

## NEW PRODUCT

### The Clay Cloth Company Polymer Clay Cloth

RRP: £12.49 Contact: [www.theclayclothcompany.co.uk](http://www.theclayclothcompany.co.uk)

A LARGE square of clay sits on the front of this cloth, as an alternative to a standard clay bar. Its key advantage is that there's less risk of dropping the bar and contaminating it with grit, while the application routine changes completely, too.

You don't need to use a detailing spray; instead, you dip the cloth in a bucket of warm water mixed with shampoo to make the clay malleable. This means that it's able to grip the bodywork and remove contaminants such as oils and particles of grit as it glides across the metal.

We liked this process, although when we compared the results, it didn't achieve the same quality finish as the other products. Without the grip of the mitt, the cloth is harder to control while the hard clay may have been a factor, too.

Rating: ★★★

## Mini test

### NEED TO KNOW...

"Clay products help remove contaminants from bodywork. The Polymer Clay Cloth is a new way of doing the job"



# Are cloths the way to go for claying?

Henry Willis

CLAY bars play a big part in many drivers' car care routines, pulling contaminants off freshly washed paintwork to leave a perfect surface for a protective layer of wax. But they're fiddly and time-consuming to use, so new products have arrived to make claying more accessible.

One of these is the Polymer Clay Cloth from The Clay Cloth Company, which mounts the grippy material on fabric. The idea is that wiping the clay over the car is easier as a result.

Similar to the cloth is the Farécla G3 Professional Body Prep Clay Mitt, which we first tested in Issue 1,314. We tried them both against our favourite conventional clay bar: the Bilt Hamber auto-clay regular.

Traditional techniques still rule for us, as we can't fault the results from the clay bar. The cloth and mitt were easier to use, but couldn't match the Bilt Hamber for performance.

**"New clay products now give users more choice than a standard bar"**

### BEST CLAY BAR ALTERNATIVE

#### Farécla G3 Professional Body Prep Clay Mitt

RRP £12.99

Contact: 01920 465041, [www.farecla.com](http://www.farecla.com)

SOFT, supple clay covers the front of this mitt, and when used with Farécla's G3 Bodyshop Detailer, it almost matches the bar. We like how this glides across bodywork – a design that keeps your hand inside makes it easy to control. A pricey alternative to the bar, but worthy.

Rating: ★★★★★



### STILL THE TOP OPTION

#### Bilt Hamber auto-clay regular

RRP: £9.95

Contact: 01277 658899, [www.bilthamber.com](http://www.bilthamber.com)

THIS is the established way of applying clay to your bodywork, but it's still the best, and Bilt Hamber auto-clay regular remains our favourite clay bar. While it's much more fiddly to use than the Farécla mitt, the results certainly make it worthwhile as it gave the smoothest finish by far.

When cut up, this product lasted longer than rival bars, too.

Rating: ★★★★★



## books, apps & games

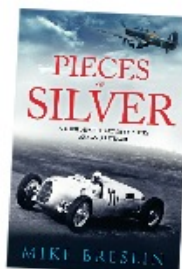


### Pieces of Silver

Mike Breslin (Pie Shop Publishing, [bresmedia.co.uk](http://bresmedia.co.uk))

RRP: £11.99 (paperback) Rating: ★★★★★

SET amid the chaos of World War II, Pieces of Silver tells the story of fictional racing driver Westbury Holt as he attempts to prove himself in grands prix, despite the surrounding disorder. The plot focuses on the Silver Arrows – the Formula One team backed by the Nazi Government – and is full of twists, plus historical references.

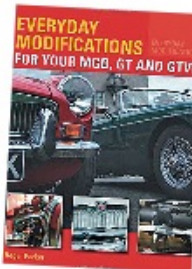


### Everyday Modifications for your MGB, GT, GTV8

Roger Parker (Crowood Press, [www.crowood.com](http://www.crowood.com))

RRP: £19.99 (paperback) Rating: ★★★★★

AMONG the many car-specific guides, we like Everyday Modifications as its tips are sensible, achievable for most motorists and usable in the real world. Handy pointers are well laid out throughout the book, with attractive pictures and informative text. This title won't appeal beyond owners of these MG cars, but we hope there are more books added to the series.



### Grand Theft Auto V

Available for: Playstation 4, Xbox One

Best price: £42.99 Rating: ★★★★★

TOP-rated GTA V is back for next-generation consoles with improved graphics, extra story missions and enhanced gameplay. There's a first-person view for the first time in GTA, adding to the fun. Even if you've completed this on PS3 or Xbox 360, it's worth doing again.



## App of the week



### Parrot MINIKIT Neo HD

Available for: iOS, Android

Price: Free Rating: ★★★★★

THIS app only works with the Parrot MINIKIT Neo HD hands-free kit (Issue 1,341), but it's an invaluable companion. It displays battery levels, takes messages when rejecting calls and includes a timer to avoid parking fines. Plus, GPS software helps you find your car.

