



Top Gear Series 1

[01x01] October 20th, 2002

In programme one - right back when it all started in October - we saw Harry Enfield set his achingly slow lap of our circuit to kick off the Star in a Reasonably Priced Car competition. Jeremy raved about the boxy-but-great Citroen Berlingo, Richard tried to beat a speed camera and we raced two supercars round our test track.

[01x02] October 27th, 2002

Next, on programme two, Jeremy drove the Ford Focus RS and then raced it against its rivals and the Noble M12 GTO spent a lot of time sideways. Jamiroquai front-man Jay Kay displayed almost obsessive determination to be the fastest celeb getting a time of 1m 48s.

[01x03] November 3rd, 2002

Programme three was devoted to the best-looking car of all time. You submitted over 80,000 votes and decided the Citroen DS would win by a nose. A Westfield trackday special came and bet the Zonda round our track by one third of a second and our Grannies made their first appearance, learning how to serve up a different kind of doughnut.

[01x04] November 10th, 2002

Moving on to programme four, you'll find a battle between Jeremy and Damon Hill, Jason checked out used Nissan Skylines and Steve Coogan took to our track for the celeb challenge. The best bit for most, though, was James Bond's Aston Martin.

[01x05] November 17th, 2002

Programme five was a lot more laid-back - the new luxury flagship Maybach rolled into our studio, Mercedes' S-Class took on its rivals, Jonathan Ross got lost on our circuit and, with a burst of excitement, we built a budget Bond car for £300.

[01x06] November 24th, 2002

On programme six, Tara Palmer-Tomkinson set a scorching lap time for the ladies, Jason looked at a used Golf, Jeremy test drove his own car and Richard showed us the new BMW Z4. The Grannies were back, with a handbrake parking challenge and we unveiled our cool wall - which you can still add to.

[01x07] December 1st, 2002

Programme seven was dedicated to the environment and Richard tried to drive to work in an eco-friendly way. We also drove a diesel supercar and launched our search for the fastest religion, which turned out to be the Church of England.

[01x08] December 8th, 2002

Back to Top Gear's staple diet of speed in programme eight as we focussed on driver's cars. BMW's M5 faced its new wave of rivals, we turned a Lada into a Lotus and found Britain's fastest van man.

[01x09] December 22nd, 2002

In programme nine the lap record was smashed by the Radical after a race with a plane. Really. The sensible antidote was a look at the best cars for a family.

[01x10] December 29th, 2002

Finally, a dodgy tree and a few cakes marked programme ten as our Christmas show, and we celebrated with a review of 2002 and lots of off-roading in the country. Also, the Germans invaded - and brought two fantastic track specials to challenge our lap record.



Top Gear Series 2

[02x01] May 11th, 2003

Programme one was the start of something beautiful, namely series two. In this show, we used a drag racer to blow up a Nissan Sunny and a caravan. Richard drove the Bowler Wildcat and declared himself a "driving god". Vinnie Jones was our special guest.

[02x02] May 18th, 2003

This week we enjoyed some luxury, programme two featured the new Rolls Royce Phantom, the classic Rover P5. We also gave Jamie Oliver a chance to take our Liana out for a spin on the track.

[02x03] May 25th, 2003

Programme three saw David Soul trying to drive the Liana round our track, something which cost us two clutches! We also took a look at the Volkswagen Touareg, and wondered if anyone would pay £50,000 for one. And Richard preferred a Hyundai to a Lexus.

[02x04] June 1st, 2003

In programme four we were amazed by the technology behind the Jaguar MKII, released in 1959 it was the first car to have disc breaks, and had a badge on the back that warned people behind it stopped quickly. Boris Johnson was our special guest, and we also took a look at the Aston Martin DB7 GT, and liked what we saw.

[02x05] June 8th, 2003

Programme five saw James setting out to find a convertible a man can drive, the Triumph TR6. We took a look at two Porsche 911s including the one that tries to frighten the life out of you. The 911 turbo. Jeremy had some fun in the Renault Clio V6 which really is the ultimate bloke hatchback.

[02x06] June 15th, 2003

Programme six saw us examine the new Evo and Impreza and attempt to pick the best one, which Jeremy decided was the Impreza after two days of extensive testing. We took a look at the Peugeot 206 GTI 180, which was very quick indeed. And Richard Whiteley came and set the slowest ever lap time on our track at 2m 6s.

[02x07] June 22nd, 2003

The Swedish put a smile on our faces in programme seven, they sent us a 655bhp Koenigsegg to play with. We crashed a Renault Megane into a Mondeo at 30mph, and we chuffed to see that it really was very safe indeed. Jeremy went to look at the Hummer H2, which does a massive 12mpg. And Neil Morrissey was this week's star in a reasonably priced car.

[02x08] July 6th, 2003

Programme eight featured Richard and James taking a bunch of cabriolets off on a camping trip to find out which one was the best. Supermodel Jodie Kidd came and showed our Liana how it was supposed to be done, and got the best lap time of 1m 48s knocking JK off the top spot. We were thrilled, and so was she. We also laughed at how amazingly quick the Alfa Romeo 147 GTA was.

[02x09] July 13th, 2003

Programme nine had us moving at warp factor 0.00000000001 as Patrick Stewart boarded the USS Top Gear to talk about his non-sci-fi acting and his love of good cars. We took a look at a car from the future called the Hywire, a hydrogen car that emits only water as a waste product.

[02x10] July 20th, 2003

The VW Phaeton amazed us on programme ten with its high price, but stunning build quality. There aren't many cars in the world of this quality, for £60,000. We also took a look at the TVR 350c and tried to work out if it was better than the 3.0 litre Noble. The Stig got the Noble round the track three seconds faster than the TVR.



Top Gear Series 3

[03x01] October 26th, 2003

A petrol vs. diesel debate kick-started programme one with us taking two VW Lupos around the M25, to see which was the better in terms of fuel economy and drivability. The diesel won overall, because its Diesel engine did plenty of miles per-gallon, whilst still offering a decent lump of torque at motorway speeds. We also took a look at the future, with the Ford Visos. A high tech car with cameras instead of mirrors and such.

[03x02] November 2nd, 2003

On programme two we went to the Isle of Man which doesn't operate speed limits outside residential areas. And what better place to test three classic BMW Motorsport cars, the M1, M3 and M5. Jeremy also took the super-sporty BMW M3 CSL for a spin on the island, and found it to be an excellent car, even if the boot is made out of cardboard (probably slightly better quality than a normal box admittedly). Stephen Fry was this week's star in a reasonably priced car.

[03x03] November 9th, 2003

Programme three pulled away from the lights at high speed in a Bentley GT, which is a bit of a change in direction for the luxury car maker, no longer are they aiming at old money but now it's footballers and rappers who are the biggest customers. We also proved that getting out of a sinking car is harder than you think.

[03x04] November 16th, 2003

Programme four was our Lamborghini special. Richard drove the Miura, James drove the Countach and was thoroughly disappointed by it, his advice, never meet your childhood heroes they are always better in your imagination. And Jeremy took the Gallardo out to see what the Lambo of today is like. We also investigated three super-tuned Mini's to see which was the best, Richard really liked the BMW Works Mini, which has extra power, but you get to keep the Mini's excellent warranty.

[03x05] November 23rd, 2003

Programme five has gone down in history as the start of something special. This was the show we introduced you to our Toyota Hilux, and proceeded to test the claims that it was the indestructible car. By the end of the experiment, we were pretty sure those claims were accurate, see for yourself here in broadband or here in narrowband. This was also the week Simon Cowell beat everyone else and got to the top of the celebrity laps board and we took a look at the Mazda RX8 with its wankel rotary engine.

[03x06] December 7th, 2003

We sent Hammond out to look at two convertible cabriolets in programme six, the Renault Megan CC and the Peugeot 307, CC which he hated, because they were slow and bought by people who don't love cars, but want to show off. The whole team drooled over the unfathomable beauty of the Aston Martin Vantage. We also found the Holden (Vauxhall) Monaro to be a very, very, very decent car.

[03x07] December 14th, 2003

Programme seven was dominated by the Mercedes McLaren SLR, which sounds fabulous, looks like the sort of thing you dreamed about when you were 10 and costs £300,000. This was also the week when Jeremy banged his head on a MG SV and the whole team argued about what the best British car currently in production is, and couldn't reach a decision. Jeremy liked the Nobel, Richard picked the Morgan and James went for the Rover 75.

[03x08] December 21st, 2003

Programme eight was graced with a sober Johnny Vegas who took a break from his driving lessons to have a drive around our track. Jeremy took an Audi TT out for a late night spin around town and James took an Aston Martin Lagonda out and discovered that it was really terribly unreliable, its electronics really let it down, it was far too ambitious a car for the era.

[03x09] December 28th, 2003

Programme nine saw the end of series three. We found out how putting two engines into a Smart car made a 170bhp monster. We took a look at the Chrysler crossfire, which is awful according to Jeremy, but James told us it isn't as bad as the automatic version, which is really bad.



Top Gear Series 4

[04x01] May 9th, 2004

Programme one was the show where we tried to blow up Jeremy in a Lotus Exige using an Apache attack helicopter. James had to do a secret road test on the new City Rover. And Richard and James tried to race Jeremy and his DB9 to the south of France, using only public transport. Of course Jeremy won, which was annoying because he was quite smug about it. If you missed this race, why not watch it again in either broadband or narrowband.

[04x02] May 16th, 2004

Programme two saw us with a hypnotised Richard Hammond who couldn't work out how to drive. We also took a look at the American 'bling' machine that is the Cadillac Escalade. We stuck a nun in a monster truck because she seemed to want to, and we thought it would be a laugh. And James drove an enormous pink Ford from 'Thunderbirds' and discovered it wasn't great round tight corners.

[04x03] May 23rd, 2004

Programme three's festivities included us giving James, Richard and Jeremy £100 each, and telling them to buy a used car. We then tested them to destruction to find out which one was the best buy. Jordan turned up and tried to break our Liana, but didn't manage to even scratch it. Meanwhile Richard fell in love with the Dodge Charger, and decided to buy one.

[04x04] May 30th, 2004

Programme four was the week we raced a homing pigeon and a Ford Ka James used satellite navigation and ended up getting lost, so in the end the pigeon won. Jeremy managed to drive an Audi 800 miles on ONE tank of fuel. James and Richard played darts with cars and we removed one more caravan from the roads.

[04x05] June 6th, 2004

In Programme five we attempted to blow Richard up with lightning, and Johnny Vaughn came and broke our Liana. This was also the week we took a Jaguar, Porsche and a BMW to the Pendine sands in Wales, for a jolly good race. The race between the Jaguar and the Porsche was very close indeed. The BMW had trouble keeping up. In the end, the guys decided that the Jag was the best bet.

[04x06] June 13th, 2004

Programme six was powered by poo: we took some cow dung and tried to fuel a car with it. To our surprise it worked a treat. Richard drove the Cadillac CTS that featured in some movies and Jeremy took a cocky little Renault 182 out for a spin on the track.

[04x07] July 11th, 2004

In programme seven we got to have a play with the new Spyker. Richard and James turned cabbies for the evening and Jeremy took the most powerful car in the universe out for a game of tug-of-war. The Mercedes CL 65.

[04x08] July 18th, 2004

Programme eight we admonished people for stopping in yellow box junctions, we misused a jet engine for the purposes of 2CV destruction and James drove around some Italian mountains.

[04x09] July 25th, 2004

Programme nine was home to a spot of daredevilry as we attempted to get a parachutist to land in a Mercedes moving at 50mph. We took a look at what makes a good roadster, Jeremy went skiing and our guest was Sir Ranulph Fiennes.

[04x10] August 1st, 2004

Programme ten was the final show in the series and boy did we go out with a bang. Two bangs in fact, as Patrick Kielty broke both of the Top Gear Lianas on the track. Jeremy got stuck in a BMW X3 and cursed it for being useless off-road and we sent James out to buy some furniture.



Top Gear Series 5

[05x01] October 24th, 2004

This week on Top Gear: Jeremy had to eat more than his words, Richard did something very naughty to an ice cream van and James showed us a car that might have saved James Dean's life.

[05x02] October 31st, 2004

This week on Top Gear: Richard took a good long look at the new Ford Focus, and wondered if it could possibly be as good as the original. Jeremy worked out an innovative way to get hold of a Ferrari Enzo to test.

[05x03] November 7th, 2004

This week on Top Gear: We revealed the best and worst cars, in our 2004 car survey, a Viper put tyre to road and wrote its name, while Jeremy took the new Discovery up a decent-sized hill.

[05x04] November 14th, 2004

This week on Top Gear: James and Richard were in for a bit of a fright, Jeremy decided which supercar he likes most and we proposed the restoration of an ex-Royal Rover.

[05x05] November 21st, 2004

This week on Top Gear: we show Hollywood mega-star Christian Slater a Suzuki Liana and invite him out for a spin on the track. James gets all nostalgic about a musical instrument and a Mercedes, and Richard has been busy inventing a new sport...

[05x06] December 5th, 2004

This week on Top Gear: Richard, James and Jeremy saw what sort of a Porsche £1500 buys you, and were not impressed. We looked at a Mini in our restoration rip-off and a member of the public got a spin on our track.

[05x07] December 12th, 2004

This week on Top Gear: We take a look at a huge American 'muscle' car that might just manage a corner, an electric car with less get-up-and-go than a lethargic teenager, and give out some awards.

[05x08] December 19th, 2004

This week on Top Gear: Jeremy thought his Ferrari would beat a plane to Switzerland. James in a Mitsubishi rally car raced Richard in a bobsleigh, and our special guest has a very fetching shade of nail varnish on.

[05x09] December 26th, 2004

This week on Top Gear: Richard declared a 25 year old Mercedes G-Wagen to be the best car ever, Jeremy had his face pulled off and we met style gurus Trinny and Susannah.



Top Gear Series 6

[06x01] May 22nd, 2005

Jeremy Clarkson squares up against a Challenger 2 tank in the new Range Rover Sport, James May and Richard Hammond play five-a-side footie with the Toyota Aygo, the Mercedes CLS AMG - a 4 door saloon that looks like a 2 door coupe and the Element, a funky, family car from Honda. Also tonight James Nesbitt is the 'Star in a Reasonably Priced Car' and a chance for the viewer to vote for the greatest driving song of all time.

[06x02] May 29th, 2005

The team find out if you can buy a stylish two door coupe for less than 1,500 pounds, a look at the new supercar from Maserati - the MC12, Jack Dee is the 'Star in a Reasonably Priced Car', plus a chance for viewers to have their say on the Greatest Driving Song of All Time.

[06x03] June 12th, 2005

On this week's programme Jeremy makes a splash when he opens a local swimming pool, Richard Hammond finds out what happens when you take the roof off an Aston Martin DB9 with the new DB9 Volante, James May road tests the Murano, a new 4x4 from Nissan, Germany and Russia give us their interpretations of the classic British sports car with the Wiesmann MF3 and TVR Tuscan 2 and Christopher Ecclestone swaps the Tardis for a Toyota Liana as this week's 'Star in a Reasonably Priced Car'.

[06x04] June 19th, 2005

On this week's programme the presenters hand over reporting duties to their mothers who review a range of new small cars including the Renault Modus, Honda Jazz and Peugeot 1007, Jeremy returns to the 60's to define cool, with the Aston Martin DB5 and Jaguar E-type, Richard Hammond tests the new BMW 3 Series and how far can a limousine jump? This week's 'Star in a Reasonably Priced Car' is David Dimbleby.

[06x05] June 26th, 2005

On this week's programme we return to the 60's to define cool, with the Aston Martin DB5 and Jaguar E-type. Jeremy comes under fire from army snipers to find out which car is better - the Porsche Boxster S or Mercedes SLK, James May road tests the Murano, a new 4x4 from Nissan and Richard Hammond unveils Top Gear's take on an armoured car. This week's 'Star in a Reasonably Priced Car' is Davina McCall.

[06x06] July 3rd, 2005

Is a car faster than a boat? An epic race from London to Oslo with Jeremy in the Mercedes McLaren SLR and Richard and James on a boat. Plus vote for your favourite driving song of all time.

[06x07] July 10th, 2005

On this week's programme: Which is faster a man or a car (Fiat Panda)? TVR's Sagaris on the track, the fastest four door saloon in the world - the Bentley Flying Spur, Ford's Transit van has a landmark birthday and gets sent to the Nürburgring to celebrate. This week's 'Star in a Reasonably Priced Car' is Darkness front man, Justin Hawkins.

[06x08] July 17th, 2005

This week a trio of convertibles head for Iceland - the Audi TT, Nissan 350Z and Chrysler Crossfire. Richard Hammond unveils Top Gear's take on an armoured car, a new car from Ferrari - the F430 and this week's 'Star in a Reasonably Priced Car' is Sir Tim Rice.

[06x09] July 24th, 2005

Jeremy gives his verdict on BMW's new M5, Richard and James try their hand at Russian road testing, and which hatchback is hottest, the Renault Megane, Vauxhall Astra VXR or Golf GTI? This week's Star is Chris Evans.

[06x10] July 31st, 2005

In this edition of Top Gear, Jeremy Clarkson and Richard Hammond look at the latest range of off-road toys, showcase the fastest four-door saloon in the world - the Bentley Flying Spur and find out how a BMW 5 series diesel measures up against the 5 series petrol and can a jeep drive across a lake? Davina McCall is this week's 'Star in a Reasonably Priced Car'.

[06x11] August 7th, 2005

On this week's programme: does driving a Lamborghini Murcielago roadster give you the same kick as 12 angry bulls, the world's greatest power sliders grace the track, can you play the Top Gear theme tune with engines and the Ford F150 SVT Lightning pick up. Timothy Spall is this week's 'Star in a Reasonably Priced Car'.



Top Gear Series 7

[07x01] November 13th, 2005

In the first of a new series of Top Gear Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May head for the Isle of Man to decide which is best: The new baby Aston Martin - the V8 Vantage, BMW M6 or Porsche 911 Carrera S. A supercar - the Ascari AKZ1 - is taken to the track.

[07x02] November 20th, 2005

On this week's Top Gear Jeremy finds out what is faster, a rock climber or the new Audi RS4? Richard and James have a new take on radio controlled cars. Also seen in this show is a trip down memory lane with the story of British Racing Green and the new car from Porsche - the Cayman.

[07x03] November 27th, 2005

On this week's Top Gear, Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May take their favourite supercars on a continental road trip - the Ford GT, Ferrari F430 and Pagani Zonda. The Ford Focus ST shows up on the track.

[07x04] December 4th, 2005

On this week's Top Gear can you buy a decent mid engined Italian supercar for under ten grand? What is faster in a race through the streets of Lisbon - a mountain bike or a car? The Pagani Zonda F delivers a unbelievable soundtrack an lap time and record breaking yachtswoman Ellen MacArthur is this week's Star in a Reasonably Priced Car.

[07x05] December 11th, 2005

On this week's Top Gear - the biggest challenge yet - can Jeremy in an £830k Bugatti Veyron beat the boys in a light aircraft flown by Captain Slow? What is faster a car or a dog, and Alan Titchmarsh is the 'Star in a Reasonably Priced Car'.

[07x06] December 27th, 2005

Top Gear with Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May. In the final programme of the current series is Jeremy faster driving in real life or on a computer game? What will break first at sub zero temperatures, - a car or Richard Hammond? And this week's 'Star in a Reasonably Priced Car' is Little Britain's David Walliams.