

Reviews

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Sheepskin mitt Serious Performance www.seriousperformance.co.uk £5.95

It seems there is a careful process of elimination when it comes to products that appear on the Serious Performance shelves. Take these mitts for example. Four months of testing various brands took place, and they finally concluded that these 100 percent genuine sheepskin items were they way forward.

When they landed at the CCW towers, we couldn't believe a) it was intended for bodywork and b) how soft it felt.

Once lathered in shampoo, dirt was loosened effortlessly and its large dimensions made good time across each panel. It was then

rinsed with water and hung out to dry using its simple but useful stitched loop.

And when it dries off, leave it in the back of your car for passengers to use as a pillow on those longer journeys! Not only that, it's also a bargain when compared to bigger brands that sell similar mitts – we challenge you to find better.



Alloy radiator expansion header tank RatSport www.ratsport.co.uk 0208 8544777 £59.95

If you are after an affordable aftermarket oil catch tank or header tank for your classic, London based RatSport is the place to go. Its latest radiator expansion header tank costs a reasonable £59.95 and boasts an innovative feature.



Each one is manufactured from aircraft grade alloy which is 100% TIG welded and then polished to brighten up your engine bay.

Measuring 20cm in length and 8cm in diameter, this trendy tank will drink nearly two pints of coolant and the silicone sight gauge allows the user to see how much fluid the radiator has discharged.

Now it's time for the innovative part. Located at the base is a drain plug, but this is no ordinary plug, because a ceramic magnet is incorporated to catch unwanted metal particles that could work their way around your cooling system.

Each unit is supplied with a one-metre length of half-inch internal diameter hose and associated fittings, barring the fitting clamp which is optional.

Siren padlock Kelsey Accessories 01959 541444 £25.00

If your shed, garage or workshop has no electricity supply and you are of a security conscious nature, then this device should fit the bill.

It can play the role of a conventional padlock but when the highgrade steel shackle is turned around and inserted into the main body, a beep indicates that it is armed and should anyone tamper with it, a high pitched two-tone alarm will sound for ten seconds. No doubt waking you up in the process, or catching the attention of anyone in the vicinity.

The siren is protected by a metal plate, meaning it will resist punishment and when the batteries eventually run out, the main body splits in half by removing the two screws that are exposed when the shackle is detached.



Classic Car Electrics Veloce Publishing Paperback, 96 pages, 270mm x 207mm, 301 colour pictures ISBN 978-1-90370-664-0 £19.99

I don't know about you, but electrics baffle me. Fault finding a mechanical part can be troublesome enough, but when it comes to a culprit on the loom, it can take a decade to find.

But lucky for us, classics do actually offer a degree of simplicity in comparison to today's batch of modern cars, where diagnostic equipment, run from a laptop, reigns supreme.

Opening the bonnet on a 1966 Anglia reveals a sparse area with most of the components in sight, such as the dizzy, dynamos, starter motor and so on. But doing the same on a modern equivalent will result in some serious head scratching, leaving you none the wiser.

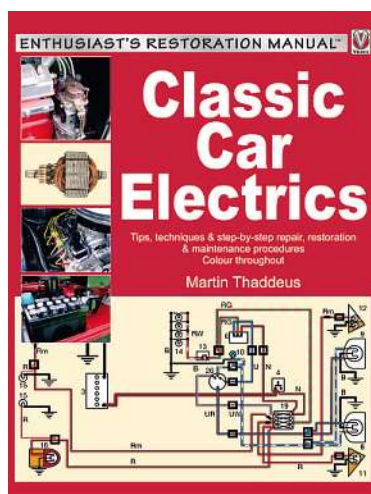
Author Martin Thaddeus wrote Classic-Car-Electrics so the average owner, equipped with a run-of-the-mill toolkit, could go out to the

garage and tackle any electrical task their classic throws at them.

The first few pages covers the basics of electrics and what things such as amperage and voltage do, and these bite-size pieces of information offer an insight into what you may be working on later on.

And for those itching to get stuck in, Martin has written guides into servicing the starter motor, dynamo, restoring tired lenses, not forgetting the step-by-step repair sections.

So if you would like to have a go at car electrics but don't know where to start, then this book is great, it will inspire confidence and give the reader priceless knowledge. Now where did I put that voltmeter...?



Mini models Oxford Diecast www.oxforddiecast.co.uk 01792 643500 £9.95 (1:43 scale)

Some of you may remember the Wall's Mini ice cream van that we featured in a previous edition of Reviews, so if you like your cuisine-orientated models, these two should appeal.

Taff of Oxford Diecast insisted that the team should add a Burger Van to the range. 'Mister Burger' is finished in a rather fetching shade of orange and yellow, complete with an inevitable menu posted on the side window. Limited to a production run of 2,000, buy one while you can!

Spurred on by burger antics, 'Grand Marnier' was designed. The story behind the name dates back to the 19th

century when Marnier-Lapostolle established a distillery in the Neauphle-le-Château region of France. And in 1880 it began producing Cognac-based liquors, so if you like a tippie of the mentioned, then what way better to represent it than a classy maroon and white model? Oxford is producing just 1600, 400 down on the Burger Van, so be quick!



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