History Talks





Inspiring stories of the British motor industry.

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From Edward VII to Charles III, Britain's finest car manufacturers have supplied the Crown with ceremonial and personal transport. Examine their long-standing relationship in this fascinating talk.





The Evolution of the British Motor Industry

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The British have always loved opentop sports cars. This talk charts their history from the earliest days to today's dream machines.

The Car's the Star

This talk explores iconic British star cars featured in film and TV, with examples in our collection such as James Bond's Aston Martin and Del Boy's 3-wheeler!

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