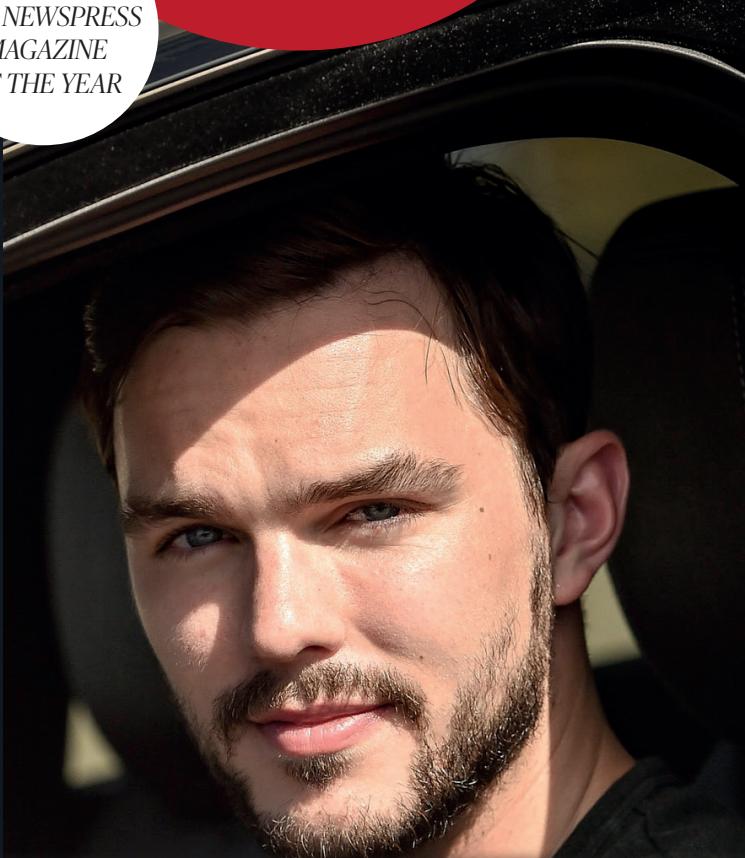


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# This week

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Running Free Car Mag does have its upsides and the major one for this issue was having a go in some properly fast cars. No day is dull when you get to try a Nissan GT-R, Honda NSX, or McLaren 570GT. We did drive them, often unfeasibly slowly at some points, because this was after all, a real world supercar test.

We also have our usual ingredient of celebrity culture courtesy of the rather excellent 'Stars in their Cars' which is a TV programme right up the Free Car Mag alley. Then there Hollywood superstar Nicholas Hoult who takes on some cones in a Jaguar, with rather interesting results.

Lewis Hamilton finally makes an appearance showing us the Monaco lifestyle from a boat. Yes really.

Best of all we've got a fabulous Mondaine Smartwatch to give away. It's an incredible piece of very clever technology, plus it is beautiful, functional and futuristic. Full details on the website and page 27.

Final thought is that the next best thing to running Free Car Mag would be a racing team. Let's see if we can get Lewis on board for 2017 wearing the FCM team colours.

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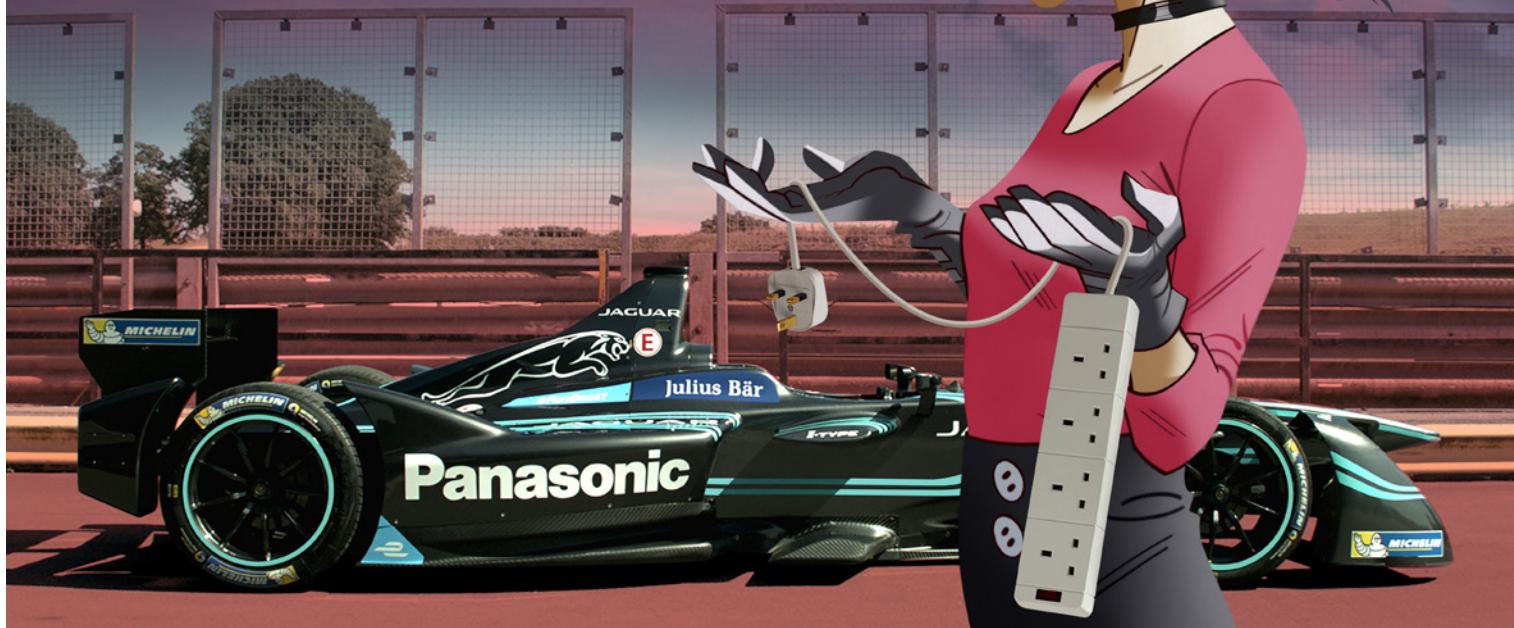
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## NOODLE FROM GORILLAZ

Talking about her new role as part of the @JaguarRacing team, to help inspire the next generation of young engineers – male and female, Noodle said: "The young minds of today are the engineers of tomorrow. We are in the driving seat and our imaginations are the fuel. It's time to lead the charge and build a better world!"



## NICOLAS CAGE

Attending the Celebrity Fight Night Gala dinner in Florence Nicolas Cage arrives in a Jeep Cherokee. (Photo by Valerio Pennicino/Getty Images for Jeep)

## VICTORIA SILVSTEDT

Attending the Celebrity Fight Night Gala dinner in Florence Swedish model, actress, singer, and television personality Victoria Silvstedt arrives in a Jeep Cherokee. (Photo by Valerio Pennicino/Getty Images for Jeep)



## THOM EVANS

The former Scottish international rugby union player and model joined over 300 VIPs and Clients at the Old Billingsgate Market in central London to launch the Ferrari GTC4Lusso. A dazzling light and innovative dance show with four different GTC4Lusso models walking the Catwalk in a fashion show.



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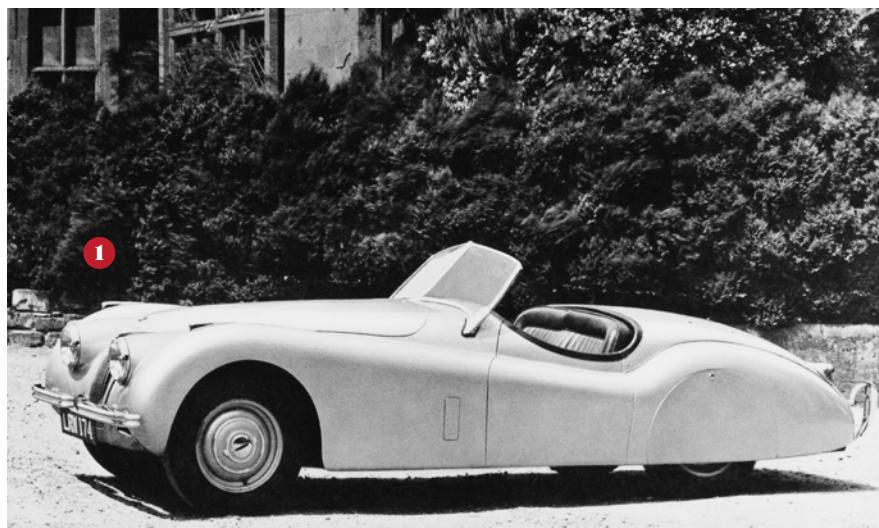
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# Get the look

## JODIE KIDD

In Stars in their Cars, model and racing driver is reunited with the old banger she learned to drive in, liberates her Italian supercar from a museum, and takes Paddy on a hair-raising trip on the famous Goodwood Hillclimb at the wheel of Britain's finest roadster. More details about the TV programme on page 22, for the moment let's get Jodie's look.

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# JAPAN VS WOKING

It does seem unfair to have two against one, but the supercar wars are hotting up. Over the next few pages we don't just look at, we drive, often very very slowly, the latest ultra performance cars from Japan and a supercar icon from Woking in Surrey.

To make it fair we asked the cars the same questions of the cars and drove them on a mix of typical British roads, with potholes, pedestrian crossings and road works.

What we aimed to find out is which supercars would best fit in with our daily lives and which ones tick the most supercar boxes?

It's been fun and hugely emotional. Not all cars were created equal thank goodness, as you will find out over the next few pages.

## SCHOOL RUN SUPERCAR

# NISSAN GT-R

### Does it look the Supercar part?

Oh yes, the GT-R is purposeful, aggressive and deadly serious. Nissan have worked hard to make the latest GT-R even cleverer aerodynamically. It is a lot more than a hot hatch on steroids and the ability to fade into the background actually helps. Inside, it feels very supercar with 11 dials telling you about steering input degrees to cornering G-forces. Brilliant.

### Can it do the school run?

The clue is in our headline. There are a couple of seats at the back which you can get two child seated nippies in (they will never be able to see out, but who cares?), plus a secondary year student up front. It is safe too with lots of electronic failsafes to keep you away from the lollipop lady. There are twin front, side and curtain airbags to protect everyone on board.

### How does it fare in the supermarket car park?

This is a proper grown up car with a boot where it should be, at the back instead of a silly engine. Plus to top it all off there is a very decent boot. Indeed, Free Car Mag managed to get its 'man bag' in there with loads of space for the groceries. We don't want to go on about it, but there is a whopping 315 litres back there. Plus you can actually see out of a GT-R to park.

### Will it trigger speed cameras?

The straight answer is, several times over, recording a fairly remarkable 195.7 mph. This happens courtesy of the 3.8-litre twin-turbo V6 which delivers a whopping 542bhp and 466lb ft of torque. That really is supercar quick and even shames some so-called supercars. We let a proper racing driver take us on a race track in the GT-R and it was wonderfully terrifying.

### What's the damage?

Prices start at a shockingly reasonable £78,050 and rise to £91,995 for the Track edition. If you worry about carbon dioxide emissions for your company car tax bracket, then it is no surprise to find that you will be in the very top one. Insurance is top bracket and miles per gallon overall is 24mpg, when you are not thrashing around the track.

### Super Free Car Mag Verdict

We loved the GT-R. It was partly the fact that it was so easy to drive. It never felt unwieldy, or too over the top when being used normally, like it will be 99% of the time. This is our subtle supercar and the fact that so much performance and technology could be bought for such a marginal amount of money (in supercar terms) never ceased to amaze us.





### SENSIBLE SUPERCAR

# HONDA NSX

#### Does it look the Supercar part?

What we think doesn't matter, it was the public reaction as we were driving around which proved it was a proper head turner. It may be styled with America in mind hence the chrome and shiny plastic, but it still works as a serious head turner. Oh yes, and it roars too, the engine sounds great, so it is the full supercar package.

#### Can it do the school run?

There is room for just the one child I'm afraid, so the twins could get upset. The huge upside is that whoever gets the ride will be the envy of the class. With a youngster on board the good news is that the NSX is designed with safety in mind with dual-stage passenger multiple-threshold front airbags, side curtain airbags with rollover sensor and three-point seatbelts.

#### How does it fare in the supermarket car park?

It's low and wide so from wing mirror to mirror, it's a whopping 2217mm, a bit like a bus really. However, the view out could not be clearer there is a reversing camera and we found it a doddle to move around. There is 110 litres of boot space however, it is fairly shallow and being right next to the engine will heat up your dairies and defrost your peas.

#### Will it trigger speed cameras?

191mph ought to be enough for most drivers and rocking up to 60 mph in just over 3 seconds is certainly going some. The 3.5-litre V6 petrol engine, with turbochargers helps, but there is much more. An electric motor is attached to the engine and up front, a couple more motors are attached to each front wheel. That would explain the rapid response then.

#### What's the damage?

It's £143,950 on the road and that even includes a three year service plan, which is certainly welcome news. Numbers of NSX coming to the UK are going to be limited which is going to help maintain values. In fuel consumption terms it will manage 28mpg, which is pretty good even though it never pretends to be a frugal hybrid.

#### Super Free Car Mag Verdict

We liked the NSX and it was the technology angle which swung it for us as the depth of thinking that has gone into making this supercar is astonishing. Listening to the electric motors whine and feeling the extra push was, well, electrifying. We simply could not get enough of the NSX. In many ways it is a Honda Civic Supercar and there's nothing wrong with that.





### SURREY SUPERCAR

# MCLAREN 570GT

#### Does it look the Supercar part?

What sort of stupid question is that? It's got dihedral doors for goodness sake. So just standing still with the doors open it shouts supercar all day long. All McLarens pass the 'teenager's bedroom wall' test with ease as this is a poster car for the current super generation. Even better you can paint it orange or yellow and it doesn't look silly, just even more fabulous.

#### Can it do the school run?

Not really, it would only take the one child and they would have to be secondary age or above. The good news is that there would be room for their satchel and maybe some PE kit and a small science project. Some reckon that getting out is a tad undignified for the older owner with a trophy wife, well Free Car Mag managed to hop across the carbonfibre sill with ease.

#### How does it fare in the supermarket car park?

The 570GT is the softer and more practical McLaren and actually has a decent amount of stowage space. Firstly there is a rear 'touring deck' loading area behind the front seats. We stuck a folder there, but a couple of bags for life would be easy enough. There is access through the glass hatch if you are kerbside. Secondly there's a 'man bag' friendly, narrow but deep boot in the nose.

#### Will it trigger speed cameras?

Did we say that this was a softer McLaren? Well yes it is designed to get you to the South of France more easily, but it is still mad, bad and dangerously quick. The 3.8 V8 engine is phenomenally quick getting to 62mph in 3.4 seconds. Thereafter it goes onto a proper supercar top speed of 204mph. 'Who needs Normal', 'Sport' and 'Track' modes for the suspension? Well the 570GT has it.

#### What's the damage?

Oddly enough the costs are eminently reasonable, we think anyway. You would only need to take it for a service once every two years provided that you don't exceed 10,000 miles. That's a decent service schedule, plus it has been designed to be easy to work on so you get your McLaren back quicker. Add to that 26.6mpg overall when you drive like a normal person.

#### Super Free Car Mag Verdict

When we think supercar, this is what we see. Everything about being with a McLaren is special. Whether it is getting in and out, or just listening to the engine ticking over, the 570GT is attention grabbingly wonderful. That is what supercars are supposed to do. Oh yes, and the McLaren drives like it is determined to win Le Mans again. That's what you want from a supercar and the heritage buyers are investing in.



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WINNER IS...

All of them for the  
reasons mentioned. We  
would though have a  
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A win for Woking.



Jaguar Challenge

# Cones Hotline

Nicholas Hoult can handle a Jaguar, here's the proof.



For the unique 'Smart Cone' challenge, Nicholas put the Jaguar XF AWD R-Sport through its paces around a course situated in the beautiful backdrop of rural Sardinia, where the Art of Performance Tour visited in August. The course was built on a low-grip sandy surface, pushing both Nicholas and the AWD capability of the XF to the limit.

The Smart Cone course uses wireless technology to randomly illuminate pairs of cones to set out a different route each time. With millions of different potential options taking place in real time, the technology provides a unique test of driving skill, precision and reactions.

Nicholas said: "I've loved getting behind the wheel of the new Jaguar XF AWD R-Sport. Driving scenes in films can be a challenge – everyone expects you to be a superstar even behind the wheel and I'm definitely not a pro driver – so it's good to be able to put my skills to the test in a safe environment.

The XF AWD R-Sport is great – it does a lot of the work for you. I was driving on a particularly challenging surface with lots of sand and dust but the car just gripped and performed. It was really fun to be able to compare driving the car here to some of my driving experiences when filming and hopefully I've done myself justice!"

**Watch Nicholas' 'Smart Cone' performance in the Jaguar XF AWD here: [https://youtu.be/qTt9\\_73gZ-w](https://youtu.be/qTt9_73gZ-w)**





# Jaguar Land Rover + Spotify, = 'music for every moment'

Musicians Ricky Wilson from Kaiser Chiefs and Elliot Gleave, aka Example, were first to try the app in the car, going head to head in a battle of music tastes. Each created a Spotify playlist featuring their top driving songs and took to the road in the new Range Rover Evoque Convertible and the Jaguar XE to pitch their playlists against one another.

The artists' playlists feature recent and classic tracks and include their latest singles, Kaiser Chiefs' 'Hole in My Soul' and Example's 'Later'. Both driving playlists are available now via the official Kaiser Chiefs and Example Spotify profiles.

Example said: "It's great to be the first to try the new Spotify app in a Jaguar. It worked really well and I had fun setting up my winning playlist and chatting with Ricky, even if I did have to listen to his jokes."

Ricky said: "I listen to music every day so it's important I'm now able to use the app while I'm on the move. I respect Elliot's

music tastes, we'd even both included Jamie T, but my playlist was the best by miles."

Tapping into Spotify's 'deep learning' which recognises listening habits, users can access personalised 'Just for You' playlists containing recommended tracks in the car, saving time scrolling through music on the move. Drivers in low-signal areas don't need to worry, as Spotify's 'Offline Mode' will display downloaded content despite poor internet connection.

Spotify for Jaguar Land Rover is the result of a year's worth of collaborative development between the two companies. The design teams set out to create a familiar and immersive experience designed for use in-car. Users can swipe horizontally to scroll through menus, which display rich album artwork tiles, all of which minimise distraction while driving.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hHaTz3fGjLI>

## SUPERCAR QUOTES OF ALL TIME

**"In the Lamborghini I have to avoid certain roads because of pot holes, and there's nowhere to put my drink, no cup holder. And I'm not going to lie, it looks pretentious. I used to think it was cool to, like, drive it to dinner. Now? Like I really need to be looked at any more."**

Danica Patrick – Racing Driver

**"Here comes 40. I'm feeling my age and I've ordered the Ferrari. I'm going to get the whole mid-life crisis package."**

Keanu Reeves - Actor

**"Fast cars like Porsches and Ferraris - they are things of beauty."**

Rod Stewart – Rock Star

**"Every woman should have four pets in her life. A mink in her closet, a Jaguar in her garage, a tiger in her bed, and a jackass who pays for everything."**

Paris Hilton – Famous for being famous and very rich.

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# TOP 5 USED SUBARUS

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## LEGACY

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## FORESTER S TURBO

Handles nicely and is surprisingly refined with a bulletproof build. There never seems to be a huge number around which is a good reason to buy because its much more exclusive than a BMW X5. Early cars seemed to get through wheel bearings and even shock absorbers after just 30K miles. Otherwise the lookouts are as for the Impreza. Check for off road damage.



## OUTBACK

This estate may be all the off road vehicle any buyer needs. The Outback attempted to give the Legacy some personality, but two-tone paint and mesh covered foglamps weren't everyone's cup of tea. Anyway if you want attitude buy a Forester. Transmission and suspension may needed attention once the miles build up and it will be complicated and expensive to fix.



## IMPREZA TURBO

Always been great value for money with a great level of standard equipment, always delivering tremendous performance and handling. Irregular engine beat at idle means the expensive platinum plugs are going. Also on a cold start up the clutch may judder and this again can be traced to the plugs. That gearbox is strong but the brake pads can wear quickly. Pricey to run.



## XV

The company that effectively invented the crossover (estate-offoader), had to copy its rivals with a sporty/estate/4 x 4 which at least was lighter, more economical and higher than the rest. Not a best seller, so a good value used buy. First buyers were never farmers, vets or rural doctors, so most should be in decent condition, so avoid buying scruffy examples.

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# STARS IN THEIR CARS

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DJ, composer and artist Goldie revisits his

old stomping ground in a Japanese hatchback, overcooks an 80's dream machine and discovers that even Italian supercars can let you down.

Manchester legend and singer of the Happy Mondays, Shaun Ryder, careers through his past in a shocking yellow banger, a luxury German sports car and a rare hot hatch that he hasn't seen for twenty years.

Surreal comedian Vic Reeves meets a car that's part aeroplane, cruises along in a car fit for royalty and takes the wheel of a British sports icon as he revisits the strange places that inspired his unique brand of humour.

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# AUTOMATICALLY ON TIME

**Kenneth Cole Automatic Watch £131**

Kenneth Cole is bringing back its best-selling Automatic watches. The brand is expanding on its heritage to bring new style innovations for men and women. Embodying the on-the-go lifestyle that the brand stands for, automatics work in tandem with its wearer. These automatic designs are watches powered by the motion of the wrist.

This gents Kenneth Cole watch is made from stainless steel and is fitted with a silver metal bracelet and has an eye catching skeleton dial. It comes with a 2 year guarantee and is a substantial 42mm across and is 12mm deep.

Just in case you didn't know Kenneth Cole is an American fashion brand based in New York, established by the eponymous designer in 1982. Initially focusing on designer shoes, the label soon expanded its product offering, with Kenneth Cole watches launched in 1996.

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# Ruling the Waves

Here's what happened when the World Champion went to Monaco and took to the water in real style.





Lewis Hamilton showed off the "Cigarette Racing 50 Marauder AMG Monaco Concept", inspired by the current MERCEDES AMG PETRONAS Formula 1 car when coincidentally he was in Monaco for the Grand Prix earlier this year.

The high-performance boat "Cigarette Racing 50 Marauder AMG Monaco Concept" is equipped with the most powerful series-production twin engines in the Cigarette portfolio.

Two Mercury Racing V8 racing engines each with 1140 kW (1550 hp) take the 50 foot-long (approx. 15 metres) and eight foot-wide (approx. 2.40 metres) powerboat to an estimated top speed of more than 228 km/h (more than 142 mph).

The Mercedes-Benz designers were responsible for the exterior styling featuring black and silver tones contrasted by sporty turquoise green highlights as well as for the interior design which is inspired by the classic Cigarette Racing cockpit. Furthermore, the user interface offers state-of-the-art technologies: computer-based control, four high-resolution displays, Garmin navigation, and a Pure audio system. The price of this unique boat is around \$1.6 million. See more at: [http://mb4.me/speed\\_and\\_style](http://mb4.me/speed_and_style)



# FCM 42

The next issue is dangerously close to Christmas, so there is bound to be a few brilliant suggestions about what to buy. That could include some of Cara Delevingne's superhip Puma gear. There may also be some MINI lifestyle products and cars. Definitely some cars. We think. See you next time.



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Every iteration of the Mondaine Smartwatch houses the latest in smart technology focused on monitoring activity and sleep, featuring MotionX® activity tracking, Sleeptracker® sleep monitoring, Sleep cycle alarms, Get-Active alerts and Smart coaching – all the data from which can be backed up and stored in the MotionX® cloud.

It uses the Fullpower MotionX® Technology Platform, which manages the bi-directional communication between the watch and whichever device, be it phone or tablet, it is connected to via the downloaded app. In complete contrast to other smart devices, where the data is shown digitally on the watch, the information is read in an analogue fashion via the sub dial.

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