

Motoring

checklist

In the market to replace your vehicle? Or interested in keeping up with what's new? Here are a bootful of ideas to set your mind racing



Buying a used car? Watch out for hidden history

BUYING A USED CAR CAN BE a minefield. Finding the model, age and mileage you want is difficult enough, without having to worry about whether the vehicle you want has a dubious past. It's actually more common than you might think – for example, here at the RAC, one in four second-hand cars we check has a hidden history, which could mean it's unsafe or illegal to drive on the road.

With the RAC Vehicle History Check, it couldn't be easier to find out what you're getting into before you hand over your hard-earned cash. We'll show you whether a used vehicle has ever been stolen, scrapped or written off as a result of damage or theft – and you can also see

whether there's any outstanding finance left on the car, too. In addition, you'll also receive a vehicle valuation (which is provided by Glass's), so you know whether or not it's on sale for a fair price.

The RAC Vehicle History Check is the most comprehensive car history report available in the UK today. All you need to do is enter the vehicle registration number and you'll receive an instant report with information about the vehicle's history.

Get your RAC Vehicle History Check today. Visit [raccheck.today](#) or call 0330 058 9349

Vehicle History Check

Experience BMW luxury class

THE JOURNEY HAS NOW EVOLVED into the ultimate experience. The 7, The 8, the BMW X7, and the soon to be launched BMW X6 represent the very epitome of driving excellence delivering peerless performance and, in each case, a true driving masterpiece. Intuitive systems seamlessly connect the driver with the vehicle alongside extravaganzas such as best-in-class entertainment systems and luxurious cabin spaces, which come fitted with massage seats and other touches. Whether it's plush Italian leather, or the opulence of the gear lever and other driver controls, each and every detail is meticulously selected and arranged to evoke rich feelings of joy.

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Experience the BMW Luxury range at your local Cooper retailer at easily accessible locations: Durham, Malton, Sunderland, Teesside and York – and experience the very best of BMW. Search: Cooper BMW or call 0333 220 3152.



Freshen up your ride

LYNX HELPS GUYS TO FEEL FRESH, confident and attractive thanks to its full range of male grooming products.

Now, a selection of the most popular LYNX fragrances are available in a range of five different car fresheners, bringing the LYNX scents to your vehicle.

Prices for the car fresheners start at £2.99 and are available exclusively at Halfords stores.

Available in five of LYNX's iconic fragrances, each LYNX car freshener promises to slowly infuse your choice of LYNX aroma, keeping your ride fresher for longer – LYNX promise to keep your ride fresh and cool for up to 30 days.

Continental tyres: all weathers, all winners

WHEN THE TIME COMES to replace your tyres, it can be a difficult choice. With tyres being the sole contact patch connecting your car to the road, it is important to make the right decision. In Europe one in three cars leave the factory on Continental tyres. Factory approval for a single tyre can take up to four years, demonstrating that Continental understands the importance of vehicle safety, comfort and performance and the crucial role played by tyres.

Premium tyre manufacturer Continental came out on top, winning all tyre test awards for their all-season, summer and winter tyres in the UK's leading car magazine, *AutoExpress*. Continental are the first tyre manufacturer to achieve all three tyre test awards in a single year, giving drivers year-round confidence and grip.

Winning tyres are not limited to Continental's car tyres. Continental are well known for their award-winning bike tyres, featuring the same unique black chili compound found in their car tyres and used by Tour de France champion Geraint Thomas.

Over the last 147 years, Continental has built a heritage of developing ground-breaking technologies and mobility solutions, offering a range of tyre fitments for all applications. Continental are more than a tyre manufacturer, also supplying pioneering vehicle technologies to global car manufacturers. With safety technologies and award-winning tyres, Continental have united automotive know-how and products to keep drivers safe on the roads.

As a pioneer in road safety, Continental is committed to its Vision Zero initiative – a future with zero fatalities, zero injuries and zero crashes. Visit [continental-tyres.co.uk](#) or call 01895 425900.



Savour these new moments of Triumph

THE BEAUTIFUL NEW 1200CC SPEED TWIN reintroduces a legendary Triumph name and defines how a custom roadster should ride and feel. With class-leading handling and thrilling performance, the Speed Twin carries all of the contemporary custom style of the Street Twin but adds even more premium detail. It delivers all the power, torque and technology of the Thruxton R, mixed with the confidence-inspiring ride and supreme comfort of the Bonneville T120.

The result is a new performance icon that sets a whole new standard, with the chassis set-up, riding position, braking ability, suspension, and thrilling power delivery of a truly modern roadster.

Now Triumph is also introducing the new Scrambler 1200 line up – all-new benchmark-setting motorcycles with dual-purpose capability and modern custom style. The stunning Scrambler 1200 XC and XE deliver category-redefining levels of performance, specification and finish, fused with Triumph's iconic Scrambler DNA.

Designed with all the capability of a genuine adventure motorcycle and packed with state-of-the-art technology, these new modern classics take off-road capability and scrambling credentials to the very top of the motorcycling world. We've also created a set of two exciting inspiration kits to use as the starting point for riders to design their own Scrambler 1200 custom, or to have fitted as a complete set – the fully-loaded Escape kit and the off-road, stripped-back Extreme kit.

To test ride a Scrambler 1200, Bonneville T120 or Thruxton R, find your local dealer at [triumphmotorcycles.co.uk](#)

Protect your vehicle's bodywork with the new MICHELIN parking protectors

PROTECT YOUR VEHICLE FROM bumps and scratches with the new MICHELIN Parking Protectors. Available in four different models, the Parking Protectors have been designed to protect a car's bodywork – including bumpers, doors and wing mirrors – from knocks and scrapes.

With a recent survey commissioned by Custom Accessories Europe (CAE), official licensee of Michelin, revealing that more than half of UK motorists have had their car damaged by an anonymous driver (55%), the new MICHELIN Parking Protectors provide a sleek and seamless solution to protecting the parts of a vehicle most prone to being scratched.

Available in three colours – silver, clear and black – the Parking Protectors are both UV- and car wash-resistant, as well as being easy to apply and remove, leaving no lasting marks on any paintwork.

The four varying models include 20cm and 30cm variants for bumpers, a 15cm version for doors and wing mirrors and a dual pack featuring 30cm and 7cm protectors also suitable for doors and wing mirrors.

All models come with handy instructions on how to correctly apply the parking protectors to a vehicle's bodywork. The MICHELIN Parking Protectors are available from Halfords stores nationwide and other independent retailers, with prices starting at £8.

For more information on the Parking Protector range, visit [halfords.com](#)

Drive off in a new motor without having to sign a lengthy contract

CHOOSING YOUR NEXT CAR can be tricky. Do you splash out on a new model? How can you get the best bang for your buck? What even is a PCP? For motorists who don't want to get tied down in a long-term financial commitment Europcar Long Term Flex could be the answer.

Offering brand new cars for six to 18 months, with a choice of 1,000 or 2,000 miles per calendar month, there's no need for a hefty non-returnable advanced payment. Plus Europcar delivers the car straight to your front door.

Flexibility is key: drivers can choose from a range of brand new cars; the length of contract from a minimum of six months up to 18 months; and the best-suited mileage band.

The other big advantage of Long Term Flex over traditional leasing deals is drivers only need to commit to a minimum of six months – not three to five years. So there's no hefty early termination fees if circumstances change and the car is no longer needed.

Drivers can rest assured that, should they need it, roadside assistance is included in the price as well as service and maintenance.

Flexibility to change the car or simply hand it back without penalty after the minimum contract terms of six months should circumstances change.

Find out more about Long Term Flex at [longtermflex.europcar.co.uk](#)



The world's smallest electric vehicle charger

LOOKING FOR A DISCREET ELECTRIC vehicle charger for your home? Meet the EO Mini Pro – the smallest fast charger on the market, designed and built for the everyday EV driver.

Compatible with all plug-in vehicle brands, the EO Mini Pro is smartphone controlled and comes with a three-year product warranty. It's also OLEV approved – allowing drivers to reduce the cost of the home charger and installation by £500.

EO Charging is one the UK's leading electric vehicle charger manufacturers and it's our aim to make charging simple and reliable.

Want to know more about charging at home? Speak to an expert at 0333 772 0383 or visit [eocharging.com/eo-mini-pro](#)

Discover the new Land Rover at Kentdale

THE DISCOVERY SPORT COMBINES design excellence, engineering integrity and exceptional versatility to create a premium compact SUV from Land Rover, starting from £30,145. It's available from the recently refurbished Kentdale Jaguar Land Rover, situated in Kendal.

Kentdale's Head of Business, Kenny Curran, runs the family-owned business which was founded in Torver by brothers Eric and Jack Hadwin. Nearly 60 years later the business consists of one Jaguar Land Rover retailer, two other Land Rover retailers and a vehicle conversion and preparation centre. Together the family have built up an enviable reputation with the philosophy being "we look after customers and their cars" and this philosophy still remains at the heart of the business today.

With a sliding second row and a third row standard on TD4 180hp, SD4 240hp and both Si4 engines, you can adapt the space in the Discovery Sport to meet your specific loading or seating needs. When you utilise only four seats and make more of the 1,124 litres of space available, getting those bigger, bulkier items home is easier.

The Discovery Sport's sleek, aerodynamic silhouette, with legendary Land Rover capability and a flexible interior, add up to a great-looking vehicle that does so much more.

The desirability of the exterior design continues into the cabin with bold horizontal and vertical lines, complemented by clean surfaces, superb finishes and optional premium leathers that give a luxurious impression and comfortable feel to the highly versatile interior.

Cutting-edge controls distinguish an uncluttered dashboard that features an 8" touchscreen and optional head-up display with the latest technology for intuitive interaction.

Available from Kentdale Land Rover, Shap Road, Cumbria, LA9 6NZ. Visit [kentdale-landrover.co.uk](#) or call 01539 814444.

Mercedes-Benz AMG: opening up the world of driving performance

WITH ITS ROOTS SEATED FIRMLY in motorsport, the Mercedes-AMG performance brand has been at home on the race track for decades, making the AMG badge a true marque of performance.

The AMG range available at Stratstone Mercedes-Benz caters for the most diverse performance desires. Models available include:

- A 35** With legendary AMG performance the A 35 AMG is one serious hot-hatchback. With state-of-the-art interiors and a 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine, this model is sure to please.
- C 43 Coupé and Saloon** This sleek coupé comes with added performance and composed drama. Performance is at the heart of this model with a 3.0-litre V6 BiTurbo Engine delivering 390hp.
- C 63 Coupé and Saloon** The C63 challenges what is possible in terms of performance and style. With aggressive exterior looks and performance to match, this 4.0-litre V8 BiTurbo model will not disappoint.

E 53 Premium Coupé The E-Class combines striking styling with second-to-none AMG performance. The 3.0-litre six-cylinder engine delivers 435hp and accelerates from 0-62mph in just 4.5 seconds.

E 63 S Saloon The range-topping S models offer the ultimate blend of luxury and performance. The large body style offers unbelievable luxury while also delivering 612hp and 0-62mph in just 3.4 seconds.

Purchasing your AMG model through Stratstone Mercedes-Benz Leeds allows you to experience a vehicle like nothing else.

To enjoy a further £250 discount across the entire AMG range simply quote **CHECKLIST** at Stratstone Mercedes-Benz Leeds. Visit [stratstone.com/mercedes-benz](#) or call 0113 201 5200.

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