

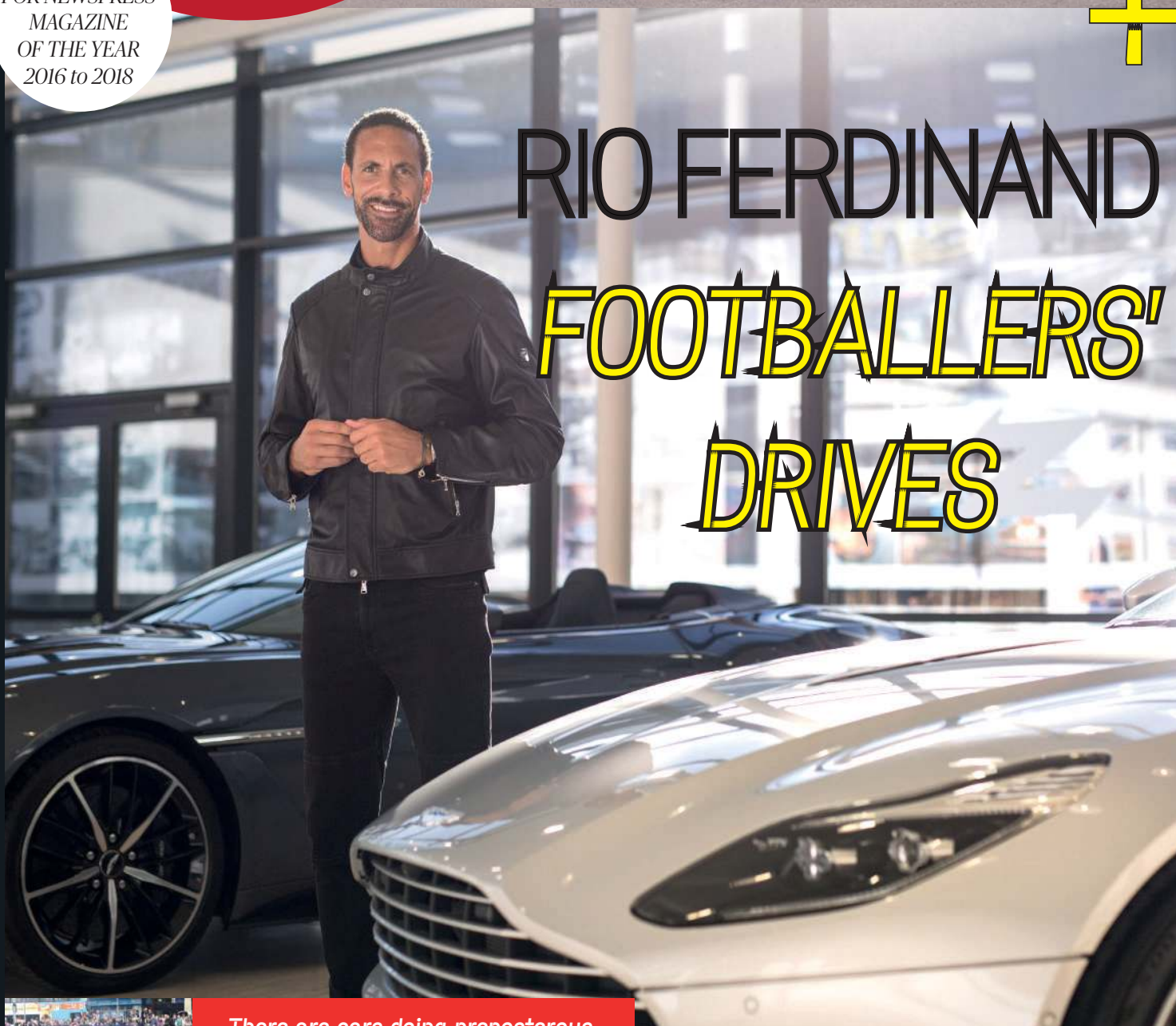
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At this time...

There does seem to be rather a lot of sport about. Hope you are not tired of all the ball games, but for us it is the perfect excuse to go on about the cars that sportsmen drive.

We make no excuse for the large number of Aston Martins circulating this issue or the Kia Stinger. The Stinger is a truly brave and rather magnificent large saloon which you wouldn't have expected from the South Koreans.

There was lots of fun to be had when it came to finding out which cars footballers have been driving over the years. Eric Cantona and the Renault Laguna is a personal favourite. However, it seemed like an opportune moment to mention the World Cup Cortinas book. It is the true story of how in the old days footballers were just glad to be loaned a Cortina. This is also a detective story, so go and buy the book to find out the whole incredible story.

Footballers love Land Rovers and the Arkonik we feature this month is perfect for the more hardcore fan. It is of course Land Rover's 70th Birthday and they have let us delve into their picture archive and kindly allowed us to reproduce them over the coming issues.

Finally, you must buy 'The Perfect Car' by legendary designer John Barnard and attend the Silverstone Classic, oh and watch even more football and tennis.

● Cover photos Aston Martin • Kia + Silverstone Classic



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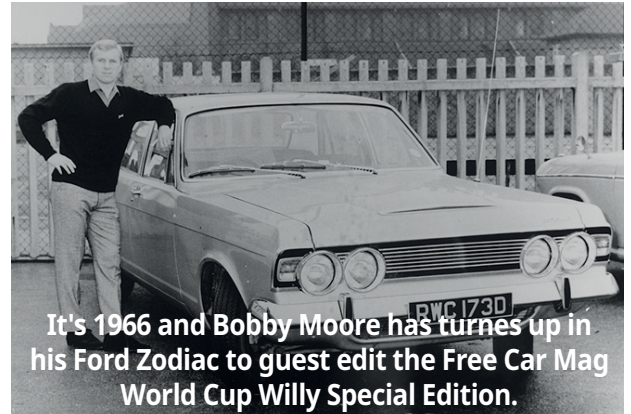
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It's 1966 and Bobby Moore has turned up in his Ford Zodiac to guest edit the Free Car Mag World Cup Willy Special Edition.

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ANDY MURRAY GOES ELECTRIC WITH JAGUAR I-PACE

Two-time Wimbledon Champion, Andy Murray, has fulfilled the promise he made during WWF's World Earth Hour to 'go electric' and become one of the first Jaguar I-PACE customers on World Environment Day. Andy Murray said: "It's important we all take small steps to live a more sustainable life and think about the actions we can make to look after our planet. This is one of the reasons I'm making the switch to driving Jaguar's new all-electric I-PACE. It's clean and safe, but also has the world class design and sports performance that suits my lifestyle."



Spotted
out and
about

NELSON PIQUET JR & ANDY MURRAY

Panasonic Jaguar Racing driver and fellow WWF ambassador, Nelson Piquet Jr, visited the British tennis star at his training camp and made this special delivery the Panasonic Jaguar Racing driver, said: "I think it's brilliant that Andy has made this commitment to go electric and has been vocal in encouraging more people to take action and make little changes to live more sustainably. The Jaguar I-PACE is proof that you don't have to sacrifice power or performance when you switch to electric."



The
Legendary
Sir Chris
Hoy



SIR CHRIS HOY AT SILVERSTONE

Olympic track cycling superstar Sir Chris Hoy, MBE will be looking to add to his record list of achievements when slipping behind the wheel of a 200mph sports racer at this summer's spectacular Silverstone Classic (20-22 July). "I'm embarrassed to say that I've never been to the Classic until now but, I'm very excited as everyone keeps telling me I'll love every minute of it," enthused a delighted Hoy when joining a long list of famous faces attending the pace-setting event's recent Preview Day at Silverstone. "The accessibility of the pits, the cars and the drivers seems to be on a different level to most forms of racing, so fans can really get up close and enjoy the atmosphere."





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the ATP World Tour.

JAMIE MURRAY AND PEUGEOT ON COURT AGAIN

The partnership, which originally started in 2015, will continue to support Murray in his competition efforts all over the world until 2020. Over the last two years, Jamie Murray, has played a part in a range of PEUGEOT initiatives such as handing over the keys to a fleet of high-specification PEUGEOT 208 hatchbacks to the Lawn Tennis Association. Jamie Murray added: "It's fantastic that PEUGEOT has extended our partnership for another two years. It is great to be associated with a brand that has been so closely aligned with the tennis world for over 40 years. PEUGEOT's unparalleled support has helped me to thrive in my career and I look forward to taking on the next chapter with its backing."



SPOTTE
OUT AN
ABOUT

ANTON DU BEKE + HELEN SKELTON VS PEUGEOT

Strictly Come Dancing star, Anton Du Beke, and former Blue Peter presenter, Helen Skelton, are set to be put through their paces as they prepare for the PEUGEOT Tennis Challenge in December. Anton, who has past experience working with Judy Murray when they were partnered together in the 2014 series of Strictly, is already looking forward to the final showdown. He said: "I love this PEUGEOT Tennis Challenge. I'm like a pig in chardonnay, to pinch a Stephen Fry expression. I've been having the best time ever and can't wait to grace the Royal Albert Hall." <http://www.peugeot.co.uk/tennis/>



Get the look

RAFAEL NADAL + ALL-NEW KIA STINGER

Kia Motors challenged Spanish tennis superstar Rafael Nadal – currently ranked number one in the world tennis rankings – to match his peak match-day heart rate during a spirited drive of the Stinger. While at the wheel, Nadal's heart rate soared to 175 bpm – almost three times a second, and only 11 bpm short of his on-court peak. Commenting on his drive, Rafael Nadal compared his emotions at the wheel with those he experiences during a tennis match: "The Stinger is a totally different car compared to previous Kia vehicles. You feel the emotion of driving such a powerful car. You feel the power and, when you accelerate, you perceive the energy the car has. It's a spectacular vehicle."

Rafael

- 1 Kia Stinger £30,545
- 2 White Jeans ASOS £25.00
- 3 Trainers Foot Asylum £79.99
- 4 Watch (the real thing is a Richard Milne Tourbillon Rafael Nadal £712,000) Wryst Isle of Man TT £735.00
- 5 T-Shirt Pro-Direct Debenhams £32.00



With six Premier League titles, one Champions League and a FIFA Club World Cup title to his name, Ferdinand, a lifelong customer and fan of Aston Martin, will also take on the role of Aston Martin Brand Ambassador.



INSPIRATIONAL

Aston Martin has teamed up with footballing legend Rio Ferdinand and the Rio Ferdinand Foundation in a bid to inspire the next generation of talent. The Rio Ferdinand Foundation (RFF) works to provide a pathway for youth development by inspiring young people and providing the tools they need to tap into their natural talents and reach their potential. For the next three years, the RFF will select one person per year to join the Aston Martin Apprenticeship Programme.

Rio Ferdinand commented: "Since setting up the RFF in 2012, it has been a huge source of pleasure for me to see these young people make positive choices and create a good life for themselves and their families. I have always been a fan of Aston Martin so it's an honour for me to become a Brand Ambassador but it is even more of an honour to be able to use this association to help the RFF inspire the next generation."

Earlier this month, 30 new Apprentices started work at the Aston

Martin Headquarters in Gaydon, hoping to follow in the footsteps of their alumni, many of whom have gone onto fantastic careers within Aston Martin and the wider automotive industry. Apprentices are given a full grounding across a range of Aston Martin's business areas including Manufacturing, CAD Engineering and Design, learning all the time from expert engineers and technicians.

TAG Heuer Formula 1 Aston Martin, inspired by the world of Aston Martin Racing. Entirely in steel and measuring 43 mm in diameter, this quartz chronograph features a notched steel bezel and an aluminium ring with a tachymeter scale. The indexes, second hand and Aston Martin's famous winged logo.

The movement is accurate to a tenth of a second – and is displayed on the small counter at 6 o'clock, with the minute counter at 9 o'clock and the current seconds counter at 3 o'clock. This model comes with a magnificent black leather strap exclusive to Aston Martin with its "lime-essence" stitching.



TAG HEUER + ASTON

www.tagheuer.com TAG Heuer Formula 1 Aston Martin £1350



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Following hot on the heels of the DB11 AMR, Aston Martin has revealed the limited edition Rapide AMR. This production version is limited to just 210 cars. Perfect for the footballer with a family who wants to get things done, or someone like you who wants exclusivity.

At the heart of the Rapide AMR is a naturally aspirated drivetrain that draws much of its technology and character from the potent Aston Martin Vantage GT12. Larger inlet manifolds with tuned length dual inlet runners enhance the airflow into the 6.0-litre V12 engine and, combined with new engine and gearbox calibration, this results in an increase in power. The legendary V12 now puts out 603PS and 630NM of torque, while a new quad exhaust ensures a raucous sound befitting of the AMR badge.

The Rapide AMR powers from 0-60mph in just 4.2 seconds (0-100km/h in 4.4 seconds), on 21-inch wheels – a first for any Aston Martin – paired with ultra-high performance Michelin Super Sport tyres. The large, forged wheels have a multi spoke design that is not only very stiff but also aids brake cooling. To further aid thermal management of the brakes, the Rapide AMR utilises an evolution of the cooling system on the Vanquish S, with modified brake ducts and dust shields.

As standard, the Rapide AMR comes fitted with carbon ceramic brakes. Measuring 400mm at the front with six piston calipers and 360mm at the rear with four piston calipers.

Alongside the new tyres, brakes and aerodynamics, the Rapide's suspension has also received considerable attention. The new Rapide AMR rides 10mm lower than a Rapide S and although the three stage adaptive dampers remain, they have been thoroughly reengineered to create a car that is more focused, agile and dynamic. Much of this development work has been completed at the newly opened AMR Performance Centre at the Nürburgring. The Rapide AMR will be available in three different design schemes. The Standard and Silhouette schemes offer four colours – Mariana Blue, Scintilla Silver, Lightning Silver and Onyx Black – with the Standard scheme adding AMR Lime accents to the splitter, sills and rear diffuser.

The interior of each Rapide AMR reflects the design scheme chosen for the exterior, with either AMR Lime or Galena Silver welting and stitching. There is a full-length carbon fibre centre console and the seats are trimmed in Alcantara – both firsts for a Rapide. Also available for the first time as an option is a One-77 style steering wheel. Each car will come with a limited-edition AMR inspection plaque as well as AMR branding on the carbon sill plaques.



Alpine Pass

Footballers who love cars rather than bluster and bling will adore these special editions from the reborn Alpine brand in the sensational shape of the A110 Pure and Légende

PURE:
£46,905

LÉGENDE:
£50,805



The A110 Pure focuses on the driver/machine connection and has a minimalist approach. Light weight, it has 13.1kg Sabert monocoque seats and 17-inch light-alloy wheels, resulting in the A110 Pure weighing as little as 1,098kg. In the passenger compartment, the leather-trimmed seats and matt carbon fibre casing emphasise the car's sporty character. The A110 Pure has a driving mode selector with three options: Normal, Sport and Race. It is also equipped with air-conditioning, a satellite navigation system, Alpine smartphone replication mySPIN and front and rear LED lighting. Optional features include high-performance Brembo brakes, active sport exhaust system and 18-inch alloy wheels with two different designs. Finally, it is possible to select luxury 6-way adjustable seats – two different Focal audio systems and front and rear park assist with parking camera.

The A110 Légende is the more sophisticated and refined edition of the A110. Its distinguishing features include six-way adjustable seats in black or brown leather and a Focal audio system. The high-gloss carbon fibre passenger compartment and the 18-inch alloy wheels emphasise the sophisticated personality of the Légende edition. Park assist with rear parking camera makes the A110 Légende easy to drive on a daily basis. Specific bi-colour 'Légende' wheel rims pay tribute to the original motif of the A110 Berlinette 1600S. Two other 18-inch wheel rims are available to choose from as an optional extra. It has three driving modes, air-conditioning, a satellite navigation system, the Alpine smartphone replication mySPIN and front and rear LED lighting. Upgrades include a Focal Premium audio system, an active sport exhaust system and heated seats. *own Classic Infotainment System is also*



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Footballers will stand next to anything for money won't they? Here is David Beckham with a Bentley and a Breitling watch. He now wears a Tudor one.



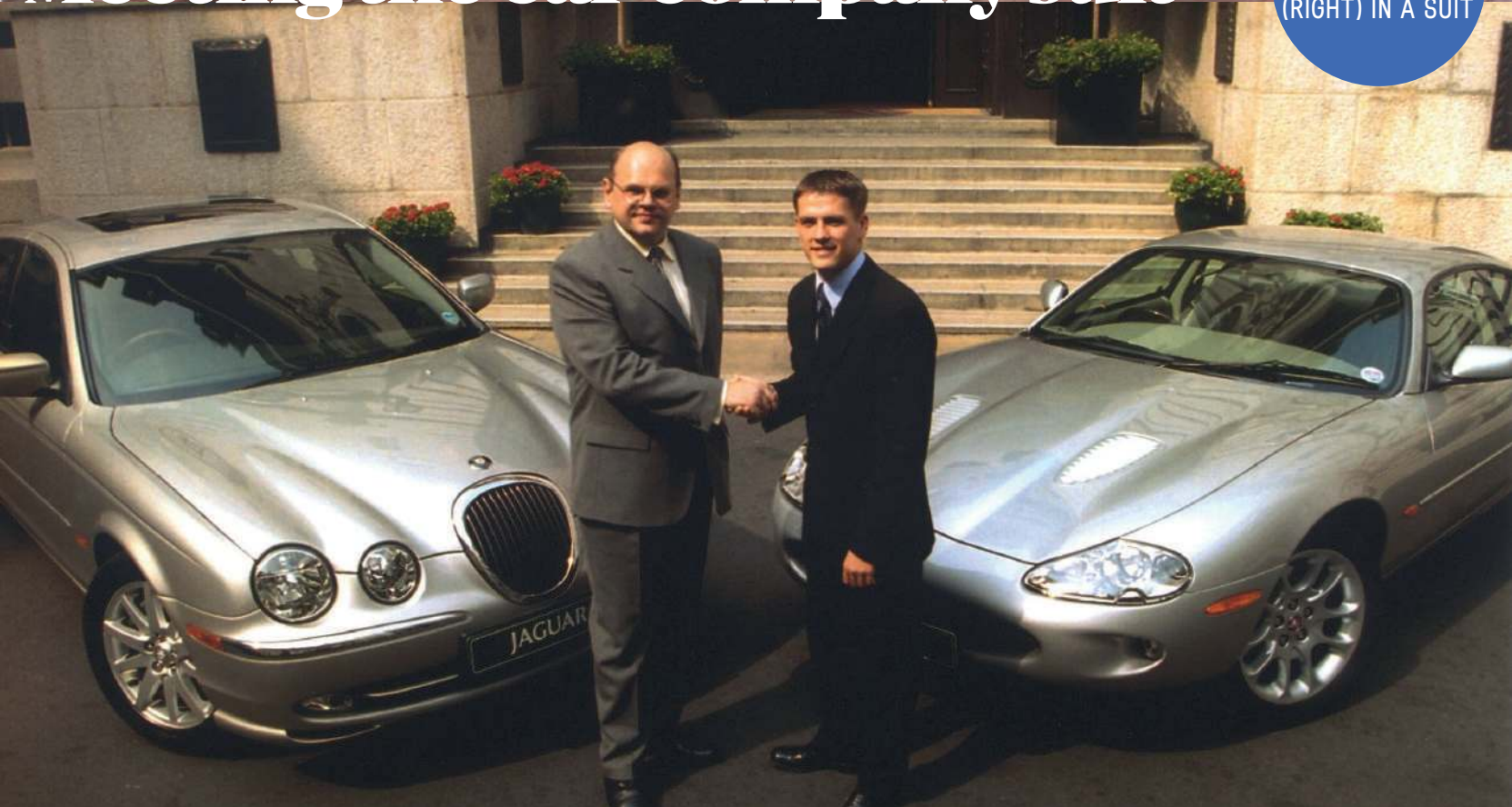
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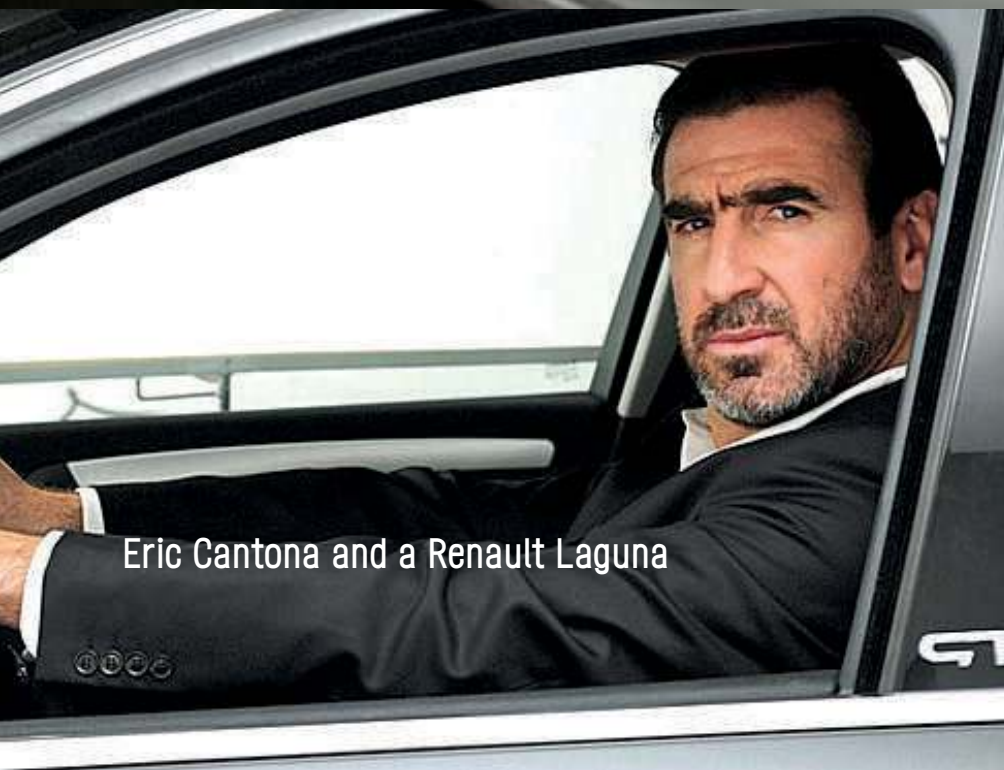


RYAN GIGGS
(RIGHT)
MICHAEL OWEN
(RIGHT) IN A SUIT

Meeting the car company suit



Frank Lampard in his company Vauxhall Insignia



Eric Cantona and a Renault Laguna





Thierry Henry and Dita Von Teese
 for no apparent reason...



Wayne Rooney in the early Everton days and his Ford Ka and then as a Red Devil in a Chevrolet Corvette



Footballers Wife, Carly Cole.



Meanwhile, Back Home at Wembley

In 1970 something incredible happened. Not only had England qualified for the World Cup in Mexico as defending champions, Ford loaned every squad member the greatest saloon car in the world. From Gordon Banks in goal to Geoff Hurst up front and Les Cocker on the backroom staff, got a Ford Cortina 1600E. The big question is though...



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WORLD CUP *Cortinas*



James Ruppert



Wacky Racer Inspires Kids

Say hello to Toyota's Childrens Driving Experience

While Toyota is treating the drivers of tomorrow to a hands-on experience that lets them take the wheel of a colourful car at the International Tokyo Toy Show. The Camatte Journey gives youngsters the chance to take a simulated trip past some of the world's greatest travel destinations, the central feature in Toyota's presentation at the international exhibition next week (7 to 10 June).

It's the latest in a series of Camatte models and activities Toyota has showcased at the fair since 2012 to help children learn about the basics of driving and how cars work in a way that builds interest and excitement for the next generation of motorists.

The Camatte Journey mixes both real and virtual experiences. Children will be able sit inside an adapted version of the Camatte Petta miniature car, decorated with colourful stickers from worldwide travel destinations and even featuring a vintage trunk mounted on the boot. They will learn about the position of the

brake and accelerator pedals using a tablet before moving off in the car down a short course, with changing landscapes projected onto a 220-degree screen to create the effect of going on a real journey. The Camatte Petta is an open-top, three-seater car, measuring a little over three metres long and powered by an electric motor.

This year's Toyota stand will also feature the Camatte57s Sport, a model first seen in 2013, with rides available for those young visitors who aren't able to take a ride on the simulated Camatte Journey.

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Britain Under the Bonnet report from Close Brothers Motor Finance about switching to electric cars

"Garages could use MOT changes to hold motorists to ransom"

motoreasy says wording of new MOT regulations suggests cars failing under 'dangerous' category cannot be driven away until fixed

"Impossible-to-cheat emissions tests show almost all new diesels still dirty"

New research shows diesel vehicles cause 88% of the £6bn annual damage to people's health from car and van exhaust in the UK says Guardian

"Just 8% of new cars sold in the UK come with a full-sized spare wheel"

According to What Car?



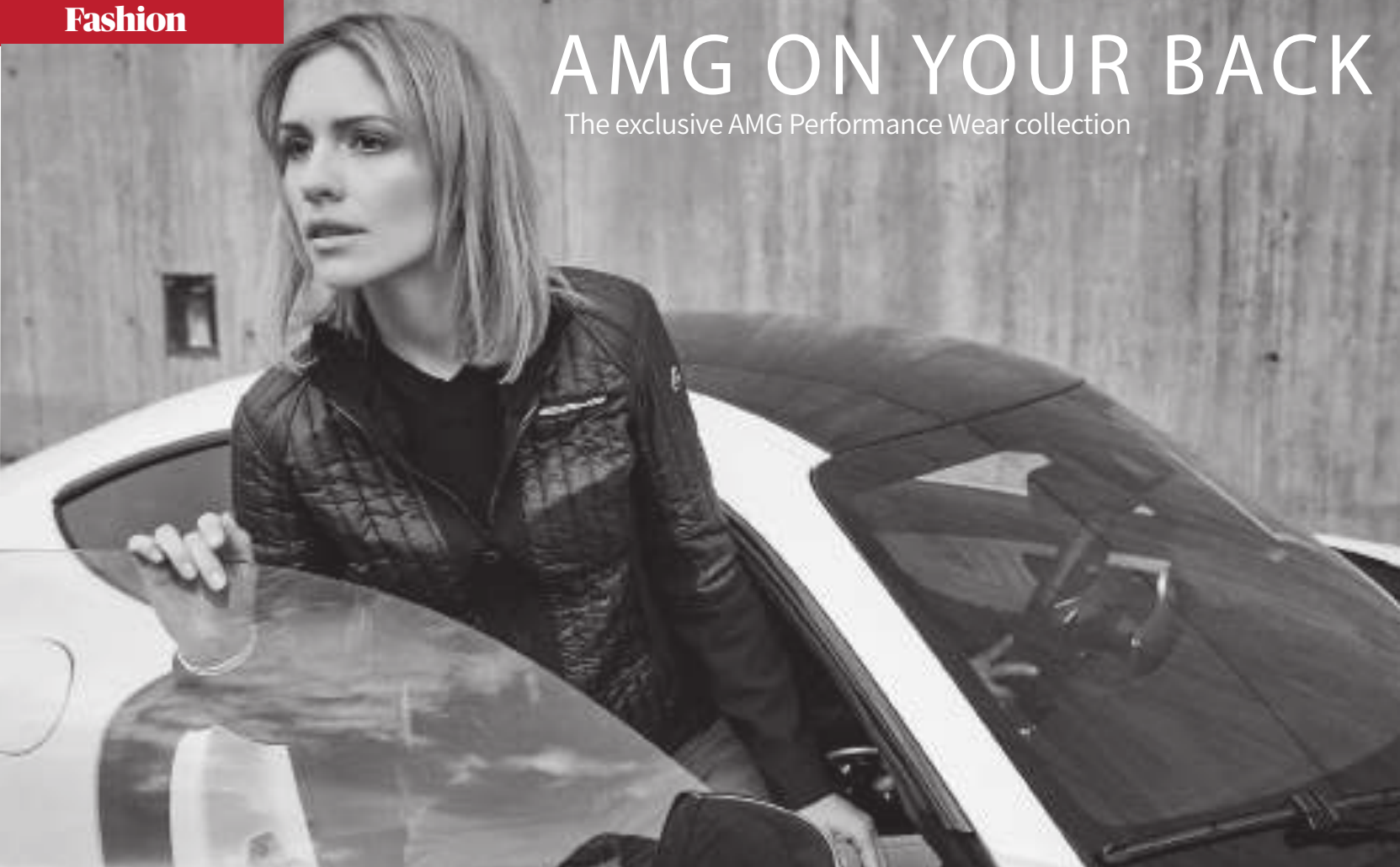
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LAND ROVER CELEBRATES 70 YEARS: This Land Rover began life as 109" Long Wheel Base Pick Up, but was converted for work as an ice cream van. This vehicle is in service in Whitby and uses it's off road capability to serve ice cream on the beach. It was once washed out to sea and a full tide covered the vehicle,after it was salvaged it was recommissioned in 1972. It has been used by Land Rover for the 65th anniversary and also appeared in a company film shot in London. Stop it and buy one...

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CLUB SERIES BLUE EDITION

From its Electric Blue bodywork and contrasting black styling details, including front grille, rear spoiler and diffuser, door mirror housings and front fog light surrounds to the cabin's sporting black leather and Alcantara, this is a very special sports car. The optional Performance Pack delivers a more focused drive with the introduction of a Sachs-tuned suspension upgrade, with Sachs Performance dampers, and larger Brembo brakes that give both increased stopping power and improved pedal feel. To accommodate the striking, large red Brembo calipers, new-design 17-inch black alloy wheels are fitted. Choose either manual or automatic transmission, both with six speeds. Top speed is 140mph (130mph auto) with nought to 62mph acceleration in 7.7 seconds (8.4 auto). We'll take the six speed please.

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DOGGY DAYCARE



Sharon James has £5000 to spend on a spacious family car that can be used in her dog walking business and family duties.



A CAR FOR THE HEAD VAUXHALL INSIGNIA

Although many would go for a people carrier as the obvious answer to the multitasker, especially as the seats can all be taken out. However, they can be quite bulky and dreary to drive. By contrast estate cars are very underrated and excellent value for money and just as practical. Sharon would get a great vehicle in the shape of a Vauxhall Insignia 2.0SE Ecoflex which is perfect for her family and it has a large separate boot area - perfect for dogs. A 2011 with 80,000 miles, price reduced to £4795.



A CAR FOR THE HEART VOLVO V50

Another major downside of going for a people carrier is that the boot area is compromised with the rear seats being used by Rachel's family. With a dog guard installed then the boot area is then designated for loads of luggage or some dogs. When it comes to estates, the Volvo name is one you can trust. They are stylish and come with long flat load bays. The V50 is on the compact side for a Volvo. A 2010 V50 1.6 D with over 100,000 miles and qualifies for £30 road tax at £5295.

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Dave Davies has been looking for an old BMW 5 Series, but his wife likes a Saab 9-3 Convertible. What should he do?



A CAR FOR THE HEAD BMW 5 SERIES

The BMW 5 Series, especially the older E39 series is available with lots of engine and gearbox options. There is no lack of fun with the automatic box, because in Steptronic mode it is superbly smooth. What ties all these key elements together is the brilliant rear wheel drive chassis. The handling is never less than surefooted and wonderfully entertaining when necessary. We found a beautiful privately owned grey example that seems perfect for Dave. It was a 2002 520i for £995.

A CAR FOR THE HEART SAAB 9-3 CONVERTIBLE

It was easy to understand why so many people fell for the convertible, being pretty, well screwed together and supremely comfortable. The one reason why they didn't buy 9-3 was for its driver appeal. Much better to pose about in the slow 130bhp 2.0 and leave the driving machine tag to other makers like BMW. Airflow models from January 2000 had new alloys, a body kit and bigger rear bumper. We found a 2002 2.0 convertible from another private seller and also in grey. It had a full service history and had covered 104,000 miles.



THE OTHER RUSSIAN CARS



As well as Ladas there were Volgas, Chaikas and Moskviches to name just a few, but by far the most interesting makes began with Z. In their own way these Russian, or more accurately Soviet Union inspired and built cars were every bit as dreadful as the Lada, but much larger. Derivative, expensive, overweight and stupid the ZILs contained Politburo officials and stalked the pre-Glasnost Soviet Union like dinosaurs. ZIL stood for Zavod Imeni Stalini the production plant was named after Uncle Joe Stalin. ZILs were hand built and never sold to the general public, intended for high ranking government officials only. The West could only guesstimate their production cost and Life Magazine back in the 1940s reckoned on \$75,000



Ladanomics

Car buying comparison website **Motorway.co.uk** thought it would be fun take a look at one of Russia's greatest exports; not vodka, not caviar, not dolls, but the car once the butt of jokes about its reliability – the Lada.

The last time England failed to qualify for the World Cup in 1994, there were 134,297 Russian-built Ladas, registered to drive on UK roads. Today, the number has dwindled by 99.9% to 179. Between 1994 and 2005 – just over 10 years – the number of licensed Ladas fell from more than 134,000 to less than 3,000, a monumental fall from grace.

The Lada, was first built in the Soviet Union in 1970 by the Russian car giant AvtoVAZ. It spawned a thousand playground jokes but ended up selling more than 20 million worldwide. The VAZ-2101 was modelled on the 1966 Fiat 124 saloon and despite its boxy look and drab colours, it proved extremely popular. Almost two-thirds of Ladas went on to be sold outside Russia, with more than 300,000 selling in Britain between 1977 and 1997.

So, where did they all go? Although still a popular sight in Russia, the Lada is now largely extinct on British roads. Sales hit the skids in the UK when tighter carbon emissions standards meant many Ladas

didn't match up to more rigorous green requirements.

But claims 'the Lada is empty' may be a little premature since this piece of motoring history has now taken on classic car status. And for the first time since the height of its popularity in the 1990s, the number of licensed Ladas on UK roads has actually started to rise, albeit from a very low base.

At the beginning of 2017, the number of licensed Ladas on UK roads stood at 165. That had increased to 179 by the start of 2018. And with 679 Ladas registered as 'off the road', there appears to be a lot of Lada owners storing their rare models away under lock and key, hoping to see values boom, as has happened with many other classic motors from the 1970s, 80s and 90s.

Alex Buttle, director of car buying comparison website Motorway.co.uk comments: "The Lada is not quite empty, but with fewer than 200 now eligible to drive on UK roads it has become seriously rare. And with the eyes of the world on Russia for the next few months, has the Lada's time come? Nostalgia for Ladas is growing and scarcity will drive up prices. Savvy classic car buyers should consider getting one while they still can."

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Polski-Fiat 125P, a Lada with a Polish accent

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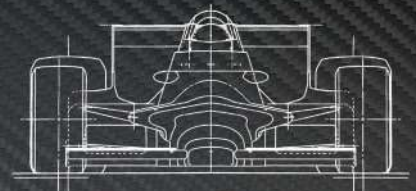
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became World Champion. Here are his career highlights:

- American interlude: F1 design with Parnelli, for the VPJ4 driven by Mario Andretti, then Indycar success with the sleek Chaparral 2K that brought Johnny Rutherford victory in the 1980 Indianapolis 500 and that year's championship title.
- Teaming up with Ron Dennis to achieve glory at McLaren, with 31 Grand Prix wins and three World Championship titles, for Niki Lauda (1984) and Alain Prost (1985–86), while introducing aerospace technology to F1. It was here that he developed his fearsome reputation as the sport's 'Prince of Darkness'.
- Enzo Ferrari decided he needed Barnard, who achieved the unthinkable when he refused to

relocate to Maranello and instead set up his own Ferrari facility near Guildford — with the added benefit that he could go home for lunch.

- After four years with Ferrari (1986–90), Barnard moved to Benetton (1990–91), where his general upgrade of design philosophy and build facilities helped give Michael Schumacher his first F1 win.
- Ferrari, having slumped without him, enticed Barnard back for another four-year stay (1992–96) that laid the foundations for the all-conquering Schumacher years.
- Subsequent F1 work with Arrows and Prost, plus a foray into MotoGP motorcycle racing — and indulging his passion for furniture design.

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We are not entirely sure whether Ellie Christie, in a Jaguar, on ice, will make it, as we should be sweltering by then and that could be just the cool breeze we need. As ever, we'll be featuring some groovy watches, high fashion and quite possibly some cutting edge cars. See you then.



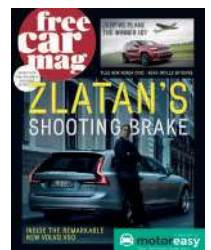
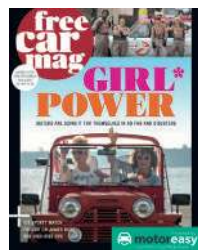
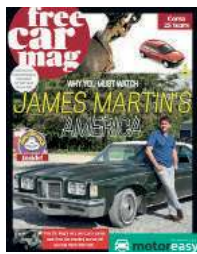
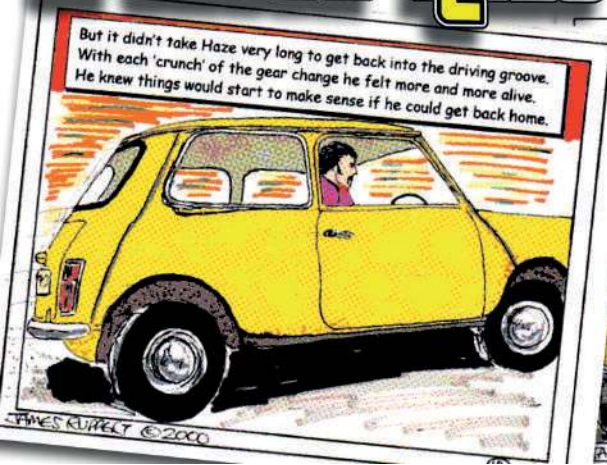
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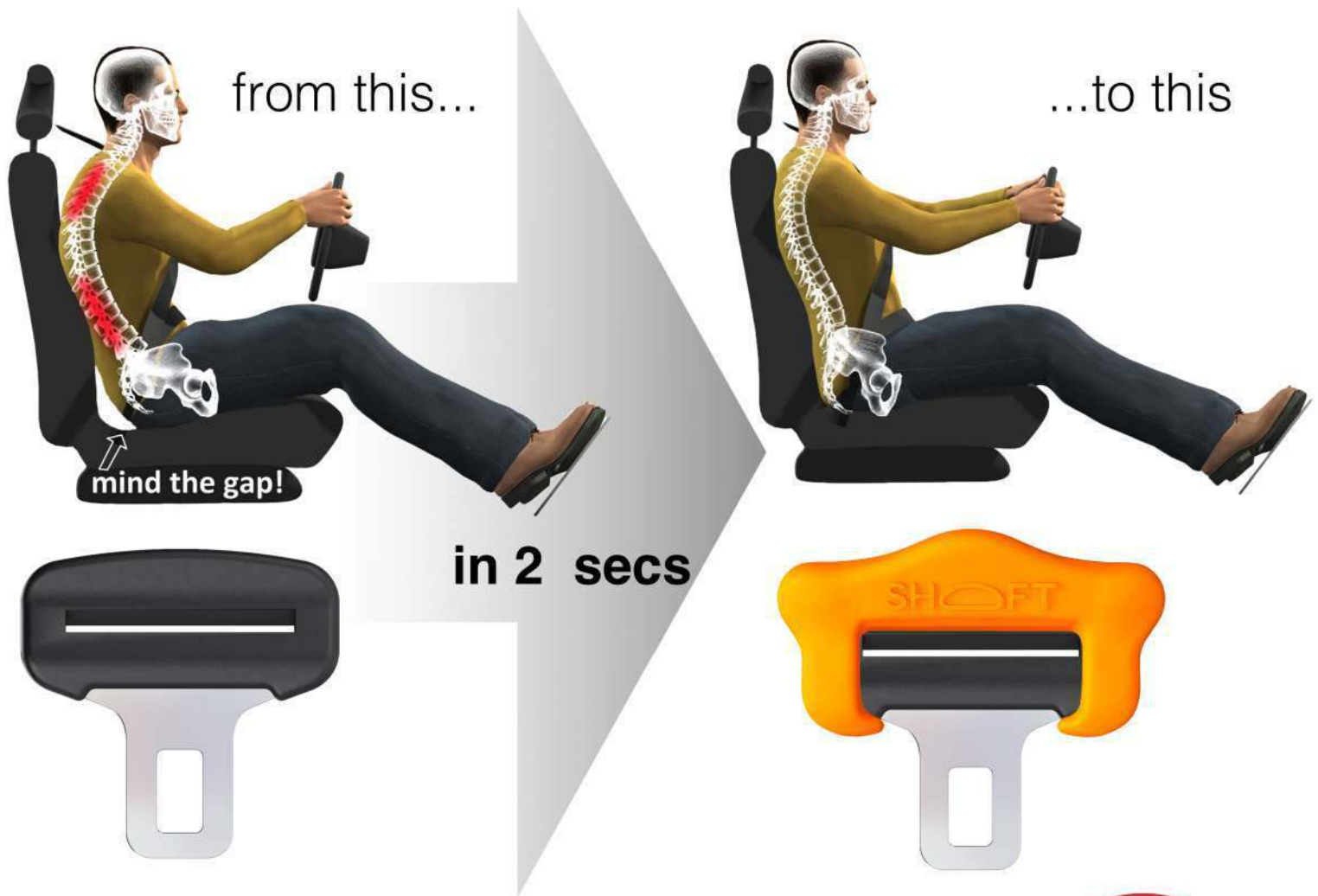
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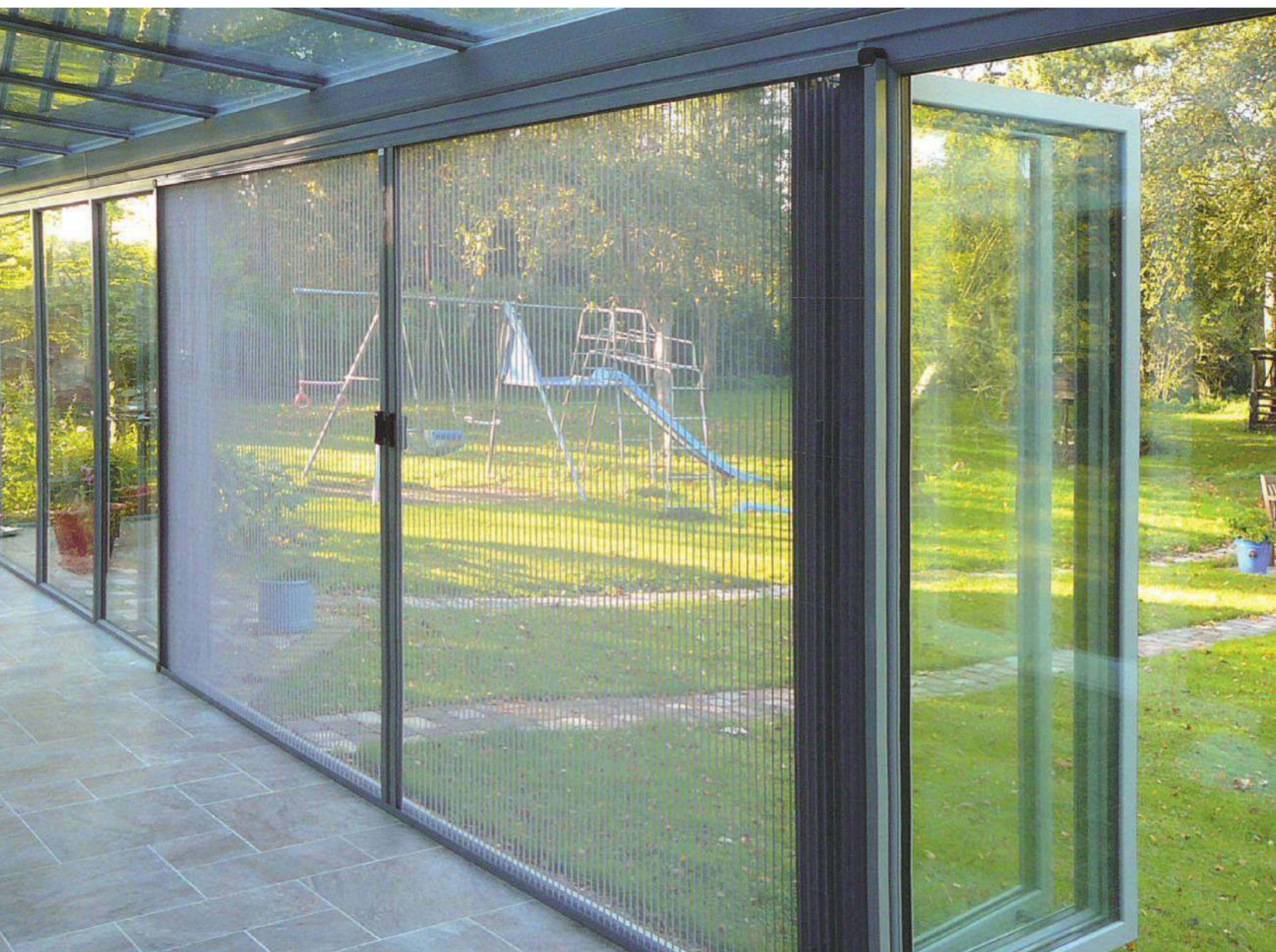


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