



TurboSmart Bubba-Sonic Valves, From 289

Apparently, these bordering-on ludicrous-sized blow off valves were originally developed as BPV recirculating items for use on large-displacement blown Corvettes. It was only when one of TurboSmart's engineers machined up a huge trumpet for a joke, that the biggest and scariest BOV on the market, the Big Bubba, was added to the lineup.

Yes, they're massive, and they are indeed hardcore, but don't go thinking that there's not some serious Aussie engineering gone into these too. Unlike most on the market, both BPV and BOV configurations are vacuum (rather than boost pressure) operated. That means softer springs, less drag and quicker reaction. Although it's pretty obvious that you need to be running some serious boost to apply here. Some mentalist under-bonnet trinketry.

www.turbosmart.com

TOP TOOL

Laser Tools Mini Thermometer, £30

This top gadget uses an infrared beam to take temperature readings in a matter of seconds, rather than traditional methods that take forever and are a right ol' pain in hard-to-reach areas. We're sure you'll find plenty of uses for this on your retro project of course, diagnosing sticky calipers, checking coolant circulation and the like. Come to think of it the price isn't half bad too. A proper little toolbox essential.

www.lasertools.co.uk



Silverline Inspection Camera, £37

At first glance, we thought this top-quality, full-colour inspection camera from Silverline would come in at silly money, so we were most surprised when we finally stopped playing with it and checked the price. So much so that we had to check it again! Featuring a waterproof camera on a super-thin, LED-lit 8mm head, along with a 1-metre flexible cable and 2.3-inch TFT LDC screen, we're thinking this handy professional tool offers some serious value that many others out there lack. This one's going straight on our Xmas list, that's a given.

www.silverlinetools.com



Ronal URS, From £144 (Each)

Okay, so you're probably thinking that the 'Teddy' here isn't a new wheel. And, apart from the fact that Ronal are now producing a new 7x14-inch version, you'd be right. No, the big news is that the legendary URS is now being run out after 26 years of continuous production. A sad announcement for any retro wheel fan and no mistake.

Still, we suppose it isn't a bad lifespan for any design, especially one that started life as one of the Ronal board member's earrings. As the story goes it was a lady called Ms SZ who everyone knew as Bear Mother. (No, we didn't make that up - Midge). The point is, if you're in the market for a set of these lightweight beauties, you'd better get in there sharpish. They won't be around forever.

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