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You'll find news and high resolution photographs throughout, the Northern Writers Car of the Year awards, JLR help out against Coronavirus, a high quality dashcam from Kenwood (with GPS), some old Discovery news from 2005, Top Gear Awards, Defender returns to the Dakar Rally and lots more besides.

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# Northern car of the year 2020

The Land Rover Defender has been voted the Northern Car of the Year for 2020 in the annual poll carried out by the Northern Group of Motoring Writers.

Defender received 16 votes in the ballot, six more than the Honda e and Ford Puma in joint second.

Because of the Covid-19 restrictions the Group's traditional award, the miner's lamp suitably inscribed, has not yet been presented to the winning press office; the ceremony has been delayed until safer times.

The lamp, a special symbol of the north, is nicknamed the Arthur - after Arthur Scargill, probably still the best-known miner in the country.



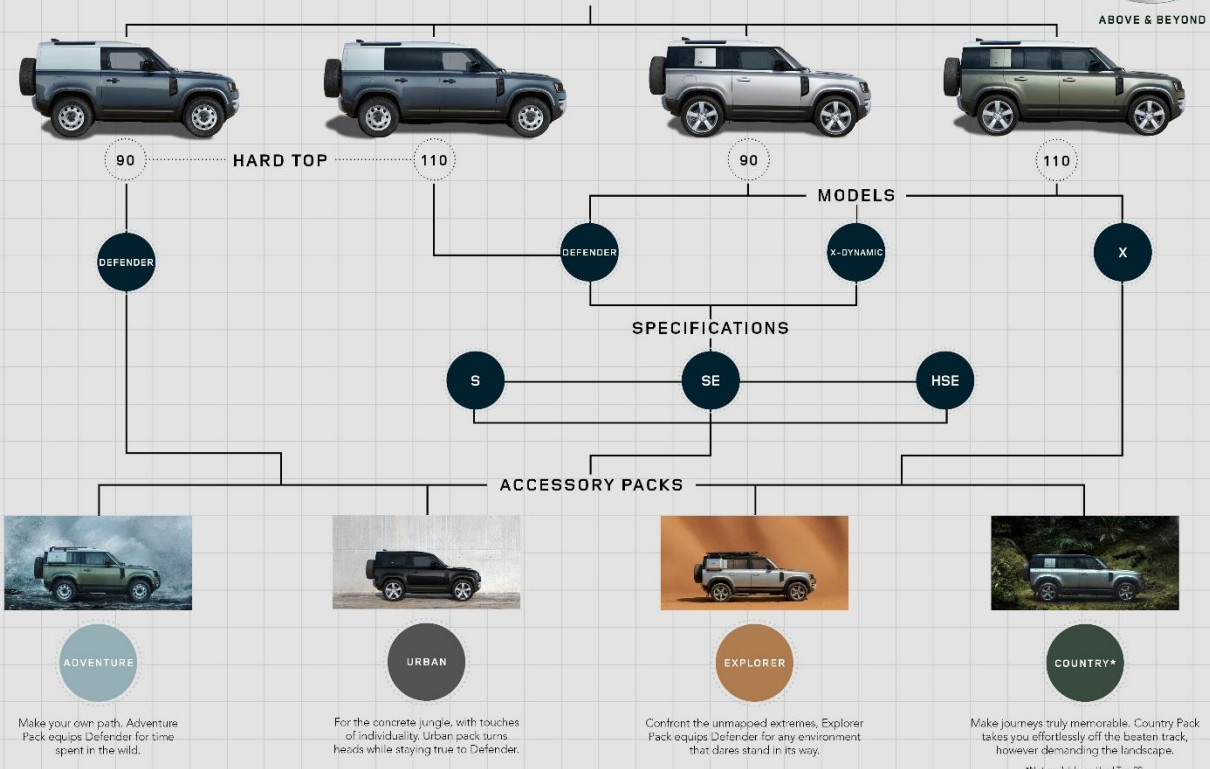
## DEFENDER

### A CAR FOR EVERYONE

The New Land Rover Defender has been designed to suit your needs and your lifestyle. With two bodystyles, four distinct accessory packs, a special X-Dynamic model, a practical Hard Top, and 170 accessories to personalise your vehicle, there truly is a Defender for everyone.

So, whether you're exploring the rugged outback or conquering the commute, you can go your own way.

# DEFENDER





# KENWOOD

## Christmas is covered with new Kenwood Black Edition Pro dash cam package

- New limited-edition 4K Kenwood dash cam kit adds extra value and technology
- Award-winning camera packaged with everything a driver needs to ensure coverage whether driving, stopped or parked
- Innovative high-tech protection for cars fitted with stop-start systems
- Black Edition Pro includes 128GB SD card, carry case and smart hardwire kit
- Perfect Christmas gift, priced at just £259

A limited series dash camera with an innovative 'stop-start friendly' system is set to hit the market just in time for the festive rush.

Kenwood has released details of its first ever special edition model, based on its award-winning DRV-A601W but with even more value and improved technology.

In addition to an SD card with a class-leading 128GB capacity and an exclusive carry case, the Kenwood Black Edition Pro package also includes a new intelligent wiring kit which ensures modern cars with stop-start systems are protected when they are stationary in traffic.

Many cars built in the last decade will automatically shut off the engine when the car stops to save fuel and improve emissions performance. However, the voltage drop in the car's electrical system can fool a dash cam into thinking the ignition has been switched off or the battery is going flat, so it will automatically cut out to preserve power.





This can happen multiple times in a journey, leaving the car unprotected by video if there is an incident while it is stationary. To prevent this happening, the new Kenwood smart wiring kit includes a sensor which delays switching the camera off to ensure the camera remains 'on guard' when the car is in traffic. The kit also works perfectly with hybrid and fully electric cars.

Once the vehicle is parked and locked, the kit also allows the camera to carry on recording to capture footage of any parking knocks or criminal activity. The Kenwood's sophisticated electronics will automatically monitor the car's battery to ensure it always has sufficient power, turning itself off if the voltage drops below a certain level.

The camera itself is one of the most sophisticated on the dash cam market, with full 4K Ultra High Definition image capture capability from an 8.3 megapixel lens. The Black Edition Pro package also includes a polarising filter, which uses the same technology as high-end sunglasses to ensure clear, reflection-free image capture even in bright sunlight.

The camera also has a built-in 3.0" LCD touch screen display to ensure it is simple to control and monitor within the car. It can also connect to a dedicated smartphone app using its built-in Wi-Fi to make downloading and viewing footage simple and quick.

The footage itself is among the highest quality available from a dash cam, and automatically 'stamped' with GPS speed and location information in addition to the time and date.

The camera is fixed securely to the windscreen, but can easily be removed from a magnetic mount and be safely stored in its own protective carry case.

As well as offering the latest technology and 4K footage quality, the Kenwood Black Edition Pro also gives buyers exceptional value for money by packaging the 'must have' items together. An optional rear camera can be added for an additional £59.95 to give all-round protection.

The Black Edition is available exclusively from Volkswagen, SEAT, Skoda, and VW Commercial Vehicle dealers, or direct online from [www.kenwoodshop.co.uk](http://www.kenwoodshop.co.uk).

### **The package includes:**

- 4k Ultra High Definition Dash Cam with 8.3 megapixel lens, polarising filter, 3.0" LCD touch screen display, built in Wi-Fi, GPS and G-Sensor
- Custom Carry Case
- Magnetic camera mount for easy removal from bracket
- Super High Speed 128GB U3 SD card
- Stop-Start ProInstall Kit

The Black Edition Pro can be seen in action here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q9zYbRHzyQo>





**Back in April, Jaguar Land Rover volunteers made the first deliveries of our 3D printed protective visors to University Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital and Warwick Hospital for NHS frontline staff**



**Jaguar Land Rover have now supplied 312 vehicles across the world to front line services to support the fight against Coronavirus.**

**Editors' note;  
Not many cars can beat a Discovery for carrying large items..**



## Hagerty identifies the UK's most financially viable classic cars to restore

Hagerty is best known as a classic vehicle insurer, but with a 600,000-member strong Drivers Club, an 800,000-circulation printed magazine and 1.4m subscribers on YouTube they are one of the world's largest automotive lifestyle brands. Hagerty UK regularly continually monitors the classic car market and provides insight to the community. Its latest report asks which classic cars are the most financially viable to restore.

The cost of a classic vehicle restoration almost always exceeds expectations and owners are often reminded to restore their classics for love rather than money, but how does an owner know whether they are entering into a financial folly before they even start? The Hagerty Price Guide lists a value for each of four conditions for every one of the over 2,000 models covered. These range from Condition 4 (fair: a drivable but imperfect classic) to Condition 1 (concours: one of the best in the country). To investigate the difference between these two Hagerty compared the value differences between 'fair' and 'concours' cars for each model in the UK Hagerty Price Guide.

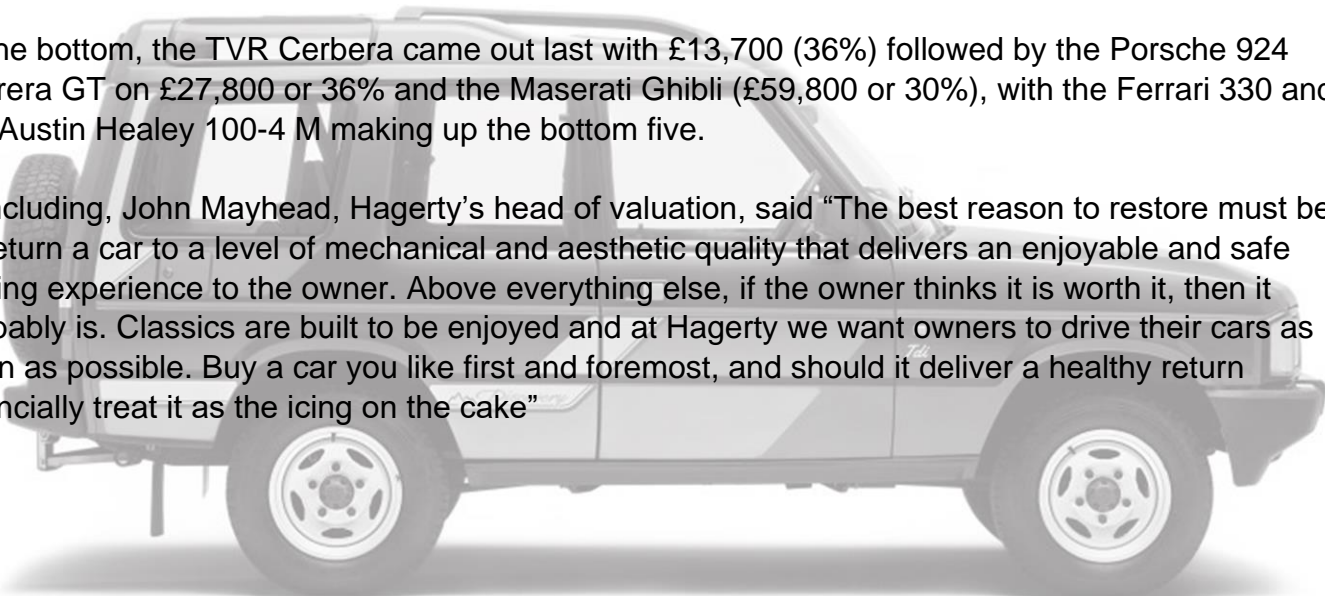
With £13.12m difference, the Ferrari 250 GTO came out top, followed by the AC Cobra Daytona Coupe (£8.364m) and the McLaren F1 (£5.74m). The newly added Ford Focus 1.6i Zetec appeared at the other end of the spectrum with a difference of just £1,400 between 'fair' and 'concours', followed by the Austin Allegro 1750 4-door saloon (£2,150) and the Vauxhall Magnum 1800 saloon (£2,200).

Plotting the difference between 'fair' and 'concours' values as a percentage of the latter **and the biggest winner, with the difference of £13,400 (91% of its 'concours' value) was the Series 1 Land Rover Discovery.** Close behind the Lancia Beta 1600 S2 HPE estate, its £10,200 difference equating to 89% of its top value and the Lancia 2000 Berlina (£8,000 or 88%). The bottom of the list was a very different place: the smallest percentage difference between Condition 1 and Condition 4 values was just 6% (£410,000) for the Ferrari 250 GT SWB. Behind it was the Ferrari 365 California Spider at 10% (£328,000) and the Lamborghini 3500GT at 11% (£70,500).

To find the most financially worthwhile restoration cases, Hagerty looked at a combination of the two factors to see which cars presented a significant value difference, which also equated to a large percentage of the car's top value. The Porsche 356 lead (Pre-A cabriolet top with £391,000 or 72% and the 356 'A' coupe third with £172,500 or 70%). Between the Porsches was the Bentley S2 Continental drophead by Park Ward, with £217,600 or 71%, with the Facel Vega HK500 and the Mercedes-Benz W100 saloon making up the top five.

At the bottom, the TVR Cerbera came out last with £13,700 (36%) followed by the Porsche 924 Carrera GT on £27,800 or 36% and the Maserati Ghibli (£59,800 or 30%), with the Ferrari 330 and the Austin Healey 100-4 M making up the bottom five.

Concluding, John Mayhead, Hagerty's head of valuation, said "The best reason to restore must be to return a car to a level of mechanical and aesthetic quality that delivers an enjoyable and safe driving experience to the owner. Above everything else, if the owner thinks it is worth it, then it probably is. Classics are built to be enjoyed and at Hagerty we want owners to drive their cars as often as possible. Buy a car you like first and foremost, and should it deliver a healthy return financially treat it as the icing on the cake"





# LAND ROVER DISCOVERY TOPS THE POLLS IN THE AXA CAR OF THE YEAR

The Land Rover Discovery was today (Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2006) named AXA Car of the Year 2006. The award was presented by members of the Ulster Motoring Writers Association (UMWA) at a prestigious ceremony sponsored by AXA Insurance.

Speaking at the ceremony, Chairman of the Ulster Motoring Writers' Association, Jim McCauley, said: "Of all the vehicles judged in this year's competition the Land Rover Discovery scored consistently high. It scooped almost twice the number of points of its nearest rival which really sets it apart in its class. As well as its on-and-off-road capability, it offers a quality driving experience and is an outstanding testament to the UK motor industry."

Tim Scott, General Manager, AXA Insurance, said: "This is the first time that AXA has sponsored the Car of the Year Awards and what a year it has been for those living on the cusp of new car design. The awards not only exist to play tribute to advances in technology but also to provide consumers with sound information upon which to base their vehicle purchasing decisions. This year has been a particularly exciting one with strong contenders in each class."

The overall winner was chosen from the five group winners which were:

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| * AXA Small Car Category:          | Winner Renault Modus               | Runner-up Toyota Aygo       |
| * AXA Medium Car Category:         | Winner Audi A3 2.0 TDi             | Runner-up Citroen C4 Diesel |
| * <b>AXA Leisure Car Category:</b> | <b>Winner Land Rover Discovery</b> | Runner-up Volvo XC 90       |
| * AXA Executive Car Category:      | Winner Lexus GS 300                | Runner-up Audi A4 2.0 TDi   |
| * AXA Sporting Car Category:       | Winner Mazda RX-8                  | Runner-up VW Golf GTi       |

For the first time in the history of the competition and to recognise AXA's commitment to road safety a new category called "Safety Engineering Award" was introduced in recognition of the advancements that have been made in relation to driver and passenger safety standards.

Tim continued: "Today's cars are more advanced than ever when it comes to safety features and with AXA's strong background in road safety we felt it was important that these advancements be recognised in their own right. This year Renault was presented with the award as eight of their cars have 5\* EuroNCAP with Mercedes Benz being named runner up for the company's airbag technology"

The UMWA comprises of members from across Northern Ireland and collectively the group covers in excess of 250,000 miles on the Province's roads in one of the most demanding evaluations of new cars.





## **Land Rover Legends 2021 dates and new Award categories revealed**

**12-13 JUNE 2021**  
THRUXTON HISTORIC

**The premier Land Rover event to take place at the Thruxton**

**Historic on 12-13 June**

**Covid secure venue offers a safe and enjoyable environment for visitors**

**National Land Rover Awards relaunched with new categories for 2021**

**Advance discounted tickets on sale now in time for Christmas**

After a year of disruption for so many people, the Land Rover Legends team are excited to announce a return for 2021. Making up for the disappointment of the 2020 postponement, the third edition of Land Rover Legends now takes place at Thruxton Circuit in Hampshire, with a Summer date of 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> June. This famous venue has already successfully run a number of Covid compliant events, ensuring a safe and enjoyable visitor experience, with the added bonus of the event sitting alongside the Thruxton Historic race meeting, also taking place that weekend. Land Rover Legends tickets will be valid for the Thruxton Historic at no extra charge, providing even more entertainment for enthusiasts and the whole family.



*Image credit; Nick Chivers*

Land Rover Legends at the Thruxton Historic will take place in its own Covid compliant area of the historic WW2 airfield that once was RAF Thruxton. The venue offers extensive visitor facilities, including the new Thruxton Centre, a dedicated campsite, a kart track, a skid pan - and a superb 4x4 course on site, which will be open throughout the weekend.



Land Rover Legends is the ultimate show for Land Rover enthusiasts, showcasing the very best examples of the marque, including several rare and unusual vehicles from the Dunsfold Collection, a founding partner of the event. The 2021 edition includes unique feature displays, the leading Land Rover clubs, the National Land Rover Awards, an exclusive Land Rover parade on the race circuit, specialist exhibitors and traders –and an unmatched atmosphere from the Thruxton Historic race meeting happening on the circuit over the same weekend.

### **National Land Rover Awards relaunched with new categories**

Land Rover Legends has always had authenticity and originality at its heart, featuring impressive displays of significant Land Rovers, as well as the presentations for the annual National Awards. 2021 sees the launch of a number of new award categories, to reflect the growing number of nominations received each year. Three finalists will be announced in each category in April, with the winners to be revealed on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June at the Land Rover Legends event.

Nominations are open now for submission online, in the following categories:

#### Original Vehicle

- Utility
- Range Rover
- Discovery
- Freelander

- Restoration
- Bespoke vehicle
- Military Vehicle
- Publication

The 2021 Awards will also see the presentation at the Thruxton Historic weekend of the Best Club Award (sponsored by Land Rover Monthly magazine) and the Brian Bashall Memorial Award, made in memory of the founder of the Dunsfold Collection.

### **A welcome to all Land Rover clubs and owners**

Land Rover Legends is all about a passion for the Vehicles, the People, the Stories - and a shared enthusiasm. Land Rover clubs play a huge part in that passion and are now invited to register for a reserved plot in the club zone, along with a special ticket offer. Organisers will also be asking for those owners with particularly notable vehicles to apply to join the 'Legends Line Up!' display feature, located centrally in the show area, and all visitors arriving in a Land Rover will be offered parking on arrival in the dedicated Land Rover parking area, where every Land Rover can be part of the show.

### **Land Rovers racing to the rescue**

With the Thruxton Historic race meeting running alongside Land Rover Legends, visitors will also need to keep an eye out for some special Land Rovers playing their part in the running of the race meeting, providing recovery and shuttle services for drivers and officials, as well as taking part in the Land Rover parade on the start/finish line!

Richard Grafton, Land Rover Legends Event Director, said, "With 2021 still likely to present many challenges for event organisers, we are delighted to be working with the highly experienced Thruxton team to put on a safe and welcoming event at such an exciting venue. We have all been missing the opportunity to get together and share our passion for Land

Rovers, and we are planning to make this the great reunion of the year. We will be firming up the details as 2021 unfolds but for now, I would urge everyone to save the date and book with confidence, safe in the knowledge that should visitors not be allowed at the event due to Covid-19 restrictions, they will have the option for a full refund or to transfer their tickets."

**LAND ROVER**  
LEGENDS

**12-13 JUNE 2021**  
THRUXTON HISTORIC

Advance discounted tickets are available now, giving you two shows for the price of one! Full details can be found at [www.landroverlegends.com](http://www.landroverlegends.com).



# A GREAT GIFT IDEA?

## THE OUTLIERMAN LAUNCHES ALL-NEW LUXURY LEATHER WALLETS AND CARD HOLDERS - INSPIRED BY SOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST EVOCATIVE CLASSIC CARS

- Bologna-based company, The Outlierman, has launched two new luxury leather products featuring its all-new “Outlierman’s Roads” design - a six-slot card holder and long wallet
- 100% handmade in Italy using full-grain calfskin leather, they are the perfect Christmas gifts for any automotive lover
- Available in blue and black historic racing colours, both the wallet and card holder can be coordinated with any of The Outlierman’s bags
- The Outlierman is an Italian company that creates luxury automotive accessories for driving enthusiasts
- Media assets can be downloaded here: <http://bit.ly/Wallets and Card Holders>

**Bologna, December 2020:** Today, The Outlierman, makers of handcrafted luxury automotive inspired accessories, introduces a new full-grain calfskin [leather six-slot card holder](#) and [leather long wallet](#), featuring the all-new “Outlierman’s Roads” pattern.

Andrea Mazzuca, founder of The Outlierman, said: “We are thrilled to announce the launch of our new leather card holder and long wallet, which have been carefully designed by our in-house team to promote not only functionality, but also Italian design.



*The Outlierman*™

ACCESSORIES FOR GENTLEMAN DRIVER

“The intricate detail and craftsmanship are shown clearly in these delightful accessories, whether that be in the exquisite external stitching or the vibrant and effortlessly timeless ‘Outlierman Roads’ lining. Each accessory is perfectly designed for car enthusiasts’ everyday necessities.

“I wanted to create something minimal, but still perfect for daily use and more specifically, travelling. I think that every gentleman needs a long wallet, perfect for the suit pockets to carry all the credit cards and business cards; and the card holder is what I use most in the evening when I just want to carry a few cards, and don’t have big pockets for my wallets.”

Designed with style and practicality in mind, The Outlierman’s in-house designers have created sophisticated products for the everyday essentials. Using only the finest full-grain calfskin leather and 100% cotton drill lining, each piece features The Outlierman’s signature silver steering wheel logo. Carefully placed on the exterior of each product, it both exhibits personality and the user’s passion for classic cars - further enhancing each item. Alongside this, both the long wallet and card holder use contrasting external stitching as a reference to the colours of the leather in quintessential classic car interiors, such as the Jaguar XK120 and Ferrari 166 MM, illustrating only the highest Italian craftsmanship.

### **Full-grain leather six-slot card holder**

The Outlierman card holder is an elegant and practical case for essentials such as credit cards, car smart keys, business cards and badges. Perfect for the evenings, with three front slots and three back slots, it holds all your needs in a discrete manner.





100% made in Italy by Italian craftsmen using full-grain calfskin leather, the multifunctional card holder contains a practical central compartment designed to accommodate banknotes and showcases the recently introduced, “Outlierman’s Roads” pattern, adorned on a 100% cotton drill lining. Meanwhile, on the exterior of the card holder, The Outlierman’s signature silver logo enriches the accessory, capturing the essence of The Outlierman.

### Full-grain leather long wallet

This long and thin wallet has been specially designed by The Outlierman to deliver both functionality and flair, and can be held in the inside suit pocket of those who wish to elevate the use of everyday items. Every detail has been incorporated specifically to enhance the practicality of the accessory.

With its generous allocation of pockets, the long wallet features a double banknote compartment on the right side, whilst the left side is a document holder that contains twelve slots for credit cards, business cards and badges. The internal lining is 100% cotton drill, highlighting the all-new “Outlierman’s Roads” pattern and The Outlierman embossed logo, illustrating the driving passion of The Outlierman.

Available in blue and black historic racing colours, both the wallet and card holder can be coordinated with any of The Outlierman’s bags and are the perfect Christmas gift for any automotive aficionado.



The Outlierman company was formed with a mission to handcraft a range of accessories inspired by the breath-taking beauty, supreme quality and timeless appeal of the world's most iconic cars. The latest Outlierman products can be found on their website <https://www.theoutlierman.com/>

The Outlierman was created by Andrea Mazzuca and Eleonora Dazzani in Bologna in 2015. A small, passionate team of 10 people designs each item in-house. All items are handcrafted by artisans in Italy, chosen for their world-class expertise in their relevant field. The Outlierman produces collections for discerning drivers, including driving gloves, scarves, ties, bow ties, braces, pocket squares, bags and document cases. The Outlierman Magazine, which contains features on classic and contemporary cars, fashion, romantic road trips, events and more, is produced both online and in print.





# FIVE-STAR EURO NCAP SAFETY RATING FOR AWARD-WINNING NEW LAND ROVER DEFENDER 110



**Whitley, UK, December 2020** – The award-winning New Land Rover Defender 110\* has earned another five-star review – this time from the safety experts at Euro NCAP. Land Rover’s most capable and durable model ever has been awarded the maximum five-star rating in the latest round of test results.

The Defender combines state-of-the-art assisting technologies with an ultra-stiff aluminium-intensive body construction engineered to cope with rugged landscapes. Clever technologies available on Defender include Emergency Braking, Lane Keep Assist and Rear Collision Monitor†.

Six airbags are designed to protect the driver and passengers, while up to three ISOFIX mounting points are available. New Defender scored 85 per cent for Adult and Child Occupant protection, 79 per cent for Safety Assist and achieved a 71 per cent score for Vulnerable Road Users on its way to a five-star overall rating.

**Nick Rogers, Executive Director, Product Engineering, Jaguar Land Rover, said:** *“From the moment we started creating the New Defender, we were obsessed with functional safety and the protection of both the occupants and other road users. We set out to make a vehicle that is the most capable and durable Land Rover ever made, with safety features that truly enhance the driver’s experience. It’s an incredible honour to receive this recognition from Euro NCAP who have endorsed our New Defender with their five-star rating.”*

Euro NCAP tested a New Defender 110\*, but the tough 4x4 family also includes the compact Defender 90 and a pair of practical Hard Top commercial derivatives, which feature a fixed bulkhead behind the front seats and provide 2,059 and 1,355 litres of cargo space respectively.

Following its world premiere at the Frankfurt Motor Show in 2019, Land Rover has experienced unprecedented demand for the new 4x4. This has been matched with critical acclaim – New Defender has already won 28 international awards. Since its debut, Land Rover has also introduced its fuel efficient range of in-line six-cylinder Ingenium diesel engines with mild hybrid technology and its advanced P400e plug-in hybrid. This provides an all-electric range of up to 27 miles (43km) and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions as low as 74g/km.\*\*

Land Rover has also introduced the X-Dynamic specification, available on both Defender 90 and 110. It provides a selection of exterior and interior design elements reflecting the 4x4's immense capability and ensuring it stands out from the crowd.



The comprehensive range of advanced driver assistance technologies available on Defender includes:

- **Emergency Braking** – Designed to detect if a potential frontal collision with another vehicle may occur and display a forward alert to warn the driver to brake. If the driver doesn't respond, the vehicle will deploy emergency braking to reduce the severity of the possible impact.
- **Blind Spot Assist** – A flashing icon in the appropriate wing mirror helps alert the driver to obstacles in, or quickly approaching, your blind spot.
- **3D Surround Camera** – Assists the driver during low-speed manoeuvres using advanced camera technology to provide a 3D view of Defender in its environment on the central Pivi Pro display.
- **Clear Exit Monitor** – Helps warn of a possible threat when preparing to open any door from the inside using sensors in the bumper to monitor approaching traffic.
- **Adaptive Cruise Control** – Maintains a safe distance from the vehicle in front. If the vehicle ahead stops, the technology will bring the vehicle to a smooth halt.
- **Driver Condition Monitor** – Designed to sense driver fatigue by monitoring steering, brake and accelerator inputs to provide alerts when tiredness is detected.
- **Lane Keep Assist** – Helps to detect unintentional lane drift and applies corrective counter-steering to maintain lane position.
- **Rear Collision Monitor** – If a vehicle approaching from behind is not slowing down, the vehicle will attempt to alert the approaching driver by automatically flashing the hazard lights.
- **Rear Traffic Monitor** – Designed to warn of vehicles, pedestrians or other hazards approaching from either side – particularly useful when reversing out of a parking bay.
- **Traffic Sign Recognition and Adaptive Speed Limiter** – Informs the driver of the current speed limit and adjusts the vehicle speed when entering new speed limit zones automatically.
- **Wade Sensing** – Ultrasonic sensors in the door mirrors provide real-time information about the water depth when wading.
- **eCall+**: System is designed to send an automatic message to an emergency call centre in case of a crash or collision, which includes additional location information and the number of seat belts in use.
- **Multi Collision Brake**: Automatically applies the brakes to prevent or mitigate a subsequent impact when the vehicle has been involved in a collision of sufficient severity.



December 2020

## **GRIDSERVE opens UK's first Electric Forecourt® to support mass market EV charging and make EVs less expensive than petrol or diesel alternatives**

**GRIDSERVE** today announces that the UK's first Electric Forecourt® near Braintree, Essex, is open for business, representing a major breakthrough for massive expansion of electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure in the UK.

The site is the first of over 100 Electric Forecourts® being built by GRIDSERVE over the next five years, providing people with the confidence that the UK will have the charging infrastructure required for mass EV adoption well ahead of the 2030 ban on petrol and diesel cars. The company's £1bn UK-wide programme aims to make EV driving an enjoyable, ultra-convenient and stress-free experience, which – from today onwards – is delivering net zero EV driving at a cost that's lower than driving petrol or diesel vehicles.



**Toddington Harper, Founder and CEO of GRIDSERVE, said:** *“Today’s announcement represents a major milestone in achieving GRIDSERVE’s purpose to deliver sustainable energy and move the needle on climate change. It’s our collective responsibility to prevent greenhouse gas emissions rising further, and electric vehicles powered by clean energy represent a large part of the solution. However, charging has to be simple and free of anxiety, which is why we’ve designed our Electric Forecourts® entirely around the needs of drivers, updating the traditional petrol station model for a net-zero carbon world and delivering the confidence people need to make the switch to electric transport today – a full decade ahead of the 2030 ban on petrol and diesel cars*

*“Together with our charging-included electric vehicle leasing business, that we are also launching today in partnership with Hitachi Capital (UK) PLC, people now have the full confidence to make the transition to an electric vehicle, knowing that charging is in-hand, and it’s actually less expensive to use an electric car than a petrol or diesel alternative.”*

**James Cleverly, Minister of State, former Conservative Party Chairman and MP for Braintree, said:** *“Our government is committed to increasing the take-up of electric vehicles, to clean our air and enable us to achieve net zero carbon emissions as quickly as possible, which is why we have just brought forward the ban on new petrol or diesel to 2030. GRIDSERVE’s Electric Forecourt®, close to Braintree, is the most advanced charging facility in the world and is pioneering the world-class infrastructure required to support our policies and drive the confidence we need to make the move to sustainable transport in the UK.”*

The Braintree Electric Forecourt®, adjacent to Great Notley, just off the A131, enables 36 electric vehicles to be charged simultaneously, with high power chargers that can deliver up to 350 kW of charging power, enabling people to add 200 miles of range in 20 minutes, and much faster in the future as electric vehicle battery technologies mature. Together with GRIDSERVE, the project has been funded by Hitachi Capital (UK) PLC, Innovate UK and OZEV.

**Transport Minister, Rachel Maclean, said:** *“As we accelerate towards cleaner and greener transport, I’m delighted to see the future of service stations being brought to life with the opening of the UK’s first all-electric forecourt. Government funding has helped make this dream a reality and with £2.8bn of support to encourage the uptake of zero emission vehicles, there has never been a better time to make the switch.”*

The Electric Forecourt® is part of GRIDSERVE’s wider ‘sun-to-wheel’ infrastructure, built to deliver low cost, net zero carbon energy to every vehicle that uses one of GRIDSERVE’s chargers. Electricity is generated from both the solar power canopies above the chargers, and a network of hybrid solar farms, also operated by GRIDSERVE. The UK’s first subsidy-free solar farm in Clay Hill is paired with Braintree Electric Forecourt®, providing 100% renewable energy via the National Grid. There is also a 6 MWh battery onsite which helps to balance the local energy grid and shift energy to periods when it is more valuable. For example, on windy winter nights the battery can store enough energy to drive 24,000 miles in electric vehicles the following day, helping to maximise the value of renewable energy resources, stabilise the grid, and keep prices low.

Drivers charging at the Electric Forecourt® will initially pay just 24p per kWh of energy (including VAT), which is currently the lowest ultra-high power charging rates on the market today – meaning a typical charge from 20% to 80% costs under £10 for an average-size electric vehicle on the market today. To deliver additional flexibility GRIDSERVE also have plans to introduce a tiered pricing structure in the future.

While vehicles charge, drivers can relax and shop in state-of-the-art facilities that cater for all their needs. This includes a comprehensive retail space, operated by WHSmith, hosting “Best of British” brands including WHSmith, Costa Coffee, Booths, Post Office, and Gourmade. The facility also includes a waiting lounge, free superfast WiFi, high-end washrooms, dedicated kid’s area, wellbeing area with exercise bikes that generate electricity, and business meeting room pods.

**Toby Keir, Managing Director at WHSmith said:** *“At WHSmith, we have been serving customers on their journeys for over 200 years and we understand how important convenience is to people on the go. We’re therefore delighted to be partnering with GRIDSERVE’s Electric Forecourt to deliver a new first-class customer experience, with fantastic service and a tailored retail offer including WHSmith, Post Office, Costa Coffee and Booths. It’s a great concept and we look forward to playing our part over the next hundred years with the future of electric cars.”*

The Electric Forecourt® is also designed to help people make the process of switching to electric vehicles as simple and straightforward as possible. The upper floor of the on-site building showcases the latest electric vehicles, and there are multiple digital screens that help people learn about and source electric vehicles. With more than 200 types of electric vehicles now available, GRIDSERVE is also hiring electric vehicle enthusiasts to help educate people about electric vehicles, and arrange test drives, with the ultimate aim of providing people with the confidence and support to make the transition to an all-electric future.



**UK'S FIRST NET-ZERO EMISSIONS EV LEASING SERVICE LAUNCHED ALONGSIDE FIRST ELECTRIC FORECOURT®** In partnership with Hitachi Capital (UK) PLC, GRIDSERVE today also launches GRIDSERVE Electric Vehicle Solutions, the [UK's first net zero electric vehicle leasing business](#). The service is designed to bring the cost of driving electric well below that of petrol or diesel cars, and minimise the environmental impact of EVs.

Net zero carbon energy is included<sup>1</sup> in monthly leasing payments, meaning drivers can charge at Electric Forecourts® without paying any additional costs. This removes a key barrier to mass EV adoption, enabling people to accurately compare the cost of leasing a petrol or diesel vehicle, plus fuel, with an electric vehicle with fuel included. This reflects the true overall cost to the consumer, which in most cases clearly demonstrates a lower cost for EVs than petrol or diesel vehicles. The benefit is amplified for the 40% of UK drivers without access to off-street parking<sup>2</sup> who would otherwise have to rely on less dependable and typically more expensive public charging infrastructure compared to charging at home. For those who lease through GRIDSERVE, charging at an Electric Forecourt® becomes cheaper than home charging because energy is already included in monthly leasing payments.

To reduce the environmental impact of EVs even further, GRIDSERVE has partnered with a tree planting organisation, with will plant 100 trees for every electric vehicle leased through the service. This helps to minimise the carbon emissions from supply chain processes, such as manufacturing.

**Toddington Harper said:** *“Together with our Solar Farms and Electric Forecourts, GRIDSERVE Electric Vehicle Solutions completes our ‘sun-to-wheel’ infrastructure designed to deliver net zero carbon transport from 2020 onwards. By including the planting of 100 trees for every electric vehicle leased through the service and providing net zero carbon energy to charge all the vehicles, we’re making EV driving greener, cheaper and more straightforward than ever before.”*

**Robert Gordon, CEO of Hitachi Capital (UK) PLC, said:** *“Our partnership with GRIDSERVE is a total game-changer for electric mobility. Not only are we providing electric vehicles at some of the most competitive rates on the market, but we are at the same time developing a network of rapid, reliable and renewably powered Electric Forecourts® that will fast-track the electric vehicle revolution in the UK as we prepare for a zero-carbon future.”*

GRIDSERVE and Hitachi Capital (UK) PLC plan to offer electric vehicles from all major vehicle manufacturers. At the time of launch, available brands include Audi, BMW, DS, Mercedes-benz, MG, Mini, Nissan, Renault, and Volkswagen.



# Land Rover Defender is Top Gear's Car of the Year

- The new Land Rover Defender takes the double securing the overall Car of the Year and the “Unstoppable Force” award in the coveted annual TopGear.com Awards
- Defender is recognised for being one of the toughest SUVs, while remaining capable, comfortable and practical
- The Defender fends off stiff-competition from every new vehicle launched in the past 12 months
- To mark the occasion, Land Rover and Top Gear join forces to put Defender to the ultimate test of strength by suspending three standard Defenders from a 60 metre crane
- The test is featured in this month's Top Gear magazine and in a digital presentation on Top Gear's YouTube channel
- The Defender family of vehicles including 90, 110, Hard Top and plug-in Hybrid versions are now on sale at [www.landrover.co.uk](http://www.landrover.co.uk) starting at £43,625 on the road

**Whitley, December 2020.** The new Land Rover Defender has been bestowed with two further globally-recognised awards being named overall *Car of the Year* while also securing the *Unstoppable Force* award in this year's coveted TopGear.com Awards.

Judges of the prestigious prize praised the new Defender for being one of the toughest vehicles on the road today, and a brilliant successor to the original iconic Land Rover, as a car for the 21st century that performs brilliantly everywhere.

**Jack Rix, Editor, Top Gear Magazine said:** “Car of the Year is an accolade won by only the very best of the best. We recognise that replacing an icon is an unenviable task, and one Land Rover rightly took its time to get right.

“We've now driven one across the Namibian desert - and in properly harsh environments, like the M25 - in both 110 and 90 forms, with every engine under the bonnet and it just performs brilliantly everywhere. There's an argument that because it costs a bit more it won't be used properly by the farming and rural community, but that doesn't mean it couldn't be... It's the toughest, most capable off-roader we've ever tested, but one that's a refined, well-equipped family car around town.

“Congratulations to everyone at Land Rover.”

**Nick Rogers, Executive Director, Product Engineering, Jaguar Land Rover said:** "It's an absolute honour for us to receive Top Gear's Car of the Year award for our New Defender. Right from the start of creating this vehicle with the blank sheet of paper, we were obsessed about respecting its heritage and keeping its true authenticity, as well as ensuring it is completely fitting for today's ever-evolving world. We have worked tirelessly to deliver a vehicle that has incredible off-road capability, as well as on-road poise and driveability. Additionally, we have ensured that the New Defender is completely connected, with our new Electrical Vehicle Architecture (EVA2), Pivi Pro infotainment system and Software Over the Air (SOTA) updates to continually enhance the Defender operating system.

“We are especially proud of this recognition from Top Gear, which is a testament to the dedication of our JLR Family who have created a vehicle that we believe is truly worthy of the Defender name.”







## Hang Tough

To celebrate the achievement, Land Rover teamed up with Top Gear magazine to prove the new Defender worthy of the 'Unstoppable Force' title. The ultimate strength test was designed to prove-out the structural toughness of the Defender's D7x aluminium platform by suspending three un-modified 110s from a crane solely through their towing eyes.

The test which took place at the Gaydon proving ground in Warwickshire subjected the first Defender 110 to over eight tonnes through the structure with each Defender featuring the optional Adventure Pack and additional optional equipment.

**Top Gear's Tom Ford said:** *"We wanted to prove that Land Rover's new Defender really does live up to the hype and had to test it in typical Top Gear fashion. What better way to let me loose with a 150 tonne crane, three Defenders and a rope?"*

With over 30 global accolades to date for the new Defender, the Top Gear prizes are among a string of prestigious awards that the Land Rover Defender has taken home in 2020. Notable awards include Motortrend's 2021 SUV of the year, Autocar's Best SUV 2020 and Parker's Best Off-roader.

The New Defender has been through more than 62,000 tests for engineering sign-off, while the chassis and body architecture have been engineered to withstand Land Rover's Extreme Event Test procedure – repeated and sustained impacts, above and beyond the normal standard for SUV and passenger cars. With the latest New Defender, the Land Rover Defender family now encompasses the Defender 90 and Defender 110 both with the option of advanced plug-in hybrid powertrain as well as the 90 and 110 Hard Top commercial variants.



Editor's Note;

Two awesome desktop / tablet photos here. We have uploaded them onto our photo gallery for you at [landynews.online](http://landynews.online)





LAND ROVER PHOTO'S, TOO GOOD NOT TO USE



The D6 production line



# Tim “Yabs” Smith

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I have the very sad duty to announce the passing of an old mate and former DOC member of several years, Tim Smith. Tim was always known as “Yabs” on the DOC forum (I never knew where this came from for sure but Tim certainly could chat).

I first met Tim and his lovely wife Donna, many years ago when I was asked by a Committee member to start a new local section in Nottinghamshire. For several months Tim, Donna and I would meet up with Steve and his partner Sue, one Wednesday evening per month at the Bowls Club in Wilford where my sister and partner were the stewards.

Tim and Donna would drive over, all the way from their home in Sleaford to attend these meetings by the South bank of the river Trent, then drive home again, rain or shine. I've never forgotten their kind help in getting the section up and running.

We even moved the meeting to The Goose, at Gamston (by the A52/Nottingham ring road) when things took off and memberships increased, so as to save Tim a little bit of driving.

Tim along with Steve and their ladies once spent a holiday in Norway, driving all the way up to the Arctic Circle, which made me green with envy at not being able to go with them. We did however enjoy many caravan weekends away with the DOC and the Notts Section over the years, I'll never forget them.

Tim, with Donna's help, started his own local section in Lincolnshire and enjoyed several years of social meetings and caravan holidays with their new friends. I kept in touch and enjoyed the odd visit now and then to their home, stopping over, eating the odd breakfast in the local Wetherspoon's, lunch in a café and our endless chats about cars. Even when DOC membership's declined in both our areas and Tim eventually dropped away from the DOC, we still kept in touch.

Tim was a former racing mechanic, and was always tuning his engines. Last year, I remember him telling me how he blew up his latest rebuild on its first drive, so a further rebuild was required by a specialist engine tuner, with even more horse power! That was pure Tim all over.

Sadly, I can't attend the service, Tim had requested a simple send off and with Covid restricted family attendance, numbers were limited. However Donna tells me that she does plan to hold a remembrance service at a later date which I hope to attend to say good bye to an old and dear friend.

I'll miss him, rest in peace Yabs.

Roger Spencer  
DOC #840





# NEW DEFENDER SET TO PLAY VITAL ROLE AS LAND ROVER RETURNS TO THE DAKAR IN 2021

- **Behind the scenes:** New Land Rover Defender will play a vital role at the world's most extreme motorsport event – the Dakar Rally – with a pair of production-standard models joining Bahrain Raid Xtreme (BRX) as crew vehicles for its 2021 campaign
- **Durable by design:** Pair of Defender 110 models will provide on-event support for the team's two drivers, medical crew and support staff across the punishing 13-day, 12-stage, 7,646 kilometre event
- **Competition pedigree:** Land Rover has a rich association with the event after a Range Rover won the first ever Dakar Rally in 1979, before triumphing again in 1981
- **Choose your model:** New Defender 90 Hard Top is priced from £35,820 OTR (ex. VAT), 110 Hard Top from £43,012 OTR (ex. VAT), 90 is priced from £43,625 and 110 starts at £45,315 in the UK
- **Configure yours at:** [www.landrover.co.uk/Defender](http://www.landrover.co.uk/Defender)



**Whitley, December 2020** – Land Rover's most capable and durable 4x4 is taking on the ultimate all-terrain challenge with two Defender 110 support vehicles destined for the Dakar Rally 2021. The rally is one of the toughest sporting events in the world and the production-spec models will support ambitious new Dakar Rally and Prodrive-backed team, Bahrain Raid Xtreme (BRX) throughout the 7,646 kilometre (4,751-mile) race.

The pair of New Defender 110 4x4s will have to negotiate extreme conditions, traversing desert dunes, mud, camel grass and rocks as they carry vital supplies, crew and equipment for the team and drivers. BRX's driver lineup includes nine-time World Rally Champion, Sébastien Loeb, from France, and two-time Dakar Rally winner, Nani Roma, from Spain. The showroom-standard models will also provide essential support for crew members, who will camp, eat and sleep in the P400 models across 12 gruelling stages of desert driving.

The Indus Silver models are powered by Land Rover's 400PS straight-six Ingenium petrol engine, featuring Mild Hybrid Electric Vehicle technology, and are fitted with the Explorer Pack, which includes an Expedition Roof Rack, Raised Air Intake, Wheel Arch Protection and Exterior Side-Mounted Gear Carrier. In addition, a Deployable Roof Ladder provides easy access to a roof box, which will help BRX carry all the necessary kit.





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**Finbar McFall, Jaguar Land Rover Customer Experience Director, said:** *“Land Rover has a unique Dakar pedigree having won the inaugural event in 1979, and the rally remains the ultimate all-terrain endurance test. While the Defenders won’t be competing, they will have a vital role in supporting the team as they navigate their way across thousands of miles of punishing desert terrain. The fact these vehicles are unmodified is testimony to the intrinsic capability and durability of our legendary 4x4, which has undergone the most demanding engineering test and development programme in our history.”*

The role of support vehicle will see crew members test the Defender’s expedition credentials to the extremes. With a maximum payload of up to 900kg and maximum dynamic roof load of 168kg, each of the vehicles will be loaded with equipment and supplies, while advanced Terrain Response 2 technology, including world-first Configurable Terrain Response, will allow the drivers to fine-tune the vehicle to suit both their driving preferences and the challenging conditions.

**World-leading motorsport experts, Prodrive, are behind BRX, Team Principal, Paul Howorth, said:** *“The crew need to know our support vehicles will be able to carry all of the necessary kit and be relied upon to get to the next service location, whatever the conditions. New Defender provides a unique combination of all-terrain performance, rugged practicality and comfort – a crucial combination for the unpredictable Dakar conditions and after long days behind the wheel.”*





Following its world premiere at the Frankfurt Motor Show in 2019, Land Rover has experienced unprecedented demand for New Defender alongside worldwide critical acclaim – since its debut, the 4x4 has won 28 international awards.

Land Rover has also introduced its range of powerful and efficient in-line six-cylinder Ingenium diesel engines, featuring mild hybrid technology, and its advanced P400e plug-in hybrid powertrain, which provides an all-electric range of up to 27 miles (43km)\* and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of 74g/km.

New Defender is available in 90, 110 and practical Hard Top commercial derivatives. To find out more and configure yours, visit: [www.landrover.com/Defender](http://www.landrover.com/Defender)



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## **FINAL THOUGHT FROM THE TEAM.....**

# **Big Brother motorists submit more than 35 dash cam videos to UK police every day**

- **Exclusive What Car? research finds more than 52,000 dash cam recordings of potential traffic offences being committed have been sent to UK police forces since 2017**
- **A third of submissions have resulted in a fine, driver awareness course, court summons or warning**
- **More than 5000 court prosecutions have been issued as a result of dash cam footage supplied by the public**
- **Use of dash cams has rocketed by 850% since 2017, with road users viewing them as vital evidence if they're involved in an accident**

Motorists and other road users have sent 52,174 dash cam recordings of potential traffic offences to UK police forces since 2017, with more than a third resulting in a court summons, Fixed Penalty Notice, driver awareness course or warning\*.

A Freedom of Information request was sent to every UK police force by the country's leading new car buying platform and consumer champion, they found police forces across the UK receive more than 35 pieces of dash-cam footage every day.

Just over 10% of the incidents captured on film were severe enough to warrant a court prosecution and 9.6% resulted in a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN). A further 10.5% resulted in the driver being asked to attend a driver awareness course, and 3.0% of drivers were given a warning.

Thirty-five of the UK's 42 police forces have a system in place to process and fine drivers and motorcyclists based on dash-cam evidence from other road users.

The use of dash cams by drivers and other road users has shot up by around 850% since 2017, when insurance companies started accepting footage as evidence for claims and the courts first used footage to convict an offender.

Dyfed-Powys Police in South Wales is the most active in using dash cam footage. It has taken action over 81.3% of the videos it's received, with 40.2% of offenders receiving a warning, 18.6% of them were prosecuted in court and 18.4% were asked to attend a driver awareness course, while just 4.0% were handed an FPN.

London's Metropolitan Police received the largest volume of submissions – nearly 25,000 videos over four years – and acted in 45.4% of cases, issuing court proceedings to 18.9% of offenders, driver awareness courses to 13.9%, FPNs to 9.6% and warnings to 2.9%.

Steve Huntingford, editor of What Car?, said: "Our Freedom of Information request shows the vast majority of police forces in the country can now receive and process footage from dash cams in a matter of hours, meaning reckless driving is more likely than ever to lead to a fine or even a court summons."





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