversary watch featuring a piece of the original 'MMC 11' Plus 8 in the back plate. The Plus 8 50th Anniversary will cost from £107,500.



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FREE CAR MAG'S FAVOURITE FUGLY MOTOR

Felix Eaton – who used to run a retail shopfitting design business has started Eadon Green a builder of bespoke motor cars. He is quoted as admitting that The Black Cuillin is a 1930s Art Deco Coupe for the 21st Century this is a large 1930s-style coupe in the vein of Delahaye, Delage and the Bugatti Type 57. It is built by Concept Group International. There is no clue as to what car is actually underneath that remarkable bodywork. In a strange way we rather like it. There's no retail price yet, so we are not at all sure whether we can actually afford it.



RANGE ROVER SV COUPE + READY TO RACE FIESTA

The Range Rover SV Coupe gets the most powerful Range Rover engine, a 5.0-litre supercharged V8 with 577 horsepower and the ability to go from 0-60 mph in 5 seconds and up to 165 mph. It is also equipped with the company's Terrain Response 2 system that has presets for surfaces such as sand, mud, rocks, and snow. It also has an adjustable air suspension that can be lowered for easy entry and exit, or raised for improved ground clearance and off-road ability. Just 999 will be made and all are already spoken for at a price rumoured to be £250,000. Then we saw the Pulsar sponsored M-Sport Ford Fiesta rally car which probably cost rather more to build and which we slightly prefer. Agree? Huge thanks to Michael Elphick for his brilliant photography and bravely slogging around all the halls.



JACK WHITEHALL + JAGUAR I-PACE

When it came to explaining the technology behind I-PACE, host comedian Jack Whitehall enlisted the help of Jaguar's newest vehicle experts, nine year olds Lola and Hudson, see the full video here <https://youtu.be/E756aELB73s> It has electrifying performance, super car looks, 298 mile range and rapid charging place Jaguar at the forefront of the EV revolution, see the brief feature on page 14. Jaguar's first all-electric production vehicle, the I-PACE, has been unveiled to the world in a live broadcast, see details below.



FULLY CHARGED - HOW THE I-PACE WORKS

British comedian and actor, Jack Whitehall, self-proclaimed EV enthusiast and TV presenter Jonny Smith and American tech guru iJustine, hosted a special live show as the first I-PACE rolled off the production line in Plant Graz, Austria, one of the world's most advanced EV production facilities, where the car will be built. 'Fully Charged' the documentary aired at the end of the broadcast, giving a behind-the-scenes insight into the creators and makers of I-PACE. Watch it <https://youtu.be/tsqUy4VEJ4c> The Jaguar I-PACE was pitted against both the Tesla Model X 75D and 100D in a 0mph-60mph-0mph head-to-head challenge. Panasonic Jaguar Racing's Mitch Evans got behind the wheel to showcase the acceleration and braking power of Jaguar's first EV against the Tesla models, driven by former IndyCar Series champion Tony Kanaan: <https://youtu.be/fErFiWjoeCQ>



Get the look

HOLLIDAY GRAINGER

After making her name through numerous movies and TV series such as Kate Beckett in the BAFTA award-winning children's series *Roger and the Rottentrolls*, *Lucrezia Borgia* in the Showtime series *The Borgias*. Now, Holliday Grainger is in her most high-profile telly role to date. The actress, whose nickname is Holly, stars as Robin Ellacott in *Strike*, the BBC adaptations of J.K. Rowling's series crime novels, alongside Tom Burke. She always looks very stylish to us and it is a short hop to getting her look. Oh and that Series IIA Land Rover that is officially blue.

Holliday

- 1 Land Rover SIIA Car & Classic £7950
- 2 Belt Zalando £29.99
- 3 Trousers River Island £40.00
- 4 Coat ASOS £66.99
- 5 Top La Redoute £27.00



HOLLIDAY TIME

Free Car Mag watched Strike for two reasons: Holliday Grainger and that Land Rover. We catch up with the star who plays Robin Ellacott in the series and chat Land Rovers.

At the end of The Silkworm, Robin finally gets the partnership with Strike - where is she in Career Of Evil? Strike pays for her to do a surveillance course, between Silkworm and Career Of Evil, so by the time we're in Career Of Evil, Robin has some more detective skills than she had in the beginning. So she's come on in leaps and bounds in her aptitude for the job. Within that, as a detective partner, she has the freedom to make her own decisions in the business. But Strike is the boss it's his company, but he's also been doing this for years and years and Robin's only just started. **What do you think makes Career Of Evil different to the other two stories, in terms of narrative?** All three books are set in London, but they focus on different aspects of London, and therefore how Robin and Strike fit in to those worlds. Career Of Evil is a lot darker and this time it's set on the London streets. We're not in the publishing houses or lofty supermodel apartments - we're in

bedsits in Catford. Through that story, a lot of Strike's and Robin's back stories come out and Strike's involvement with the Army and the various men that he's met throughout his career. The same with Robin, her past history comes out, so it feels a lot more personal and a lot darker.

Was it interesting to take the show out of London and did it change the dynamic between Robin and Strike? On our first week we went up North on a road trip, and so it broke us into the tone of a new book, by giving us that break while we were shooting. Strike and Robin, outside of that London world, do feel very different, and that's where they learn more about each other. Their relationship dynamic changes once they're out of the office.

And you get to do a bit of driving? Yes oh I love that Land Rover, I fell in love with it.

That's a great description in the book, where it says Robin was the only person whom Strike could

stand to be driven by. That's what you really love about Robin even more, she's really practical and she can drive really well. She took an advanced driving course, she's so cool. The Land Rover that she has in Career Of Evil is fantastic. Every detective series has to have a cool car. Robin brings it to Career Of Evil in the shape of a battered old '60s Land Rover. When we opened it, it literally did have straw on the floor and did smell like dogs and horses. It's really hard to drive because it's so old, but once I got the knack of it I loved it. I loved it more because Robin's supposed to be a great driver. I'm not. But this Landrover was very specific in how you drove it and the gears were quite difficult. If anyone else would get into the car to re-set it, they couldn't put it in reverse. I was like, don't worry love, I'll re-set the car! It made me feel one step closer to Robin, bonding with her car.

If you missed strike on BBC One, find it on iPlayer.



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BURKE'S STEERAGE

Mind you, there was a faction at Free Car Mag who watched Strike mainly for Tom Burke, so here's a quick chat and even more pictures of that sensational Land Rover Series IIA.

Could you introduce Career Of Evil to us and tell us where we are with it? Career Of Evil is very different to the other two stories so far, because the stakes are set at the beginning of the first episode - they land on the doorstep - and it's more a kind of whirlwind, a 'what are we going to do now?' from the get-go. In a sense, it's a more straightforward story to tell. But interestingly, with just as much room, if not more, for the growing relationship between Cormoran and Robin. They've got out of London, gone up to Barrow-in-Furness and have had to stop at a hotel, and so suddenly they're stuck in a hotel together. Charles Sturridge [Director] was brilliant at encouraging little moments to happen like these, quite ambiguous moments, really.

Career Of Evil is a much darker story than the other two. You and Holliday work even more closely together on this story. Yes, totally. And there are moments that need real tenderness and pain. It's nice to

feel that you're in a completely safe space to do that. I think the main thing you want to feel with somebody else when you're acting with them, is that you're acting with them. You're not being scrutinised or tested. I think its trust, you have to offer up trust, and I think that's why it went as smoothly as it did.

Do you have any moments when you just thought, this is exactly what Career Of Evil is all about? I really love all the stuff we did driving from London to Barrow-in-Furness in the Land Rover. I watched it the other day and it was just a lovely moment to think, oh they're there now, that's their friendship now, that's their relationship now. It took me by surprise. It really felt like I believed it. It's just a particular thing isn't it, to share a long car journey with somebody.

What makes him different from other detectives that we've seen? What makes him different as a detective and as a character, and what sets him apart from other

detectives, is that Strike has grown up witness to, and has encountered, evil. He knows what it looks like and smells like and he's ready to act on it if it needs to be confronted. He's always an individual and he doesn't pretend to know why. He tries to find out and is curious.

I feel we're very much living in a time where people are pointing a lot at groups, and going it's the left, it's the right, it's the leavers, it's the remainers, it's the UK, it's the other lot. I don't think he creates those monoliths in any way. We know that he's had this Oxford education and it's probably something to do with that and, on a deep level, something to do with who he is.

Life is tricky for most people, it is for him. I think he comes at everything with that. It's not just tricky because he lost the bottom third of his leg, it's not tricky just because his mother was murdered, or just because of what happened to him in his childhood. You could almost say he's a cynic in that sense.



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I think Cocteau described life as 'an infernal machine' - it almost pushes people to do bad things. Strike has an understanding of that and that's where his compassion comes from.

Do you think that's where his choice of work comes from?

Yes and no. In *Career Of Evil* it's very clear that he struggles with the justice system and the fact that it's not perfect and he knows he can't fix it. There's a bit of a conflict with Robin in that because she just wants to go out and save everyone and that's not the way it works. He

talks about certain cases that haunt him because they were left and they weren't wrapped up. Somebody could just not want anything to do with that. I think he knows it's what he's good at.

If you missed *strike* on BBC One, find it on iPlayer.



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PACE MAKER

New all-electric I-PACE places Jaguar at the forefront of the electric vehicle revolution.



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8-year battery warranty limited to 100,000miles and 70% state of health. Whole vehicle warranty three-years/ unlimited mileage.

Two Jaguar-designed electric motors – which feature driveshafts passing through the motors themselves for compactness – are placed at each axle, producing exceptional combined performance of 400PS and 696Nm, and all-wheel-drive, all-surface traction.

The high torque density and high-energy efficiency characteristics of the motors deliver sports car performance, launching the I-PACE from a standing start to 60mph in just 4.5s. The instantaneous performance is matched with exceptional ride comfort and engaging driving dynamics.

The bespoke EV aluminium architecture uses advanced riveting and bonding technology to deliver a light, stiff body structure. Together with the structural battery pack, it has a torsional rigidity of 36kNm/degree – the highest of any Jaguar.

The battery is placed centrally between the two axles, and as low down as possible, with a seal between the housing and the underfloor. This location enables perfect 50:50 weight distribution and a low centre of gravity: together with the advanced double wishbone front and Integral Link rear axle with (optional) air suspension and configurable Adaptive Dynamics, this delivers agile handling and outstanding ride comfort.

I-PACE introduces the Touch Pro Duo infotainment system to Jaguar. Utilising an innovative combination of touchscreens, capacitive sensors and tactile physical controls, Touch Pro Duo is intuitive to use.

A new EV navigation system assesses the topography of the route to destination and insights from previous journeys, including driving style, to calculate personalised range

and charging status with exceptional accuracy for maximum driver confidence.

The advanced system uses ‘Smart Settings’ technology – driven by AI algorithms – to identify individual driver preferences, and then tailors the I-PACE’s driving and interior settings accordingly.

I-PACE will also launch an Amazon Alexa Skill. This means owners will be able to ask an Alexa-enabled device for information held in the Jaguar InControl Remote app. For example: Is my car locked? What is the charging level? Do I have enough range to get to work?

To ensure owners always have access to the latest infotainment, telematics and battery energy control software, I-PACE will be the first Jaguar to provide software over-the-air – providing seamless updates.



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The new model in Hyundai's eco line-up is available with two different powertrain versions, offering an outstanding range of up to 300 miles. The new seven-inch supervision cluster provides relevant driving information. Additionally the head-up display projects it directly to the driver's line of sight. The All-New Kona Electric offers a wide range of active Hyundai SmartSense safety features.



A special feature of the Kona Electric is the shift-by-wire operation gear control which enables an intuitive operation of the electric powertrain. The adjustable regenerative braking system allows the driver to adjust the intensity of the regenerative braking by using the paddle shifts behind the steering wheel. The system recuperates additional energy when possible. Drivers also benefit from the large

seven-inch supervision cluster, which displays key information about the car's driving performance and, in addition, the combiner head-up display shows relevant driving information directly to the driver's line of sight. The Kona Electric offers a wide range of connectivity features, such as the infotainment system which integrates navigation, media and connectivity features, e.g. Apple CarPlay™ and Android Auto™ as

well as Wireless Charging. The new eco-model in Hyundai's line-up is equipped with the company's latest active safety and driving assistance technologies, called SmartSense: Autonomous Emergency Braking with Pedestrian Detection, Blind Spot Detection including Rear Cross Traffic Alert, Lane Departure Warning with Lane Keep Assist, Driver Attention Warning and Speed Limit Information Function.



EUROPE'S BEST SELLING ELECTRIC CAR GETS A SHOCK

Renault has revealed its new 2018 model-year ZOE, featuring the new R110 electric motor, Europe's best-selling electric vehicle. This will be the first Renault EV to feature the new 80kW powerplant which combines extra power with even greater driving enjoyment. Available from 19th March



MARGOT ROBBIE + NISSAN

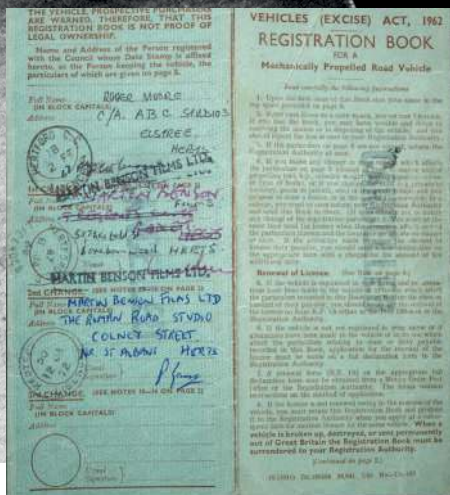
Academy Award nominee, Margot Robbie, hosts first ever Facebook livestream which was powered by the new Nissan LEAF. She announced that Nissan is to debut in season 5 of the ABB FIA Formula E championship this year – a first for a Japanese car manufacturer. Last October, Margot announced the Nissan Electric Ecosystem which aims to transform the way you drive and live, and most recently, she announced three new Nissan sustainability pilot projects at Futures 3.0 in Oslo. The pilot projects aim to harness the skills, ingenuity and experience of Nissan's global workforce to improve energy access and disaster relief. **Margot said:**

"The world is going electric and technology is getting smarter. Even the cameras today were powered using the Nissan LEAF – something I never thought a car would be able to do. It's crazy in a way but it's another simple demonstration of how we can change the way we drive and live to create a cleaner and more sustainable world for everyone"

Saint Roger's Ride

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Volvo Cars took Sir Roger Moore's 1800 S to Techno-Classica classic car show, and boy was it worth it.



Moore's car was built at the Volvo Torslanda plant in Sweden in November 1966. The 1800 S in Pearl White is equipped with Mini-Lite wheels with the rare original 'truncated' spoke design, Hella fog lamps and a Volvo wooden steering wheel. Inside, the car still has details from the filming of *The Saint*, such as a thermometer on the dashboard and a separate interior fan, used to cool the actors during studio filming.

Moore is the documented first

registered owner of this famous 1800 S. The London registration plates, NUV 648E, were issued on 20 January 1967. Moore signed the registration papers two weeks later and they have followed the car since.

Moore's car was parked alongside another Volvo 1800, an immaculate 1967 model belonging to Håkan Samuelsson, President and CEO of Volvo Cars. Samuelsson's classic is painted in the unusual Light Green colour and is arguably one of the finest 1800s in



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106 MPH

Europe. "The Saint with Roger Moore was my favourite TV show in the sixties and since then I always wanted a P1800," said Samuelsson. "It is the most legendary Volvo model of all time and a great example of Scandinavian design."

In *The Saint*, the car sported the famous 'ST 1' plates and made its debut in the episode 'A Double in Diamonds', filmed in February 1967. It was then lead character Simon Templar's transport until the series ended in 1969.

Moore later sold the car to actor Martin Benson, who played Mr Solo in the James Bond film *Goldfinger* (1964). Several owners followed, and in the early 2000s the car was carefully restored to near-original condition.

"Volvo Cars proudly purchased this car a few years ago and we are very excited to be able to show it at Techno-Classica. It is a unique car with a remarkable history," said Per-Åke Fröberg, head of Volvo Cars Heritage.

Volvo Cars will also show a one-off 1968 1800 ES prototype built by Italian coachbuilder Pietro Frua; an unrestored 1973 1800 ES in Orange that has never been driven on the road; an extremely rare 1966 1800 Volvoville convertible, of which only 30 were built; and an early 1961 P1800 barn-find.

The future will also be on show in the form of the new XC40, Volvo's historic first entry in the small premium SUV segment. The XC40 was launched in September 2017 and is proving popular among car buyers, with global XC40 orders already exceeding 20,000 units.

The Saint was the alias of Simon Templar, a character created by author Leslie Charteris in the 1920s. The Saint series of books spawned a series of films and later the popular ITC television show.

The show aired 118 episodes from October 1962 until February 1969 and enjoyed great success in the UK and the USA. The series was later syndicated in more than 80 countries. The Saint, always portrayed by Roger Moore, drove a white Volvo P1800 coupe.









ASTON MARTIN: THE WORLD'S FASTEST GROWING CAR BRAND

Aston Martin has been revealed as the world's fastest-growing automotive brand of 2018 by Brand Finance, the leading independent business valuation and strategy consultancy.

Aston Martin saw the highest percentage growth in its history in 2017, with profits growing by a quarter of a billion pounds as unit sales exceeded 5,000 for the first time since 2008. These figures were driven by demand for the first new model launched under the company's transformational Second Century Plan, the Aston Martin DB11 and also special models including the Vanquish Zagato Coupe and the limited-production DB4 GT Continuation model.

Aston Martin's President and Chief Executive Officer, Andy Palmer said: "Following on from our tremendous financial results, this endorsement of the Aston Martin brand is further proof of our successful global brand strategy. Our Second Century Plan is gaining momentum: the DB11 has achieved sell-out demand, the new Vantage has just been revealed to critical acclaim and the next model under the plan,

the replacement to the Vanquish, is on schedule to be revealed later this year.

"The pride and the trust in the Aston Martin brand starts with our employees and spreads out across the globe to our customers, our racing teams, our brand ambassadors and our loyal fans."

David Haigh, CEO of Brand Finance, commented: "Aston Martin is roaring back into the top ranks of luxury car makers. The brand is famed for offering a high-end product, and respected for the quality they deliver. Exploiting one of the strongest and broadest series of planned model launches in the sector, Aston Martin is now a darling for investors and a brand that Britain should be proud of."



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MOTORING NEWS QUOTES

"This is the right car to win. I'm glad we got votes from each of the countries that took part in the judging: it shows this car really is a success"

Volvo XC40 wins European Car of the year and the boss, Håkan Samuelsson, is pleased.

"We were obsessed with weight distribution, it must handle like a Jaguar."

Vehicle line director Ian Hoban on the new all-electric I-Pace

"Although the new car market has dipped, it remains at a good level despite the drop in demand for diesel"

SMMT boss Mike Hawes on the 2.8% fall in UK new car sales.

"If the E.U. wants to further increase their already massive tariffs and barriers on U.S. companies doing business there, we will simply apply a Tax on their Cars which freely pour into the U.S."

President Trump on cars



TOP 5 USED STRANGE ROVERS

We love old Land Rovers at Free Car Mag and we have a few proposals here to make ownership even more fun. There is plenty that you can do to muck about with the way they look. You can still buy Landies that are bargains which are bound to go up in value and then there is the oddity you may never have heard of. Here's a bizarre buyers guide.


FREELANDER

This was the vehicle used as a support vehicle for the Ford Focus Rally team back in 2001. The thing is that Freelanders are very cheap now. Not the most reliable of vehicles it is possible to get a petrol example for around a £1000. We would then make it much more interesting by adding a snorkel, crash bars and painting the alloy wheels white.


G4 CHALLENGE

There used to be an off road, trans continental challenge called the Camel Trophy. That was sponsored by a fag company, but the G4 Challenge is the spiritual successor and created beauties like this Range Rover. You can buy these cheaply and all you need to do is wrap the body in orange then stick a bike and canoe on the roof, plus some spots


BOWLER

Here's a Land Rover that you may not have heard of. These are high performance off road mad things. The small British company has an agreement with Land Rover when it comes to sponsorship, marketing and engineering. Essentially these specials can race across deserts and all sorts of inhospitable areas. They can cost a six figure fortune though.


DC100

No one knows what the new Defender is going to look like but this DC100 is a clue. Sadly it looks like the styling is going to be rather more conventional. We would be tempted to take an old Suzuki Vitara and then start sticking a bodykit on it. That would be heresy to many, but if you could find a cheap small Japanese 4 x 4, this would make it interesting.


RANGE ROVER CLASSIC

The two door Range Rover is now worth a fairly large fortune we should instead look more closely at the four door. Same problems, rampant rust and electrical unreliability, but you can pick up fairly tidy ones for £5,000+. That is our tip for 2018, hurry up and buy one of these before they become absurdly expensive. Isn't it handsome?

For more used car information and buying tips go to freecarmag.com



COLLEZIONE AUTOMOBILI LAMBORGHINI

Lamborghini presents the Collezione autumn-winter 2018-19 during Milan Men's Fashion Week. The new collection was presented at a reception in the exposition spaces of Via Tortona: during the Milanese Fashion week. www.lamborghini.com

The three lines of the Collezione – Informal Luxury, Casual and Pilota Ufficiale – is completed by the Special Editions, the new co-branded special editions dedicated to the Super SUV Urus model, in collaboration with Enzo Bonafè, Hettabretz and Tecknomonster: a unique total look for all occasions, from business to weekend travel. The focus is to present an anthology of essential wardrobe items for the Lamborghini man: a parka, the event parka, the supercar jacket, the wool-tech blazer, the wool jacket, the field jacket, the soft shell jacket, the techno sweatshirts and the leather touch screen gloves. Collezione Automobili Lamborghini has also announced a partnership with Swiss Prestige Cosmetics, sharing a common commitment to research and excellence with that of Lamborghini, and resulting in a new male cosmetics range, Men's Code. Well, it looked like a lovely party.



Ted Baker



Whether like the Brit design, with simple yet artful detail. The Brit's sleek lines are complemented by a clean-faced dial which features hand-applied indexes and tonal day/date sub-dials. The Dial is 40mm across. The features of the watch include (among others) a date function. This model has got 50 metres water resistancy - it can be submerged in water for periods, so can be used for swimming and fishing.

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Heritage is the theme in the mens collection, updated with new strap materials and a unique play on colour. Various styles featuring sub-eye dials add depth, two-tone plated cases, contrast-coloured inner rings.

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The First Three Shelby Cobras

The sports cars that changed the game

Gordon Bruce



THE FIRST THREE SHELBY COBRAS £30

By shoe-horning an American V8 powerplant into a British-designed and built chassis, the Shelby Cobra became a sports car legend on both sides of the Atlantic. This book tells the varied stories of the first three to be built. CSX2000, the only prototype, was owned by Carroll Shelby and his family until sold for \$13.75 million in 2016. CSX2001, the first production car, and CSX2002, the first Shelby Cobra to race.

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DS7 CROSSBACK

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New 5008 SUV with great value trim upgrades



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PEUGEOT 5008 GT LINE PREMIUM

Designed to enhance comfort, the 'GT Line Premium' also available on the 3008 as well has plenty of kit that makes drivers and passengers lives rather more comfortable. Indeed the GT Line Premium boasts a driver seat multi-point massage function, driver and front passenger seat heating and a breath-taking panoramic opening glass roof flanked by blue ambient lighting, whilst 19" 'Washington' two-tone diamond-cut alloy wheels add to the enhanced design. With the total equipment on the all-new trim level individually valued at £2,720, its pricing at just £2,125 and £1,850 over an equivalent 3008 SUV and 5008 SUV 'GT Line' specification respectively ensures the 'GT Line Premium'. That seems like sensational value to us.

A super quick racer for the road



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LOTUS 3-ELEVEN 430

The new Lotus 3-Eleven 430 has retaken the title as Lotus' quickest street-legal sports car - a fitting send off for the company's legendary road racer. The most extreme machine that Lotus builds, the new 3-Eleven 430 is the fastest Lotus road car. Upgraded and specifically re-optimised for the 3-Eleven, the supercharged and charge-cooled 3.5-litre V6 engine produces 430 hp and 440 Nm. 0-60 mph in an astonishing 3.1 seconds (0-100 km/h in 3.2 seconds) and a top speed of 180 mph (290 km/h). Yes it is that quick. Just 20 will be made.

New Car Advice Questions of the week

About New Car Advice

Our aim is to help remove the confusion from the new car buying process by providing expert answers to your car-buying questions. The service is completely free to use, just head to newcaradvice.co.uk, ask a question and our team of experienced motoring journalists will get back you.

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GREAT ESTATES

Q My Volkswagen Golf R Estate has excellent performance and practicality and a reasonably comfortable ride. What should I consider to replace it? I can probably stretch to £40,000, but am happy to spend less! **PM**

NCA says The Ford Focus ST estate isn't as powerful, has a smaller boot and lacks the Golf's four-wheel drive, but it's still fun to drive, reasonably comfortable and is a few thousand pounds cheaper to buy than the Golf R. Or try the BMW 340i Touring. Again the boot is smaller, but you get a bit more power and a great soundtrack from the 3.0-litre straight-six engine, and provided you add the adaptive suspension the ride is OK too.

SEVEN-SEAT BARGAIN

Q I am looking for a good value SUV with seats for two adults and four children, plus a little boot space. I'm not too worried about cost but want the best bargain possible. **JL**

NCA says The Skoda Kodiaq would meet your requirements. It's a very well designed SUV that's good to drive and packed with equipment. What's more, unlike some seven-seat SUVs, you can choose between petrol or diesel engines. Prices for the seven-seat version start at £24,925. Two other options worth considering are the Kia Sorento (from £28,995) and Hyundai Santa Fe (from £34,045). Both are diesel only and are even roomier than the Kodiaq, if not as good to drive. You also get the reassurance of longer warranties (7 years and 5 years respectively versus the 3-year warranty that comes with the Skoda).

TOP TIP

ROAD TAX: A QUICK GUIDE

The amount of Vehicle Excise Duty (commonly known as road tax) you pay for your new car in the first year of ownership is determined by its CO2 emissions, with the cheapest zero emissions



electric cars being tax exempt, while the most polluting vehicles cost up to £2,000.

After the first year the rate reduces to £140 per year for petrol or diesel cars, or £130 per year for alternative fuel vehicles. However, if the list price of the car including any optional extras is more than £40,000 you also have to pay an extra £310 per year until the car is six years old.

THREE IS A MAGIC NUMBER

Q We would like a car with three full seats in the back to fit three child seats in comfortably. It also needs a decent boot and can't be costly to run. **CW**

NCA says The Citroen C4 Picasso has three separate seats in the back, each with Isofix. Plus the boot is a decent size, so you can get a buggy, travel cot and scooters in without a problem. Unless you do a lot of miles we'd advise sticking with a petrol engine rather than diesel. Citroen's 1.2-litre unit sounds like it'll be underpowered in a big car but it's actually really impressive, particularly if you go for the 130 horsepower version rather than the 110. In terms of running costs you can expect 35-40mpg from this engine in normal driving and road tax is £140 per year.

CANINE CONUNDRUM

Q Can you suggest a big estate car or SUV for transporting a Great Dane? **NH**

NCA says When it comes to carrying dogs in cars things such as a rubber boot liner, a large boot, a dog guard to stop them jumping over into the rear seats, and a comfortable ride are all factors to consider. With a large dog such as a Great Dane look for a low loading height as well to ensure easy access as the dog gets older. With that in mind we'd lean towards what are two of the most comfortable and spacious estate cars currently on sale. First is the Mercedes E-Class Estate, which has an enormous boot and is available with a sturdy dog guard and a non-slip boot liner from the Mercedes accessories range. Alternatively the Skoda Superb Estate and can also



Skoda and Mercedes are among several manufacturers offering dog-friendly accessories

floor covering, a dog guard, a rubber protector for the bumper and even a 'Dog Safety Belt' harness for the rear seats (it comes in sizes up to extra large!).

ELECTRIC AVENUE

Q What is the best family sized electric car on the market? Should I be saving for a Tesla, or go for something cheaper like a Nissan Leaf? **MS**

NCA says If you want the

largest and most powerful electric family car with the longest range from a single charge (it can be more than 300 miles depending on which version you choose) it would be the Tesla Model X (SUV) or Model S (saloon). These are big cars with plenty of room for five people, and the option of an extra two rear seats if needed. However, as you've alluded to, this also makes them

somewhat expensive to buy. For the next size down there's the brand new Nissan Leaf (below left), which has a real-world range of about 200 miles from a full charge. Alternatively VW has recently upgraded its electric e-Golf, which has a range of up to 120 miles between charges, or there's the slightly cheaper fully electric version of the Hyundai Ioniq, which has a range similar to that of the e-Golf.

loses air. Generally speaking you shouldn't go more than 50 miles at 50mph on a deflated run-flat (or possibly less depending on the tyre manufacturer), but that should easily get you to a tyre fitter, and it definitely beats sitting on the hard shoulder waiting to be recovered. Compared with normal tyres, run flats tend to be more expensive to replace and sometimes result in a harsher ride, but they are improving with each generation.



FEELING FLAT

Q My four-year-old BMW 3-Series has run-flat tyres. What does this mean? **DP**

NCA says Put simply it means you don't need to immediately stop driving if you get a puncture. That's because run-flat tyres have much stiffer sidewalls than a normal tyre to support the weight of the car if the tyre

GET IN TOUCH

To see more questions and answers, or to ask your own question, head to newcaradvice.co.uk



HOW TO BUY ONLINE



Karen Duggan asks whether it is sensible to buy a car entirely online, and just what are the options?



A CAR FOR THE HEAD PEUGEOT 108

Peugeot have a couple of schemes which allow customers to buy online. Just Add Fuel. It is a finance package that covers the costs of a brand new Peugeot. For a fixed monthly payment on a 37 month contract with 4.9% APR Representative Karen would get over a three year period, insurance, for up to three drivers, car tax, warranty, roadside assistance and routine servicing. A perky little Peugeot 108 came in it at £152.90 with a £2500 deposit, but check the small print for extra costs..

A CAR FOR THE HEART MINI COOPER

There are issues with buying used cars online as a lot of trust, especially as Karen will be relying on the seller to be honest about the condition. There is an option of using a car finding service who will not only locate the best car, but also get the best price. We spoke to Palmdale.co.uk Their initial consultation is free, then the team will go and find the car, new or used. It starts from £595 plus VAT plus any expenses. The MINI Cooper would be delivered to Karen's house.

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Phil Taylor is looking at importing a BMW 5 Series from Japan, and wonders if there are any pitfalls?

IMPORTED BEAST



A CAR FOR THE HEAD SUBARU LEGACY

There are all sorts of charges which attach to a vehicle that is imported from Japan. Apart from the shipping charge, there are port fees, import duty 10% of the price, plus VAT in all the costs. Also a car that is under ten years old needs an IVA/MOT test fee. Plus UK registration fees and number plate. It is much less bother to buy direct from an import company which has done all the hard work. I think a Subaru Legacy 2.0 BP5 Spec-B at £6495 at a specialist in the UK would be ideal.

A CAR FOR THE HEART MERCEDES S-CLASS

I know that Phil is after an older BMW 5 Series, but there is a strong re-import market for luxury cars from Japan. Vehicles exported there are right hand drive, which is a good start, but they are also high specification and exclusively petrol powered, usually with the largest available engine. Not only that, vehicles in Japan are very well looked after and the mileages accrued are fairly modest. I found a 2000 Mercedes-Benz S320 with 34,000 miles at £6,996. The specialist importer also has a 2002 S500 model at £7995 with a year's MOT.



GREASE BACK
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GREASE THE FILM

Grease is coming back to the big screen thank goodness and will be released by Park Circus in international territories throughout 2018, starting with the UK on 19 April..

There will also be a new 40th Anniversary Edition on 4K Ultra HD, Blu-ray™, DVD and Digital available from April 23 2018 from Paramount Home Media Distribution.

The Grease 40th Anniversary Edition 4K Ultra HD and Blu-ray include a fully restored version of the film plus an all-new, in-depth exploration of the little-known origins of what would become a Broadway play and then a feature film and worldwide phenomenon.

Following the huge success of Saturday Night Fever, John Travolta cemented his position as the most versatile and magnetic screen presence of his generation in this film version of the hit 1971 stage musical Grease. Recording star Olivia Newton-John made her American film debut as Sandy, Travolta's love interest – and the chemistry between them as star-crossed lovers proved to be electric. The supporting cast includes Stockard Channing, Jeff Conaway and none other than Frankie Avalon singing his way through “Beauty School Dropout”. That sounds like the best film ever made to us.





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DERRY GIRLS

Apparently this is a new candid and family-centred comedy from writer Lisa McGee, set during The Troubles in Northern Ireland. At Free Car Mag though all we see is some fantastic '80s and '90s motoring icons like the Austin Montego Estate.



BBC 4 +
IPLAYER

MALTESE

Well here is a gem of a programme from Italy set at the height of the mafia wars back in the '70s. That meant loads of Alfa Romeos and Fiats. However, when we asked the BBC for some pictures they didn't have anything apart from the couple on a Moto Guzzi. That'll do.



Bangers + Cash+Burn

*"More people out there can afford Bangers
than they can Ferraris..."*

Will Trickett and Gus Gregory are fixing and flipping old bangers which is our sort of show • Fridays • 9pm • Blaze

Freeview 63, Freesat 162, Sky 565 and Virgin Media 216 (April 6th)

From the producer of Wheeler Dealers, Flipping Bangers sees Will and Gus, give themselves a simple but tough mission: fix a dead car and double their money in just one week! They have ditched their jobs in order to make a go of flipping and selling old motors that anyone else would walk away from. In each episode, they go hunting for a once-cherished car, drive hard deals, and try to fix and sell it before their time runs out. Their livelihoods are at stake and the jeopardy is real!

WHY FLIP BANGERS?

Gus It was a fun thing to do and I wouldn't have done it unless Will and I could keep it as genuine as possible. So we have bought the cars ourselves, the money is ours. The shooting schedule meant we could muck around with cars for four months.

Will We wanted to focus on cars we loved when we were little. It was either us buying the car or the scrapman would get them it was as serious as that.

SO THESE CARS ARE BANGERS RATHER THAN CLASSICS?

Gus We had a price limit and that dictated where we went. That meant the cars were all late '80s, early '90s. Those are the cars on the cusp of the scrapyards. We dragged a phase 1 16 valve Citroen BX out of a hedge. The day before we got there it was under 6 feet of brambles. So that car could have gone either way. Now it is up and running and owned by someone who loves it.

Will It literally started and could be driven minutes after we pulled it out of the bushes. That was a testament to some of these cars that you could claw them back from the edge of death.

ARE YOU GOING TO SHOW PEOPLE HOW TO FIX CARS?

Will I think that could be as exciting as watching paint dry. This isn't intended as an educational, I think that this can be an enthusiasm builder for people. Will Hopefully we can inspire other people to say, 'You know what, I have that knackered old car in the garage, pull it out and get that going again'.

SO YOU HAD TO MAKE MONEY?

Gus The jeopardy is in the vehicle build and the deadline we have set ourselves. All cars will throw things up that you don't expect. We look at the best case scenario, which is what you do when you go and get the car. That meant we didn't make as much money out of it as we thought we would. But there was always money to be made, as there are not big margins in this.

Will We have given up our day jobs to do this especially as we are spending our own money, so we are trying to make it profitable.

Gus We haven't worked it out precisely. At the very least we wanted to break even and then make some money. It was a great thing to do. Sometimes the cameras would get in the way of what we wanted to do. We set ourselves a five day time frame to get it in the workshop, then MOT'd and up to scratch to sell it on.

ANY BANGERS GIVE YOU TROUBLE?

Gus There are certain cars that you fall in love with that you might never dream of owning, but once you drive something like a Mercedes 190 you realise what a brilliant car it is. They have their own personality, as all cars do.

Tim With the 190 we were quite lucky and managed to pull it all off by the skin of our teeth. There has been a lot of luck, but because it was a well made car that did make it easier.

ANY ADVICE FOR FREE CAR MAG READERS WHEN BUYING BANGERS?

Gus As a rule of thumb when you buy a secondhand car you want to spend as much as possible to get the best car you can as that will save you money in the long run. We bought a brand new engine for the Golf GTI for £200 from Ebay, it could have been terrible, but we got lucky.

Will The Golf itself was literally a basket case gearbox in the footwell, engine in the boot. A lot of what should have been on the car was in the car. We did manage to find all the bits and then screw them to the car. It proved to us that it was worth taking a bit of a gamble. I think anyone else would have scrapped that car. With a bit of time and effort it was possible to get it back on the road.

Gus If you were evangelical about it you could say that this is recycling in action. In the end we had a very cheap and very nice GTI, I drove it from my house to Reigate in Surrey and thought it was the best drive I will ever have in a GTI.

ARE YOU BETTER THAN TOP GEAR OR THE GRAND TOUR?

Will & Gus More people out there can afford Bangers than they can Ferraris.





Ice Bangers

We did a film about driving in the snow and that seemed to go down quite well. The point we made was that despite having a proper 4 x 4 in the shape of a Land Rover, better known as The Lorry, we didn't need it. Just because it has snowed a bit we don't have to rush out and buy an off roader. Nothing wrong with them at all, but if you think they are the answer to your cold weather prayers, it isn't. On the Bangernomics fleet is a Volkswagen Polo 1.4. When the weather was at the very nastiest this little hatch made regular journeys on snow packed, sheet ice and most significantly unsalted roads. Our Polo made it in part because it was driven very sensibly indeed. Not too fast, low gears, steady acceleration, lights on, screen clear. The other part of the equation is the little car. It is light and

front wheel drive, which means that the weight is over the driven wheels and the tyres are narrow too. Indeed, there is a much older motor on the Bangernomics fleet which is even lighter and has a heavier cast iron engine up front. Our Mini Cooper is old school Bangernomics and is now some sort of classic, yet it lapped up the conditions. Driven with care, it too reached selected destinations without any drama. Great big 4 x 4s have their place and who knows, we might well go and buy a relatively cheap one to prove some other point. However, thinking that you need an SUV thing for extreme weather is clearly nonsense. Best of all you can buy small hatches for hundreds of pounds. Renault Clio's are small, cheap and safe. A Daihatsu Cuore is even smaller. There are alternative Ice Bangers. **Watch our Bangertorials on You Tube**

The one cheap used car you are not supposed to buy is an Alfa Romeo. Part of that is prejudice and most of it is based on cold, hard facts. Talk to owners, they will tell you that they are more fragile than other models from mostly far eastern, manufacturers. What can make a huge difference is looking after it properly. So the key to buying used is to try and find one which has some sort of service history. This 2001 156 Sportwagon 1.8 Twinspark Lusso with just 94,000 miles is £500. It has a full service history, the majority being main agent and the owners said it always starts first time. With 3 previous keepers and it comes with a ton of receipts for work carried out. It seems worth a look and you will find it on gumtree.com



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Citroën C1 05 >

C1 always cost buttons to buy and run, with fashionably funky styling which means that first time drivers don't mind it. Can't get much in the back or the titchy boot. The 1.0 Vibe is all you need the 1.4 diesel is pointless. Is reliable enough, seems to get through tyres pretty quick. Electrical issues. Also found with Toyota + Peugeot badges.



Citroën Saxo 96-03

Those after the full zero spec, one wheel trim missing francophile experience (pedals set to the left) will find it in a sexy Saxo. Huge fun to drive, 1.1 First has less than nothing. VTR for when you stray out of town. Often modified very badly, clutches go bang and neglect blows head gaskets. Better built from 2000.



Chevrolet Matiz 05-09

Like It says on the right, but with added dullness to the styling and a badge used found on something exciting, like a Corvette. Some say it is better built and there is a four cylinder 1.0 litre engine available which means it can cope if it strays out of town. Likely to be less knackered than the Daewoo one.



Daewoo Matiz 98-05

Interesting styling (Giugiaro who did the Golf) and does not resemble a micro delivery van, much. Actually quite nippy and easy to live with. The three cylinder engine makes a quite a rorty noise. Seems to have niggly engine issues once it is a few decades old. SE+ model does not add much to the mix.



Honda Logo 00-01

Before Jazz, there was this, very briefly. The great news is the logo on the Logo is Honda. That means utter reliability, if you can find one. Out of date when it arrived, it nonetheless was a practical little thing which did everything an undemanding asked. Basic L even had air con back then, let's hope it still works.



Ford Ka 96-08

It might look like we forgot about the original Ka and have just remembered to shoehorn it in. Well this is a legendary little thing which drives like a demon but isn't fast enough because of the ancient iron engine to cause any real damage. Rust is the big killer and the fading plastic bumper just look sad. Love it.



Daihatsu Cuore 97-03

Not great to look at or drive, but it will last pretty much forever, if not longer. Another three cylinder thrasher that is truly at home in the City, and a bit all at sea elsewhere. Rust is the biggest killer now and finding parts is an ever bigger issue which starts to make insurance and just keeping it running more of a challenge.



Fiat Seicento 98-04

Fiat are good at tiny cars and although this seems quite ancient it does what a city car should do and soak up pot holes, provided the suspension is OK. Won't notice the lack of power steering. It is a Fiat so expect random failures. High spec SX likely to have a lot less working (windows, boot release).



Fiat 500 07 >

Here is the best small Fiat in several generations. That may be because it isn't actually built in Italy anymore. 500 related to the vehicle on the right, but it is much cuter. Reliability is generally excellent, only problem has been that it costs a lot more to buy because it is pretty and popular.



Ford Ka 08 >

That's right, this is a Fiat 500, but in very generic Japanese hatch style. This makes it better value. It isn't meant to be pretty the Ka is ready to work. Great to drive and very cheap to run. Don't bother with a diesel, the 1.2 petrol is fine. Starts as basic Studio and anything else is a bonus with Edge, Zetec and Titanium.



Hyundai Amica 06-09

There was an equally ugly 00-03 example which we couldn't be bothered to include. Dirt cheap motoring when new, even dirtier used. Couldn't be easier to drive in town, small enough to fit in a dog kennel. Had 1.1 litre engine, GSi electric windows and the CDX super posh leather and air just like a grown up car.



Hyundai i10 08-13

Like an Amica but a zillion times better. All the usual Hyundai ingredients of a super value equipment package. Still had the 1.1 engine in the 00s, but body higher and wider than average tot, so comfier to be in. From the Classic upwards you've got air and a CD, there is a Comfort with more stuff and a Style with heated seats.



Nissan Pixo 09-13

There's a Suzuki Alto version of this, which does not make it right. Built in India to be cheap and nasty really. OK, so it is cheap to run and will be reliable, but it does feel cynically thrown together. 1.0 engine and huge mpg returns well into the 60s. Buy if there is no alternative and you get change from a fiver.



Perodua Kelisa 02-08

It's only claim to any real fame was as the poster car for the cheapest motor on sale in the UK. That's not really a recommendation. Doesn't have ABS, but that's OK as not one knows how to use it. As a brain dead runabout with buzzy 3-cylinder engine and zero parts availability, it is perfect.

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We are looking forward to telling you all about Babs Cabs and hopefully the pictures are so small you can't see too much detail of the League of Gentleman's Auntie Val. Meanwhile we will do some watches and Ford Mustangs and other things related to those remarkable Pony cars.



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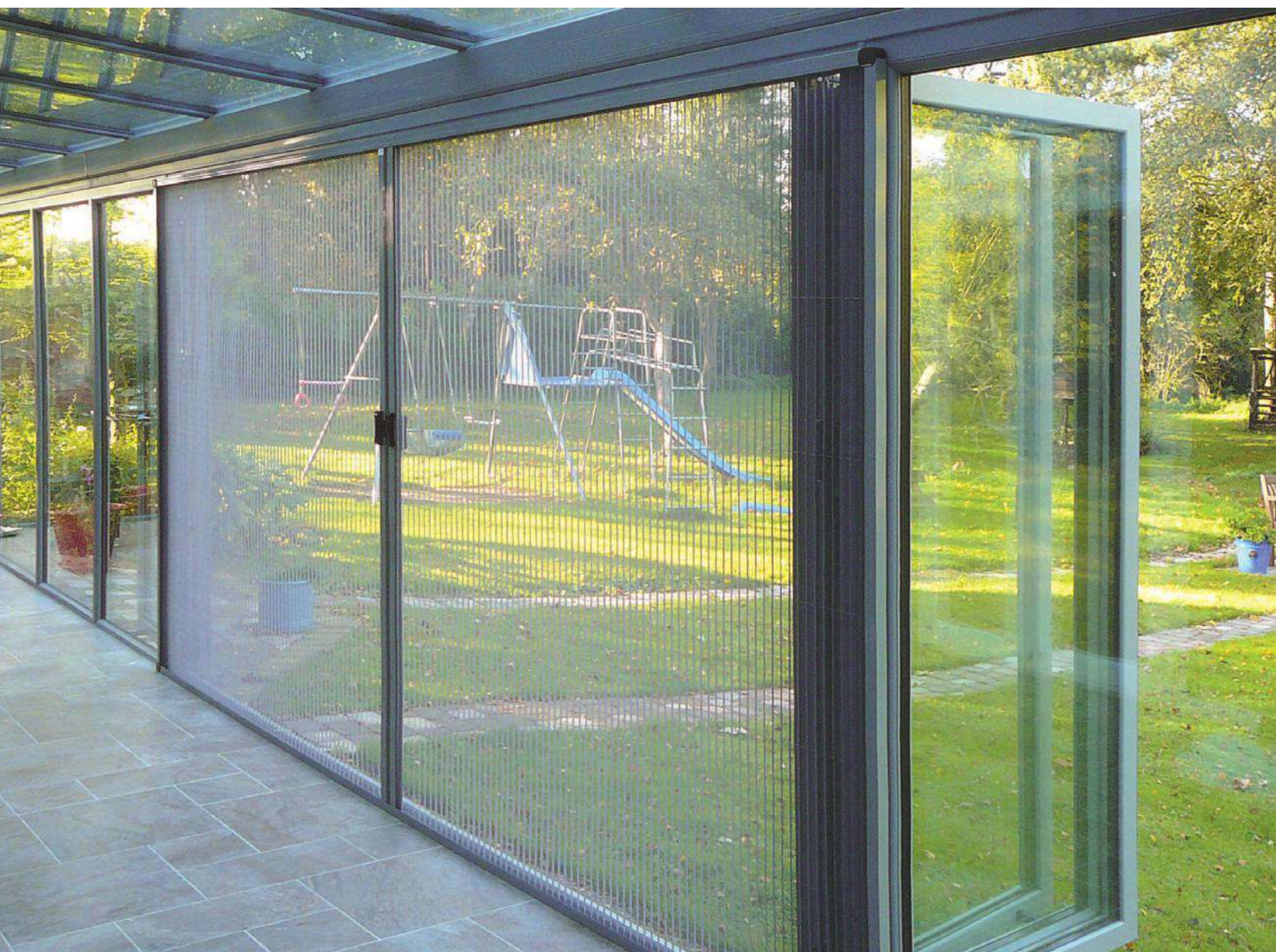
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