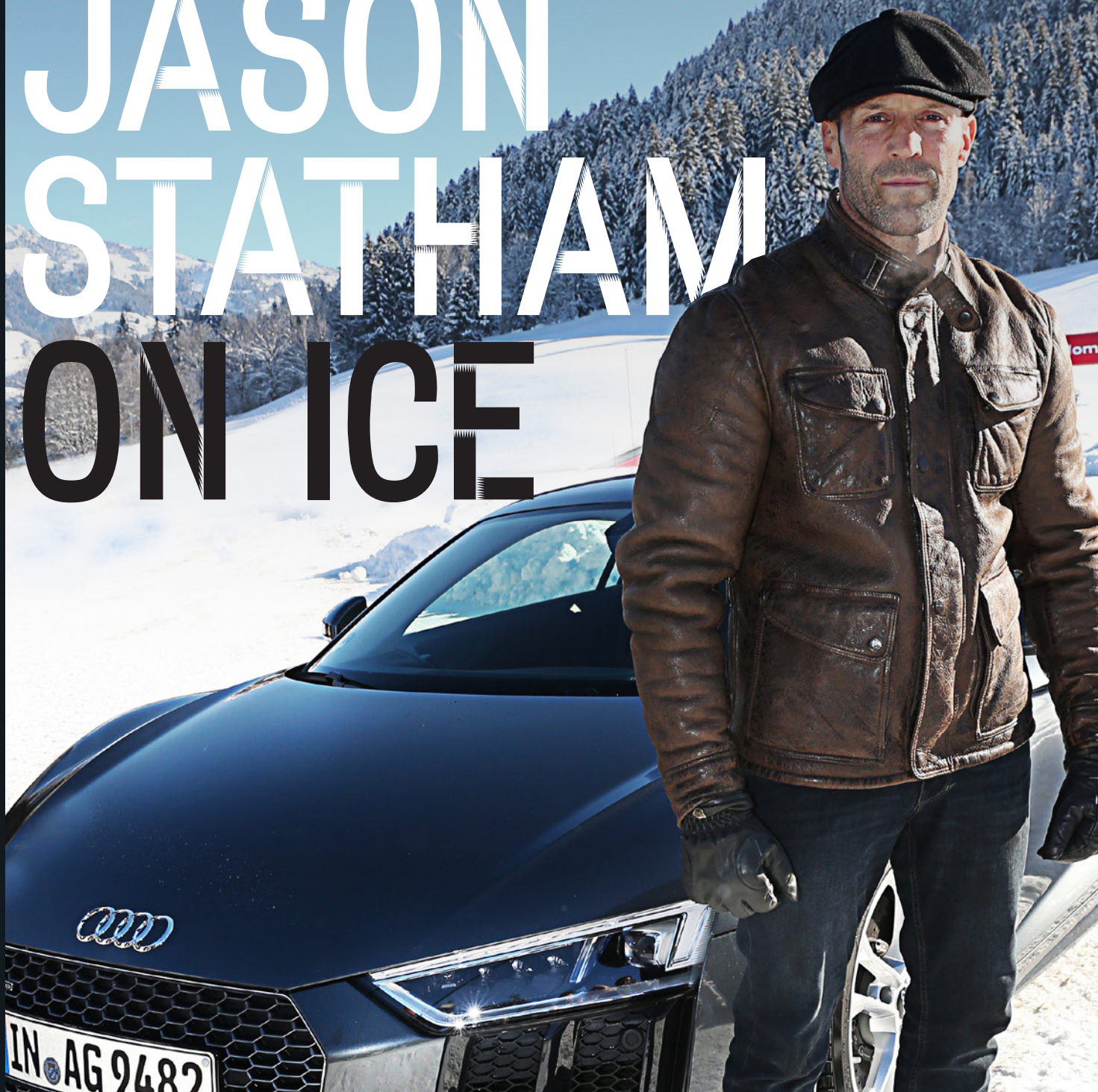


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JASON STATHAM ON ICE





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This week

We've been waiting for the opportunity to get Jason Statham on the cover and hopefully this won't be the last. Ideally we would love to see an explosion in the background, but the snow will have to do. Whether it is The Transporter, Crank or The Expendables, Free Car Mag spends lots of time watching action films and right now he's the undisputed King.

Mourinho was the undisputed King of football management until he took a break and we watch the 'special one' on ice with the new Jaguar F-Pace. Different..

We also keep the celebrity quotient up with Gwyneth Paltrow and Vera the TV detective. It's an excuse to show a Land Rover Defender and part of our farewell to one of the greatest British vehicles ever. Yes, we have two British icons (Statham and Defender) in one issue. Enjoy.



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Oscar winner
Gwyneth Paltrow.



Gregory Porter,
American jazz vocalist,
songwriter and actor.



Patrick Knapp Schwarzenegger nephew
of **Arnold**, with **Jason Statham.**



Luke Evans, Welsh
actor and singer.



Jason Statham

The hard driving Transporter hero arrives at the AUDI Hahnenkamm race weekend in Kitzbühel Austria, last month to enjoy the ski competition and some snow driving. See the other celebs on the facing page. Meanwhile, let's get the Hollywood superstar's look. (Photo by Gisela Schober/Getty Images)

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JEEP RENEGADE NIGHT EAGLE

Limited to just 350 examples, 160 will be available in the unique Volcano Sand matt paint finish, the two other colours are Carbon Black and Alpine White. Inside, the Renegade Night Eagle is enhanced with exclusive seats in dark brown fabric with electric lumbar support for the driver, leather wrapped steering wheel, dual zone climate control, DAB UConnect radio with 5-inch touchscreen, Bluetooth and satnav, and cruise control.

NOT A F E L T S T R E P P E N G E R



OUR FAVOURITE ACTION HERO, JASON STATHAM, GETS THE FULL AUDI QUATTRO TREATMENT AND TELLS US WHY HE LOVES THEM...

First of all there were the ski races on the Hahnenkamm in Kitzbühel which are the highlight of the alpine winter sports season. The most challenging event in the Audi FIS Ski World Cup, the downhill race on the "Streif", is a special attraction each year for the top sports stars and celebrities from all over the world.

Have you been before?

"No, it's my first time here so it's exciting."

What about the downhill racers?

"There are very few people in the world who can stand up in the fashion they do. You can't think about the consequences, it is pure adrenalin pumping through the body, pure focus."

Do you collect cars?

"Guys like cars, it just one of those things. You fantasise about owning something that goes fast. When you work your way up, you get the next one, the faster one. It becomes an obsession."

Are you OK when you are not driving?

"I'm a good passenger, I try to show a bit of faith in who is driving, so I don't grip the dashboard and pull my nails out."

Why Audi?

"I think it is all about the build, quality and the amazing race team. They embody what a driver would be looking for, the rigidity of the build, the excellence of the engine, the performance and the handling. The whole brand stands out in the way that it should. The proof is in the pudding. Get behind the wheel, take it for a spin. I particularly like the sports versions, they are second to none."



ICE QUEEN

GWYNETH PALTROW LOVES KITZBÜHEL AND AUDIS



For American actor Gwyneth Paltrow, a visit to the "Audi Night" is her first appearance in Kitzbühel.

What do you think of the resort?

"Yes it's so beautiful and such a majestic part of the world and to be so close to the mountains. I actually spent Christmas in Kitzbühel with my family, maybe when I was ten years old. It has been a while since I have been here. I've taken lots of photos. You want to remember a trip like this. But we can't ski today, they closed the lifts apparently. I'm OK, but I'm not a particular good skier."

What do you look for in a car?

"Obviously you always want to have a very safe car to begin with. I live in Los Angeles and the kids are in the car a lot, so safety is a very important thing."

Why Audi?

"I think they are great cars, I've had an Audi for a very long time, it is great in all conditions and very comfortable."



Snow Record

SUPERSONIC SNOWBOARD

Not quite the speed of sound, but Mitsubishi set a Guinness World Record...



Britain's fastest snowboarder, Jamie Barrow, and the Mitsubishi ASX travelled to the frozen lake of St. Moritz, Switzerland with the purpose to break the Guinness World Record for the fastest speed on a snowboard towed by a vehicle.

Mitsubishi supported Jamie with his 'Adventure Advanced' journey, providing him with the perfect vehicle – a 2.2-litre ASX 4. The smart compact crossover, with four-wheel-drive capability, Mitsubishi Active Stability Traction Control and a top five-star Euro NCAP rating for safety was an integral part of the stunt.

Being on a frozen lake, safety and preparation were a major factor when planning the project. The track was fenced off and piste bashers groomed the snow

especially for the Guinness World Record attempt.

Strict criteria had to be met for the Guinness World Record officials, including completing a run in both directions with recording equipment to be set at 100m apart by an official. With 200m needed either side so that the Mitsubishi ASX could accelerate and slow down safely on the snow, a total run of approximately 500m was prepared.

The out run was recorded at 100.840 Kph, but because the criteria for the Guinness World Record states that two runs, one in both directions, has to be recorded, the return run back was recorded at 98.901 Kph. With both runs averaged, it gives the Guinness World record speed of 99.871 kph.

PITCH PERFECT

THE 'SPECIAL ONE' HAS MASTERED THE ART OF HIGH SPEED DRIFTING AND FULL THROTTLE ICE DRIVING. DOES THAT MAKE HIM THE 'FROZEN ONE?'

On a 60km frozen lake at Jaguar Land Rover's extreme testing facility in Arjeplog, Sweden José Mourinho was testing a high performance Jaguar F-PACE S as part of an extreme driver training experience just 40 miles from the Arctic Circle. In 2017, the Jaguar Ice Drive Experience will be available to customers from all over the world.

José Mourinho said: "The experience was magnificent. For people in my world, I think a few days in a place like this is magnificent."

In temperatures as low as -30°, Mourinho's driving skills were tested to their extreme limit in the Jaguar F-PACE by Finnish professional driver, Tommi Kärkinen.

Mourinho said: "I am always learning. Even in football, which is an area that obviously I feel that I'm an expert, I'm never perfect and I always learn."

"The flying lap with Tommi sent my adrenaline soaring. It's something I've only ever experienced before when I have walked out in front of 80,000 football fans."

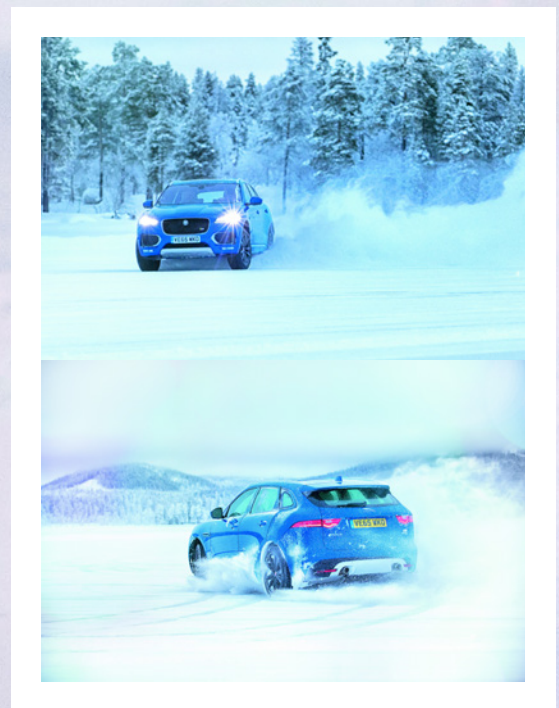
Mourinho is experiencing widespread interest about his future, but in the isolation of Jaguar's extreme testing facility in Sweden, the three-time Premier League-winning manager was philosophical about his next move.

Mourinho said: "I have worked for as long as I can remember as a manager and this is now the second time I have stopped in 16 years. So it's not a drama, but for sure I will be back soon."

Mourinho, who owns a Jaguar F-TYPE Coupé and has already placed an order for the new Jaguar F-PACE, insists he will be staying in England for the foreseeable future.

"This is a moment when my family needed some stability and my wife and I made the decision to stay in London. It's an amazing place to live, an amazing place for them (my children) to study. I don't know where football will take me because in football you never know, but for sure as a family our home will still be in London," added Mourinho.





Car thieves target modern classics

...so don't drive to Kent in a Cortina



The International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI) is urging classic vehicle owners to invest in security equipment as the crime trend of 2015 shows no sign of abating, particularly in South East England.

Dr Ken German, communications director at IAATI UK (and a former British Police Rally Champion), said: "A recent Home Office report highlighted the threat and already in 2016 we've seen modern classic vehicle thefts across the UK. Criminal gangs are targeting 1980s classic cars, but also motorbikes, vans and campervans. The South East, and Kent in particular, is the hotspot, probably due to the speed at which vehicles can be moved out of the country to Europe and beyond.

"Models such as Cortinas and Escorts were changing hands for a few hundred quid a decade

ago, but as their numbers have dwindled they have become increasingly desirable. I've heard theories that they might be being stolen for banger racing or parts, but I suspect it's all about the resale value. Enthusiasts and collectors will pay thousands, sometimes tens of thousands of pounds for a nice example.

"When you add in the fact that most don't have the security systems that come as standard on modern cars, you can see the attraction for criminals. Classic vehicle owners need to react, first by dismissing the idea that "it won't happen to me" and second by taking practical steps to protect their asset. Alarms, engine immobilisers, tracking devices and the new DNA invisible markings can all be wise investments. Bear in mind you should always opt for insurance industry and Thatcham listed products."

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"They started swearing and then one of the other ladies came towards her and one punched another one."

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Engine
14.29%
failure rate

Axle/
Suspension
57.14%
failure rate

Electrical
28.57%
failure rate



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Rating:
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SKODA FABIA

Average
Repair Cost
£188.51

Engine
14.29%
failure rate

Axle/
Suspension
31.75%
failure rate

Electrical
30.16%
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WHY BUY?

The Jazz is a surprisingly spacious car that is easy to drive and live with a reputation for not breaking down. No wonder older drivers love them. Then if they don't buy a Jazz then for slightly less money they opt for the Fabia, which is also available as an estate and a wider variety of engines.

WHICH MODELS?

The Honda Jazz with small petrol engines and decent EX spec and there is also a Hybrid version with part electric power for more mpg. The original Fabia is a great value buy whilst the second generation Fabia is well built with a wide range of specifications SE Plus has everything you need.

ARE THEY RELIABLE?

The Honda in particular has an enviable reputation for working and not spending any time, apart from servicing, in the garage. Warranty Direct's stats bear this out. Skoda's Fabia also turns out to be well made and have relatively few issues and is simple to fix.

HOW MUCH DO THEY COST?

Incredibly a 2003 Jazz starts at £500 with a full MOT. £4000 will buy a tidy 2006 DSi, £7500 buys a 2011 1.4 EX from a Honda dealer. Fabias can start at a few hundred, but better to spend £600 and a very tidy 2002 1.4 Classic is a good banger. £6000 gets a 2013 1.2TSI from a dealer.

SUM UP

Some might prefer the Fabia because it is more versatile, but the Jazz is the more comfortable and sophisticated option.

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The Long Goodbye

MORE OF A PARTY THAN A WAKE, BRITAIN'S FAVOURITE 4 X 4 GETS A BRILLIANT SEND OFF.



What's important to remember is that the Defender was not just designed by people it was built by them too.

Land Rover celebrated 68 years of history today as the last of the current Defenders was produced at its famous Solihull production facility.

To mark the occasion Land Rover invited more than 700 current and former Solihull employees involved in the production of Series Land Rover and Defender vehicles to see and drive some of the most important vehicles from its history, including the first pre-production 'Huey' Series I as well as the last vehicle off the production line, a Defender 90 Heritage Soft Top.

At the same time, Land Rover announced a new Heritage Restoration Programme, which will be based on the site of the existing Solihull production line. A team of experts, including some long serving Defender employees, will oversee the restoration of a number of Series



Land Rovers sourced from across the globe. The first vehicles will go on sale in July 2016.

The Defender Celebration in Solihull saw more than 25 unique vehicles from Land Rover's history come together in a procession around the Solihull plant, featuring the final current Defender vehicle off the line. Land Rover associates were joined by a number of previous employees from the past 68 years to help celebrate this historic day. The last of the current Defender vehicles includes an original part that has been used on Soft Top specifications since 1948 – the hood cleat. The vehicle will be housed in the Jaguar Land Rover Collection.

The closure of the Solihull production line will also bring an end to Land Rover's Celebration Line exhibit, although this too will live on. The replica 1948 production line has attracted more than 10,000 visitors in the last 12 months and charts the life of the Land Rover Defender from its origins in 1948 to the present day.

Enthusiasts will now be able to undertake the full Defender production line tour via a new online 360 degree virtual tool, here: <http://defendertour.landrover.com>



LINE IN THE SAND

THIS WAS OUR FAVOURITE VIEW OF THE DEFENDER.



Early last year to mark the launch of three exclusive limited edition Defenders, Land Rover created the largest sand drawing ever produced in the UK. A Defender outline measuring a staggering 1km across was drawn on the beach at Red Wharf Bay in Anglesey using a fleet of six Land Rovers. The unique image is a tribute to the moment in 1947 when the engineering director of Rover, Maurice Wilks, first sketched the shape for the original Land Rover in the sand.

Each Land Rover towed an agricultural 12-foot harrow, to draw the unmistakable outline of the Defender. The six vehicles charted the evolution of the Defender from

its introduction in 1948 to the present day.

A Land Rover Series I, II and III were joined on the beach by a Ninety from the Eighties, a Defender 90 Hard Top and a Defender 110 Station Wagon. The immaculate Series II once belonged to the Wilks family and in memory of the moment originally enacted by their fathers, cousins Stephen and Nick Wilks, the sons of Maurice and Spencer Wilks respectively, were on hand to take part. They helped to draw the continuous 4.52km line - the length of 1,118 Defender 90 Station Wagons - into the sand with just minutes to spare before it was erased by the incoming tide.



Fun with Vera & Max

The Defender isn't going anywhere. They are still on our TVs and being seriously Twisted...

She drinks beer and drives a scruffy Land Rover, so it must be Vera Stanhope, as imagined by writer Ann Cleeves and actor Brenda Blethyn. In ITV's Sunday night cop show-by-the-sea, Vera. It is back with a fourth series and there is only one vehicle that can deal with the wilds of Northumberland. Apparently, the Defender is a 300TDi with an automatic conversion, which is not cheap.

Then there is British racing driver Max Chilton who loves his iconic Land Rover Defender and is one of the first to use Twisted's 'drive-in drive-out' service.

His 90 Station Wagon was fitted with Twisted protection and full exterior look package, including a Stage one grille upgrade. Max also opted for classic Keswick Green, with a black roof, and Twisted signature 18" black wheels.

Max Chilton said: "I'm a huge fan of the Defender and it's incredible to see what Twisted can do to these iconic vehicles. It was really easy to use the 'drive-in drive-out' service and it's given my Defender a totally new look. In fact, I will bring it back next year to keep it fresh!"

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SIMON CARTER SHIRTS £130

injected with Simon's customary wit and flair. Ditzzy florals, leaf repeats and stunning Liberty designs in a seasonal colour pallet of sky blues paired with vibrant shades of pink, yellow and red bring this collection life. Watercolour polka dots in a multitude of colours will make any dapper gentleman stand out from the crowd. Free Car Mag love the Nuts and Bolts and Spanners shirts.

Simoncarter.net

smart fortwo cabrio

Smart Engines

The fortwo cabrio is available with one of two engines - 71 hp or 90 hp turbo - twinned with a new five-speed manual gearbox or twinamic six-speed dual clutch automatic transmission (£995). When powered by the 71 hp engine the fortwo cabrio returns up to 65.7 mpg on the combined cycle, emits just 99 g/km of CO2 and has a top speed of 94 mph. The 90 hp turbo variant (which costs £595 more) returns up to 67.3 mpg, emits 99 g/km and has a top speed of 96 mph.



Smarty Pants

Why wouldn't you want a smart fortwo cabrio? It's fun, funky and waiting for you to add the finishing touches...

Smart Size

At just 2.69 metres long, the compact dimensions of the fortwo cabrio ensure that it is more agile than ever before. It even sets a new tiny turning circle benchmark at 6.95m kerb-to-kerb making it perfect for city driving, out-turning even a London Cab.

Smart Specs

The passion (from £13,265) features 15" eight-spoke alloy wheels along with automatic climate control; smart audio system with Bluetooth® connectivity; and a choice of either an orange/black or a grey/black interior.



Smart Roof

The latest smart comes with an electrically-operated fabric roof that can be lowered or raised in just 12 seconds at any vehicle speed. The triple-layered soft top – including glass rear screen – fully opens, while the roof side bars are removable and fit easily into the cabrio's folding tailgate ensuring they never encroach into the cabrio's boot space. Comes with a black soft top as standard, but customers can also opt for the red option (£115). A compact wind deflector (£59) is also available.



The prime (from £13,960) comes with 15" five-twin-spoke black alloys with high sheen finish; black leather upholstery with grey topstitching; and heated seats. Additional dashboard instrument pods with a cockpit clock and rev counter.

The proxy (from £13,960) is fitted with 16" eight-Y-spoke alloy wheels in black. It also features a blue and white interior with Artico and cloth upholstery, and – as standard – the Sports Package which includes: a sports perforated leather multifunction steering wheel; sports suspension lowered by 10 mm; rubber-studded brushed steel sports pedals and a chrome exhaust finisher. The Premium Package is available

on passion, prime and proxy model lines (£795) and includes rear parking assistance (acoustic parking sensors); smart media system with navigation; and the Comfort package (which includes a height adjustable steering wheel and heated, electrically adjustable door mirrors).

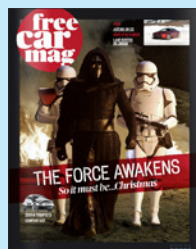
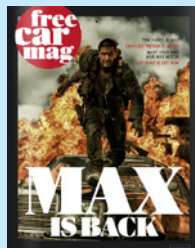
The Premium Plus Package (which includes all the features of the Premium and Comfort Pack) is available on the prime and proxy model lines only, for £1,295, and includes: ambient lighting; welcome home function; LED headlamps with enhanced LED daytime running lights; cube-like LED tail lights; rain and light sensors; and a rear-view camera.

NEXT ISSUE

As usual we have no clear idea of what's going on, but we have provisionally booked Jude Law to hang around on the cover, which gives us an excuse to look at some off roaders that are as nicely turned out as he is.



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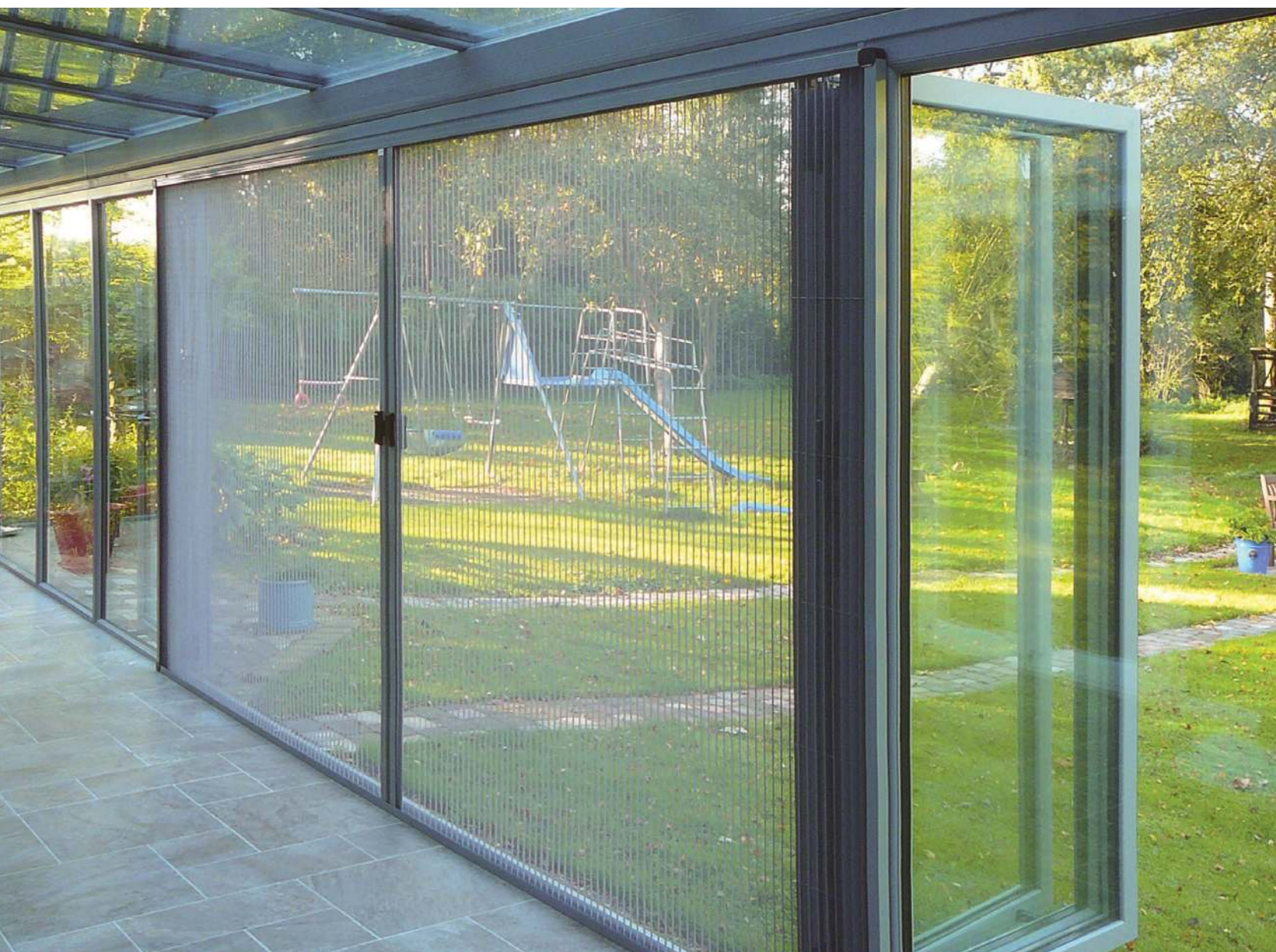
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