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Early E-Types have gone mental in 2009

## COSTLY OLD CAT

CAN old E-types get any more expensive? Used by aviator and race ace Tommy Sopwith, the 18th right-hand drive roadster is on the market for an incredible £165,000. In original unmolested spec, it's certainly a rarity, with its blue-chip racing provenance, but... blimey, that's a fortune for a classic that 10 years ago would have struggled to make £20k.

# Quentin

At your service

ANDY Wilkes from Aberdeen is looking for a cheap sports car, but doesn't want a Mazda MX-5 or MG-F. Is there anything modern and reliable for his limited budget of around £3,000?

QUENTIN SAYS: The most accessible rag-top roadster is the BMW Z3. Early 1.9s can now be bought for £3,000, some with less

than 100,000 miles. Most have been gently driven by girlies and, as long as it's got a full service history and you check for outstanding finance, the Z3 makes a dependable and practical two-seater you won't have to suffer to own. I'm looking at an ad for an S-plate 1.9 with only 66k for £2,995. That's top value.



Light yellow touch-paper and stand back

## PIMPED AND PUMPED-UP POPPET

THE world's fastest Fiat 500 broke cover this week at the SEMA show in Las Vegas.

US customiser Legacy Innovation has shoehorned a jumbo 427 cubic inch

7.0-litre V8 into a '59 Cinquecento to develop a monster 728 horses good for two seconds to 60.

Pointlessly but ever so wonderfully insane.

## The people-carrier that's got poise

SEVEN-seaters are usually a testosterone-free zone and have all the allure of a vasectomy.

But the capacious Mercedes R-Class is one of

the finest bourgeois breedwagons I know.

Rare, distinctive and hugely roomy, it's as comfy as an old sofa (this is a very good thing) and

a very cossetting ride. The current incarnation is soon to be deleted and early 06-platers have slipped to around £14k, which is splendid value.



Classy R-Class

## HERE'S BEST BOXSTER BAR NONE

THIS is going to cause a long waiting-list. Porsche's new Boxster Spyder looks as sexy as a GT3, can crack 166 (with the roof off) and barrel to 60 in four-and-a-half seconds.

With echoes of James Dean's 550 Spyder, it's bound to be on the world's most wanted lists when it hits showrooms next February at £44k, just four grand more than a Boxster S. Pretty car...



# FOUR

WHO'D DRIVE IT  
Fans of the future

HAVE seen the future and it's sweet. Peugeot's audacious BB1 isn't a car – it's a mobility solution.

A cross between a scooter, quad bike and bubble car, the carbon fibre-bodied concept breaks every convention and then some.

Powered by two 7.25kw electric motors and steered by handlebars, with no pedals, gearshift and seating for four, it's one of the cleverest pieces of personal transport packaging since the Mini.

Slipping silently around London's West End, it brought the traffic to a standstill. Jaws dropped, eyes widened and hands waved. Even cops

stopped us for photographs. Designer Yann Pissonier proudly admitted that Peugeot bosses had let his creative juices flow unhindered. With true French surrealism he told me the BB's original impulse came from the metaphor of a mountain bike – light, fast, fleet and fashionable.

Peugeot's motorcycle division built the frame, Michelin helped design the motors and it could be a production reality. The range is 75 miles, top speed is 56mph and it's absolutely emission-free.

But, best of all, it has created a completely new

grammar for town travel. This is history in the making. The BB1's influence on future mobility will be seismic. Peugeot must build it and governments must create the charging infrastructure so we can enjoy the future now.

## TECH FILE

ENGINE Two 7.5kw electric motors

POWER 20bhp

TOP SPEED 56mph

0-19 2.8 seconds

RANGE 75 miles

IN A WORD B-B-Brilliant



Automotive creativity doesn't come any purer than this



# Willson

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**Q** I'VE seen a lot of posh cars that have been resprayed in matt black or matt white. Is this a new fad? I can't understand why anybody would want to do it. - *Jean Greig, by email*

**A** ACTUALLY, they've not been resprayed - they've been "wrapped". This is a new vogue from Japan and America, where your bodywork is swathed in a plastic film of the colour of your choice. London is crawling with Ferraris, Range

Rovers and Bentleys that have been covered in black, white, silver, even camouflage wrapping. It costs about £2,000, lasts for five years and you can peel it off without any damage to the paint. Cheaper than swapping your supercar.

**Q** TO save money, I want to change the oil on my Ford Focus myself, but don't know which oil and filter to get. Can you advise? - *James Harvey, Norwich*

**A** ALWAYS fit a genuine Ford filter, which you can buy from your local Ford parts department. Never skimp on filters - some cheaper ones can dramatically reduce the life of your engine. Use a synthetic oil like Castrol Magnatec, which doesn't degrade like mineral oils. For what's best for your motor, go to [www.castrol.com](http://www.castrol.com), punch in your reg number and you'll be told exactly which grade to use.



**Mercedes A... HOW much?!?**  
**Small's the big thing when money's too tight to mention..**

THERE are some remarkable small car bargains these days.

Did you know that you can buy a T-reg Mercedes A140 with 80k miles for a thousand quid? Thought not.

How about an early Smart Pure for £900? Or a V-plate Toyota Yaris 1.0 VVTi with 80k miles for £1,100?

If you're really strapped for cash, try a W-reg Matiz for £600 or a 60,000-mile S-plate Ford Ka for £495.

These are modern, rust-resistant and reliable toddlers, complete with airbags, catalytic converters and ABS, that are easy to insure and do over 40mpg.

Don't bother with auctions. Just scour the classifieds and you'll find that we Brits can buy some of the cheapest second-hand motors in Europe.



Yaris... tiny car, tiny price

**Land Rover reflecting improved fortunes**

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Landy Disco... recession buster

# BLIMEY, GUV

## WHOLE FAMILY CAN FIT IN MINI PUG



You can get four people in here. Trust us - we're professionals

This is what a gobsmacked motoring writer looks like