

New products

ENHANCE YOUR CLASSIC LIFESTYLE

Battery Brain

www.batterybrain.co.uk 01675 465191.

Attaches to the battery on your vehicle, and if it detects any drop in charge or drain – such as the headlights being left on – it will cut the power from the battery. You can bypass the unit if you wish to, for instance, just leave the dashboard clock running. The Battery Brain can also act as an anti-theft device as you can leave your car without power until you return to it. This product would be extremely useful for anyone who uses their classic car infrequently but needs it to be fully charged whenever they return to it.

The kit comes with clamps, bolts, mounting blocks and brackets allowing the Battery Brain to be attached on top or on either side of the battery.



PRICE:
£69.99
Inc VAT

Mazak-Mender Solder Paste

www.mazakmender.com 02476 622 677

Mazak-Mender can be used to repair pitted zinc alloy/white metal castings or rejoin broken ones. Mazak Mender is an all in one product, containing both the new metal for the repair and the special flux mixed together to form a paste. With the heat from a heat gun, gas torch or soldering iron the metal in the paste becomes bonded to the casting. The part can then be soldered and chromed. For more information see the website, which includes a demonstration.



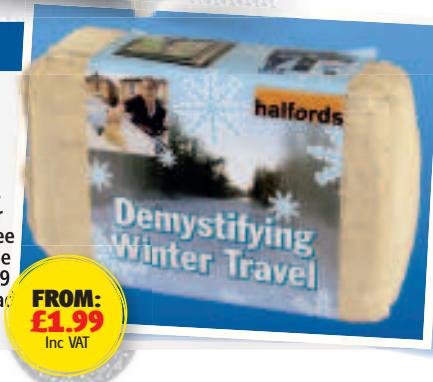
PRICE:
£14.95
Inc VAT

ODDS AND ENDS

Demystifying Pad

www.halfords.com

At this time of year it can take several minutes for the inside of your car windows to clear, especially if you have to let the car idle while it warms up because you can't see out of the screen. Halfords has a wide range of window demisting pads starting at £1.99 that should help you to keep the view ahead clear so you can drive in safety.

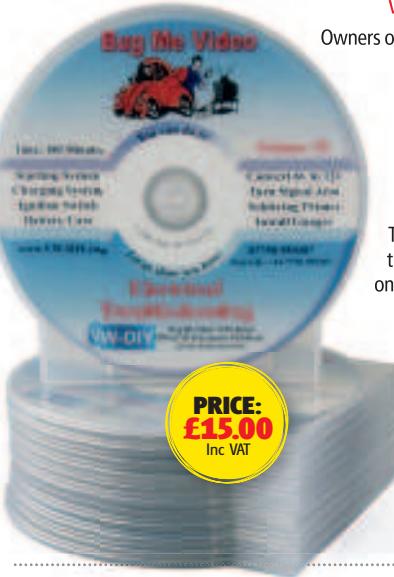


FROM:
£1.99
Inc VAT

'Bug Me Video' VW Rebuild DVDs

www.vw-diy.com 07758 959 387

Owners of classic Volkswagens will find these region-free 'Bug Me Video' DVDs extremely useful. In 12 volumes, all available separately, the DVDs explain routine VW maintenance, engine removal and clutch replacement, Beetle engine rebuild, brake maintenance, and transmission replacement. Other DVD subjects include Beetle floor replacement, Type-4 engine rebuilds, wiring, and electrical troubleshooting. The DVDs average between one and two hours and are full of good advice, well-filmed and should prove valuable to anyone needing more information. Though we can't help wondering how the presenter removing the engine and clutch managed to keep his white shirt so clean while working on a Beetle. See the website for more details.



PRICE:
£22.99
Inc VAT

Trabant Slot Car from Revell

www.revell.de 01442 250 130

Trabants are not especially common in the UK but there is a thriving racing and rallying scene in Europe, as evidenced by these new circuit racing Trabant 601 slot cars from Revell. The 1/32 scale models include working headlights and a detailed interior as well as wipers and mirrors. The two cars are subtly different, the black one having a boot spoiler and five-spoke wheels while the red one has four-spoke wheels and an interesting sponsor: 'leben's lust first erotic wetness'. So if you've got kids best buy them the black one, then.

Wolfrace Octane

www.wolfrace.co.uk
0845 330 9896

Wolfrace have just launched the Octane wheel, a new version of the popular Street Octane. A seven-spoke design it features a red inner lip and Wolfrace stamped into the outer polished rim. Available in 6.5x15" and 7x17" for four-stud applications. See the website for further info.



PRICE:
£84.95
Inc VAT

Furniture Clinic Colourant Kit

www.furnitureclinic.co.uk
01914 826112

FC's Colourant Kit employs the same solvent-based, rather than water-based, colourants used in the manufacture of top quality UK leather hides. This gives a durable and flexible finish that feels like natural leather, and will not flake, fade or peel off. First you remove the manufactured finish from the leather with the leather prep, allowing the colourants to adhere and penetrate the leather, giving a sound base covering. You then spray on a coloured coating for uniformity and to get a nice natural finish. The job is then sealed in with a professional leather finish. This finish protects and enhances the leather and stops it from wearing out. The kit includes leather prep, colourant and finish to seal in the colourant.

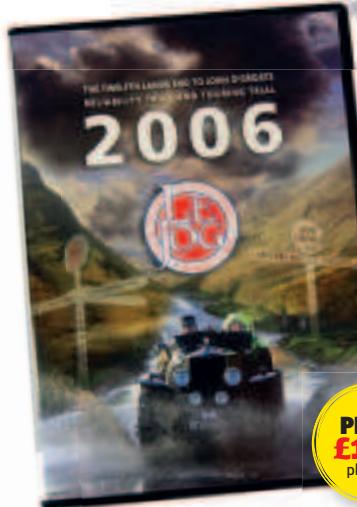
As well as an adjustable spray gun to apply the colourant in a thin even coat. Also included is a mohair pad to apply an even base coat to the leather, detailed instructions, latex gloves, lint-free cloths, and an abrasive pad.

You can choose from 18 standard colours or one of 7000 in the database.

The kit is available in four different sizes, all with free UK posting. See the Furniture Clinic website for further details.



PRICE:
£30.00
plus P&P



The 2006 Le Jog DVD

www.4westmedia.co.uk
08454 669 444

The Le Jog is a 1500 mile rally organised by the Historic Endurance Rallying Organisation. The 2006 event took place over three days in December covering a route from Lands End to John O'Groats – hence the name Le Jog. Entrants, including a certain Eric Richardson, drove a variety of classics from pre-war Bentleys to Porsche 911s and MGBs.

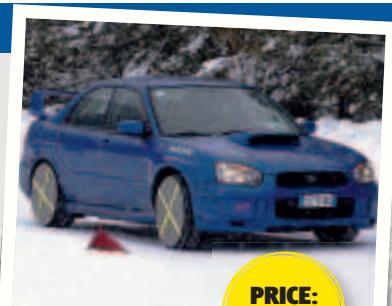
This professional-looking 85 minute DVD covers the whole rally in great detail, while informed commentary and excellent camerawork really bring the event to life.

PRICE:
£19.95
plus P&P

Multi Grip H-Tec Traction and Anti Skid covers

www.a1motorstores.co.uk
01455 822 000

Sumex Multi Grip wheel covers are fabric covers that slip over the wheels offering enhanced traction and reducing the risk of skidding on snow or ice. Available from 13" to 19" they fit in the boot when not in use.



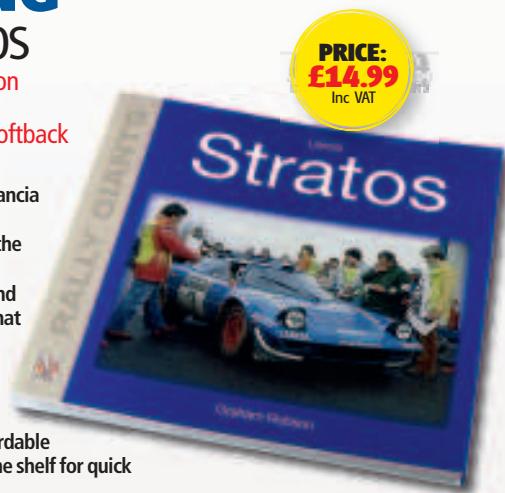
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£59.00
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CLASSIC READING & VIEWING

LANCIA STRATOS

Author: Graham Robson
Published by: Veloce Publishing, 124 pages, Softback
ISBN: 1-84584-041-0

The complete history of the Lancia Stratos is covered within this informative book. Almost all the images are period shots, the majority in black and white and showing the Stratos doing what it did best – going sideways around muddy forest stages. The 037 also gets a mention. Fans of the Stratos will enjoy this publication, which is affordable enough to buy and keep on the shelf for quick reference. (MikeR)



PRICE:
£14.99
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LAND ROVER, SERIES ONE TO FREELANDER

Published by: Crowood Publishing, Softback, 224 pages
ISBN: 186126903-X

There are plenty of Land Rover books available already, and only so many ways of putting a new shine on a well-told story. That said, this book does take a brief look at some of the more often ignored members of the Land Rover family such as the 109 and 110 forward-control. The latter half of the book bring things up to date with the Discovery and Freelander 2. Then there's a short chapter on 'oddities.' Useful if you don't already have a previous edition. (MikeR)

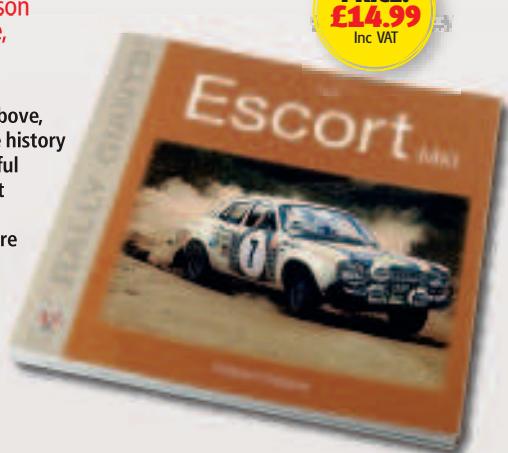


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FORD ESCORT MK1

Author: Graham Robson
Published by: Veloce, Softback, 128 pages
ISBN: 1-84584-040-2

As with the Stratos book above, this publication traces the history of one of the most successful rally cars ever. Ford's Escort came in RS1600, 2000 and Twin Cam models, and all are covered here with period photos of production lines and cars in competition. A useful book that contains a lot of information for the Escort's many fans. (MikeR)



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