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# Willhire 24 Hour Race 

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# Willhire 24 Hour <br> Timetable 

FRIDAY, 20th JUNE<br>Willhire 24 Hour Night Practice

22.30
09.00-09.15
09.25-09.40
09.50-10.05
10.15-11.45
$13.30 \quad 10$ Laps
14.0010 Laps
$14.30 \quad 10$ Laps
16.00
16.00

## SATURDAY, 21st JUNE

Ascar/Special Saloons Practice
Formula Ford 1600 Practice
Formula Ford 1600 Practice
Willhire 24 Hour Practice

## BRSCC FORMULA FORD 1600 CHALLENGE RACE JOHN WOOLFE RACING ASCAR CHAMPIONSHIP RACE AND BRSCC SPECIAL SALOON CAR CHAMPIONSHIP RACE TOWNSEND THORESEN FORMULA FORD 1600 CHAMPIONSHIP RACE WILLHIRE 24 HOUR START

SUNDAY, 22nd JUNE WILLHIRE 24 HOUR FINISH

1st team overall
2nd team overall
3rd team overall
1 st team in each class
2nd team in each class
3rd team in each class

Class awards subject to 3,4 and 5 entries respectively Index of Performance Award 1st $£ 250$ and
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## Welcome to the Willhire 24 Hour Race


W. Roger Williams

Managing Director, Willhire Ltd.

WE AT WILLHIRE are proud and honoured to be associated with the first 24 Hour Race ever to be held in Great Britain. Considering that Great Britain is the natural home of motor racing, it is surprising that an event such as this has never taken place before. The BRSCC, who have organised the racing, have long dreamed of it happening and Snetterton is the logical place to hold the event; not only is it away from the centres of population, but it is also right in the middle of "Willhire Country".

The amount of organisation that has gone into this event is quite extraordinary. Over 200 volunteer marshals and timekeepers will see fair play, along with all the other essential safety services that an event such as this needs.

We are very pleased to have driving in this event, Stirling Moss, Tony Lanfranchi, Gerry Marshall and Russell Brookes. These four alone have done an incredible amount to boost the prestige of motor sport, and Stirling Moss has, of course, won over 200 motor races in an amazing variety of cars. Many of the other drivers are very experienced saloon car campaigners and they are driving a wide selection of British, European and Japanese machinery. Some drivers are new to long-distance racing and fatigue will be a major factor that all the drivers will have to contend with.

The team entries can drive really hard for 24 hours, knowing that, if problems occur, another car is ready for them in the Pits. The single car entries will be driving for speed also, but will need that extra degree of reliability in order to survive this gruelling test of men (and girls) and their machines.
Welcome to the Willhire 24 Hour Race, we trust that you enjoy this unique event.

W. Roger Williams

Managing Director, Willhire Ltd.

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# Things that (hopefully don't) go bump in the night 

THE WILLHIRE 24 HOUR RACE is the first all day and all night motor race to be held in this country and is also, most probably, the first event of its type in that it is open only to pure production cars. Snetterton is an ideal choice of venue for such an event, several long-distance and night-time races having been held here in the past, while the BRSCC - the organising club - know all about this form of competition having run three very successful and popular "Tour of Britain" events in the midseventies.

The experience and know-how necessary to run the Willhire 24 Hour Race is therefore not lacking and neither is the entry. Many of Britain's most respected saloon and sports car drivers are included in the list of drivers - names such as Gerry Marshall, Tony Lanfranchi and Barrie Williams - while they are joined by top rally driver Russell Brookes and the incomparable Stirling Moss, fitting in yet another event to his already crowded calendar.

From the spectating point of view, the entry boasts a fine selection of cars. Sixteen manufacturers are represented and the blend of sports and saloon cars should make for some interesting and exciting viewing. At the same time, the varied specifications of the competing cars will.mean that they will be able to run differing lengths of time between pit stops.

Pit stops, in fact, may well decide the issue and all teams will be trying their darndest to lose a minimum of time with each visit. The single car entries, chasing the Commander's Cup award, will refuel and change drivers in the regular pit area, as well as carrying out routine checks at each stop, while the team entries will drive into the paddock area to the rear of the pits and the team manager of the in-coming car will transfer a "baton" to the driver of the out-going car, which will be waiting in the "out-paddock"/marshalling area. Team managers need not only to be keen organisers but also fleet of foot!

The three Morgan teams in the largest capacity class should make an impressive sight, all three being made up of long-time "Morgan-maniacs."
The Libra Motive Morgan entry is perhaps the strongest on paper, preparation expert Rob Wells having concentrated on the marque for several years and having built a couple of modsports cars as well as looking after the championship-winning Plus 8 of Charles Morgan in 1978.


Martin Carroll's Opel Commodore makes up a third of the strong "Number 9 " team.

Photograph: Jeremy Shaw

Sports car opposition in the large class will come from the MGB GT V8 of Joel Wykeham, Paul Baker and Nicholas Morgan, the former making a step up from MG Midgets, which he races regularly in prodsports events.

Heading the saloon section of this class, though, will be the JJS Veneers Ford Capri team of Gerry Marshall, PM's son Mark Thatcher, Hertfordshire butcher Eric Cook and the Scarborough brothers, Graham and Trevor.

Gerry, of course, needs little introduction, having been one of this country's foremost saloon competitors for at least ten years, while Mark has competed in a wide variety of cars since his first event last year. Just one week ago, indeed, he made his debut in the Le Mans 24 Hour race and performed extremely well until sidelined by electrical trouble after a spin. Eric Cook has raced a Capri in prodsaloon races for several seasons - on and off - while Graham Scarborough's JJS Veneers Capri has been a regular front-runner this year. Brother Trevor has not

raced since last year, when he campaigned a Vauxhall Chevette, but showed then that he has a good deal of talent and should prove a more than useful member of the team.

Another Capri has been entered by Carroll's Transport, to be driven by Mike Knight, David Piper and former Aurora champion Tony Trimmer.

Two Opel Commodore teams also boast strong driver lineups, the three-car one utilising the cars of Pete Hall, Martin


Chris Meek's Panther Lima has been sweeping all before it in Prodsports racing lately and will certainly be a front-runner this weekend.

Photograph: Eric Yuill

Carroll and Hamish Irvine, while they are joined by Formula Atlantic driver Phil Dowsett, who has also driven Hall's car on occasions during the past few seasons, and the vastly experienced Syd Fox. Syd has driven virtually every type of car in his long career and his extensive knowledge should prove invaluable during this gruelling event.

The SOS Talisman team consists of the Opels of Paul Everett and Scot Sid Harrison, they being joined by former saloon champions Jock Robertson and David da Costa. Jock has driven only rarely during the last couple of seasons - a

## Why Snetterton?

Snetterton is the logical location for the Willhire 24 Hours, it being the only circuit in the country to have any recent experience of running races in the dark. Last year, the track hosted a round of the Tricentrol British Saloon Car Championship, which was of one hour's duration and run completely at nighttime. It proved to be very successful and highlighted the need in this country for a real test of endurance.

Prior to that event, night races were held at the circuit as part of the BRSCC-run Tour of Britain between 1973 and 1976, while, going back even further, the Autosport 3 Hours race provided an annual end-of-season event - the final round of the Autosport-backed Sports GT Championship - in the late ' 50 s and '60s, which started in daylight but finished after dusk. Jack Sears won the last of these in 1964 with his AC Cobra. The race had to be stopped slightly early due to dense fog, although the event was run to a slightly different format the following year with a couple of 2-Hour races.

The nearest that there has been to a full 24-hour race in Britain stems from the pre-war era at Brooklands. The JCC Double Twelve was held there in 1929 and 1931 and took the form of a pair of 12-Hour races, the first on Saturday and the second on Sunday.


Alfa "afficionado" Jon Dooley leads the Alfetta attack. He is pictured at Russell during a race in 1978. Photograph: Keith Randall
real waste of talent - while David has competed in the European Touring Car Championship with the Ronnie Scott's Club Ford Escort and now - down a step - in the Austin Morris Mini 1275GT Challenge, since his Escort championship winning days.

Publisher Adam McMillan, former Opel-turned-Clubmans driver Tom Dodd-Noble and preparation wizard Colin Davids add variety to the class with the former's BMW.

Fastest car in class B will undoubtedly be the Vauxhallbased Panther Lima of Chris Meek, Peter Clark and Martin Birrane. Meek has many prodsports titles under his belt as well as a host of other championship victories during his lengthy involvement in the sport, but this is the first season that a Panther has been seen on the race tracks. Meek has already shown the car's potential and he should be well up the order if the car can stand up to the stresses.

Local favourites must surely be the father and sons Brundle team, who campaign a 2 -litre Toyota Celica. Being Toyota


The Mayfair VW Scirocco certainly have the strongest driver line-up with Stirling Moss, Desiré Wilson and Tony Lanfranchi among their number.

Photograph: John Gaisford
dealers in the area, the Brundles know their car inside out while their driving ability has been proven over the years, Martin having shone in both saloons and single-seater racing over the last two seasons. Young Robin has least experience of the three but has several promising rallycross drives to his credit.

## Commander's Cup

The history of the Commander's Cup goes back to one summer's evening in 1965 when Commander Philip Hesletine, a long-time supporter of the local centre of the BRSCC, and motor sport in general, went to the circuit to find that Jim Russell had just completed a 24-hour run in a Vauxhall Victor. After a couple of drinks, the Commander asked Russell whether he would like a cup to commemorate his achievement!

In the early days a challenge was laid down for anyone to cover more miles with a production car which must cost less than $£ 1,000$. Inflation, of course, has changed all that, but the Cup is still open to be won by a driver or team of drivers running a production car and is currently held by Andy Rouse, Tony Dron and Win Percy, who covered 1,855.5 miles in a Porsche 924.

The Willhire 24 Hours provides an exciting extension to the Commander's Cup theme and is sure to capture the imagination of both competitors and spectators, coming, as it does, just a week after the classic Le Mans 24 Hour sports car race in France.

Other East Anglian flavour comes with the Napolina Alfa Romeo Dealer Team. Rob Kirby prepares the Napolina cars at his Cambridge base, while Jon Dooley had his very first taste of competition here at Snetterton during his days at Cambridge University. He was, and is, an Alfa "nut"- so is his father, by the way - and his first race was with a Giulia saloon ... he


The multi-national Mota-Care Colt Lancer adds more variety to the entry. Photograph: Jeff Bloxham (Autosport)
ended it embedded in the bank at the Hairpin! Hopefully, he will have more luck this weekend. He certainly has a good team behind him for John Myerscough has a good deal of saloon racing under his belt, Derrick Brunt is a former saloon champion and Peter Baldwin is regarded as one of the best club special saloon racers, his 1300cc Mini a winner more often than not.

The up to 1600 cc category is headed by the impressive Mayfair Team. Regular Mayfair driver Tony Lanfranchi has assembled a strong cast for his trio of VW Sciroccos, including, of course, Stirling Moss.

Stirling is now deep into what must be one of his busiest ever seasons and has shown that he has lost little of his old talent, although he is certainly due for a slice of good fortune.

Desiré Wilson won fame (if not yet fortune) earlier this year by becoming the first woman to win a Formula 1 motor race
and she could become the first to win a 24-hour endurance race, too, if all goes according to plan!

Another strong team is the one run by Jackie Epstein under his Epstein Enterprizes banner. His Talbot Sunbeam, privately entered but running in the colours of Shell Super Oil, has works Talbot rally driver Russell Brookes and co-driver Peter Bryant at the helm and their extensive rallying exploits will stand them in good stead during the long night ahead.

Former winner of the Welsh Rally, Barrie Williams, is also no stranger to this type of event. "Whizzo" joins former rally and hill-climb driver John Cleland, Irish Formula 3 driver Eddie Jordan and motoring journalist Jeremy Shaw in the Mota-Care of Hinckley Colt Lancer and they will be hoping that the proven reliability of their car will not let them down now.

The "Silly Suds" entry comprises the Alfasuds of Tim Abady/Bob Murray, Phil Clarke and Andrew Thorpe - regular prodsaloon racers all - and also employs the services of Escort/Fiesta racer David Grimshaw and Nick Baughn, whose first season of racing, in 1979, resulted in two championship titles!


Roger Jones' Renault 5 should prove to be a great favourite amongst spectators.

Photograph: Gordon Dawkins

Tony Dickinson is another championship winner, although his experience is gained mainly in special saloon Skodas. His Ginetta mount this weekend will prove a completely different kettle of fish, although Tony is sure to strengthen the Wendy Wools entry.

The varied content of the up to 1600 cc class continues with a Caterham Super 7, a Mini 1275 GT , a Renault 5TS and an MG Midget, the latter likely to provide its usual spectacular antics. Reigning prodsports champion Terry Stone will be ably backed up by regular Midget "practitioner" Ian Jacobs and engine tuner Terry Hird.

An interesting line-up of cars, then, and an impressive entry of respected saloon and sports car drivers. It would be impossible to predict a winner; there are simply too many variables in this type of event. One thing is for certain, though, and that is that the Willhire 24 Hour Race will provide a stern test of man and machinery and that the winners at the end of the day will have thoroughly deserved their triumph.

# NEXT CAR RACE MEETINGS AT SNETTERTON 

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# Formula Fords and big saloons provide daylight action 

By Paul Harmer

CHAMPIONSHIP RACES for Formula Ford, ASCAR and Special Saloons make up the supporting programme leading up to the Willhire 24 Hour Race.

The first race will be a ten lap challenge for Formula Fords who do not qualify, in practice, for the Townsend Thoresen Championship round. The first two over the line, though, will join the twenty-four others in the main race.

The rumbling ASCARS - American Saloon Car Auto Racers appear for another race in their series, today's event marking halfway in the twelve rounds. Only limited modifications are allowed to these American cars, some are even street legal, making them comparatively equal in terms of performance. Former stock car racer Tom Laffey drives the ex-Dennis Leach Boss Falcon and takes on no fewer than ten Chevrolet Camaros. Current leader in this exciting series is Robin Gray, who used to campaign a rapid Morgan in Modified Sports Car races. Robin seems to cope very well in clawing through the field - as ASCARS start the fastest men at the back of the grid.

Recent Silverstone victor Brian Rice campaigns a special bodied former Trans Am example, while another man from the Modsports world is Jon Fletcher who is currently only two points behind Gray in the table. David Bertorelli hasn't enjoyed much success of late, retiring at Brands with electrical problems and retiring at Silverstone with a broken exhaust. Given some decent luck, David could well be up with the leaders.
All in all the ASCARS provide an excellent spectacle on their own but supplementing the grid today - which will be started in two groups - are Special Saloon contenders from the up to 1300 cc and the 1301-2000cc category.

Two of the North's most successful saloon drivers, the Tonys Sugden and Dickinson, are due to meet in their scorching Formula 2 powered Skodas - a real battle of the giants. In the up to 1300cc class, local favourite Peter Baldwin will be warming up for his drive in the 24 Hour Race but don't expect Peter to be taking things easy.

Another local driver, David Auger, will be pushing his Ford-BDA powered Skoda to the limit to keep Baldwin's rapid Mini in sight. David prepares his car himself with the help of his farming family and, I suspect, does a reasonable amount of testing around the farmyard. Tony Allies is yet another Snetterton regular with his Mini Clubman
while James Funnell's Ford engined Morris Minor represents overtwo years' hard work building up the car from scratch.

## Demon Van Diemen

The Townsend Thoresen Formula Ford 1600 Championship reaches halfway point today with the seventh round of fourteen and, as ever, provides close and dramatic racing.

No less than nine countries are represented in today's field including the current leaders, Roberto Moreno and Raul Boesel in the locally-manufactured Van Diemen RF80s. Both these talented drivers are destined to reach the top and both have been near to lowering the current lap record this year - if conditions are right this afternoon, who knows?

Sussex doctor Jonathan Palmer has recently switched from the Royale marque to Van Diemen with welcome backing from West Surrey Engineering and is a close fourth in the points table behind Rick Morris whose Royale RP26 is also regularly with the leaders.

Irishman Tommy Byrne, Mexican Ricardo Valerio and Englishman Robert Gibbs are also Van Diemen mounted and all are capable of staying with the main bunch.

Back in the Royale camp, Swanley based American Peter Argetsinger is usually well to the fore with his bright yellow RP26 model along with the Rushen Green Racing entered Julian Bailey and David Palmer.

Beginning to make a serious threat to the Formula Ford world is the Clapham manufactured Ray. Their challenge is led by Fulham's Ashley Ward - happily, hastily reappearing after a nasty shunt at Brands Hatch, and Tunbridge Wells man about town - and recent Brands winner Andy Ackerley.

Other lesser known marques, so far at any rate, will be seen in the hands of Scotsman Don MacLeod (Sark 2), Tony Trevor (Clea Range/PRS), Allen Revell (Sparton) and Australian Alan Goldsmith (Quest).

So, a truly competitive field for Britain's longest established Formula Ford 1600 Championship - it should be a great race and afterwards there is sufficient time to relax and enjoy all the extra circuit attractions before the big race at 4 pm .

Current ASCAR series leader is the Chevrolet Camaro of Robin Gray.
Photograph: Gordon Dawkins


## BRSCC Formula Ford 1600 Challenge Race

Practice will be divided into two sessions. The fastest twenty-four cars overall will qualify immediately for the Championship Race, Event 3. The next fastest 26 cars will compete in this Challenge Race. If conditions for each practice session are different, the top twelve cars from each session will qualify for Event 3. In either case, the first two finishers for the Challenge Race will make up the grid for Event 3.

For full list of competitors, see page 12.



## John Woolfe Racing ASCAR Championship

JOHN WOOLFE RACING, Europe's foremost importer of American standard and high performance automotive parts, sponsor the BRSCC's first season of Championship racing for ASCAR - American Saloon Car Auto Racing.

Following the success of last year's experimental series of races, the BRSCC are organising a full twelve-round championship in 1980, taking place over eight different circuits throughout the country.

The individualistic regulations from last year's events are being retained, the most obvious of them being: that grid positions shall be in reverse order with the fastest cars at the back and the slowest at the front, at the organisers' discretion; that there shall be a rolling 2-2 start; that the "Selling Plate" will apply.

This means that any driver, by entering the race, agrees in principle to the sale of his car for a maximum of $£ 4,000$. Within one hour of the finish of the race, any driver may offer to purchase any car for the sum of $£ 4,000$. The sale transaction, which will be supervised by the Stewards of the Meeting, must be completed within one further hour to the satisfaction of both parties.

Points scoring will be on the basis 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 plus a further two points to the competitor(s) setting fastest lap(s) at each round. A competitor's best ten results will count.

Prize money will be: at each round: 1 st, $£ 100 ; 2$ nd, $£ 75$; 3rd, $£ 50 ; 4$ th, $£ 25$.
at end of season: 1st, £100; 2nd, £75; 3rd, £25.

Points after five rounds:

| 1 | Robin Gray | 30 pts | 7 | Chris Davis | 16 pts |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | Jon Fletcher | 28 pts |  | Tom Laffey | 16 pts |
| 3 | Brian Morris | 24 pts | 9 | Michael Huddart | 6 p |
| 4 | Brian Rice | 23 pts |  | Chris Boswell | 6 |
| 5 | Ricky Fagan | 21 pts | 11 | Michael Boot | 4 |
| 6 | Rob Potter .. | 20 pts | 12 | David Bertorelli . | 3 pts |

Next round: 9th August - Oulton Park.

John Woolfe Racing ASCAR Championship Race and BRSCC Special Saloon Car Championship Race


## BRSCC Special Saloon Car Challenge

The BRSCC ARE ONCE AGAIN running a three-class Special Saloon Car series which will take place over fourteen rounds at eight different circuits.

Points will be scored on the basis 4-3-2-1 to the first four finishers in each class (subject to there being four starters in each class), together with an additional point to the competitors setting fastest lap in each class.

Prize money will be distributed $£ 40, £ 25$ and $£ 15$ to the top three finishers in each class at every round, while there will also be end-of-season awards of $£ 200$ to the overall champion and class awards of $£ 50, £ 30$ and $£ 20$.

Points position

| Class A |  | Class B |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 Vince Woodman | 5 pts | 1 Tony Sugden | 16 pts |
| 2 David McDonald | 4 pts | 2 Terry Dickinson | 11 pts |
| 3 Nick Whiting | 3 pts | 3 Malcolm Johnstone | 4 pts |
| 4 John Morgan | 2 pts | Alan Smith | 4 pts |

Class C

| 1 | Peter Baldwin | 20 pts |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | David Auger | 6 pts |
| 3 | Brian Prebble | 5 pts |

## Townsend Thoresen Formula Ford 1600 Championship Race

See page 10 for details of qualification


## Townsend Thoresen Formula Ford 1600 Championship

EUROPE'S LARGEST PRIVATE ENTERPRISE car ferry company, Townsend Thoresen, are also amongst the staunchest supporters of Formula Ford 1600 with nine years of unbroken sponsorship.

The Townsend Thoresen series has been a nationwide Championship since 1975 and prior to that, was based at Brands Hatch.
Over this time, the Championship has grown in stature and, in recent years, has attracted all the top contenders in this most competitive form of single-seater motor racing.

Points are awarded on a 20-15-12-10-8-6-4-3-2-1 basis plus an extra two points for the competitor(s) setting fastest lap(s). Each driver's best 12 scores from the 14 races will count.

Future rounds: Brands Hatch, June 29; Mallory Park, July 27; Snetterton, August 10; Mallory Park, August 25; Oulton Park, September 6; Snetterton, September 14; Brands Hatch, October 5; Brands Hatch, October 19.

## Past Winners:

1970 Bob Evans
1971 Tony Brise
1972 Bob Arnott
1973 Frank Hopper
1974 Roy Klomfass

1975 Tiff Needell
1976 David Kennedy
1977 Chico Serra
1978 Kenny Acheson
1979 Terry Gray

Points Position after sixth round at Snetterton on June 8:



## Willhire 24 Hour Race



## The Willhire 24 Hour Race

RACE LEADERS AT EACH HOUR



## Conditions of Admission

MOTOR RACING IS DANGEROUS and spectators attending this track do so entirely at their own risk. "It is a condition of admission that all persons having any connection with the promotion and/or organisation and/or conduct of the meeting, including the owners of the land and the drivers and owners of the vehicles and passengers in the vehicles, are absolved from all liability arising out of accidents causing damage or personal injury to spectators or ticket holders". The promoters reserve the right without notice to make any alteration to the race programme.

## Postponement of the Meeting

## The Organisers reserve the right to postpone or cancel the meeting.

## For the Attention of Spectators

DOGS are NOT permitted within the area of Snetterton Circuit.
Prohibited area notices.-The public are not permitted in the areas where these Notices are displayed. The fences are there for protection, and any person or persons found trespassing, or wilfully damaging trees, fences, etc., will be prosecuted.
Litter.-Please do not leave litter about the grounds-take it with you.

## AFTER THE MEETING NO TRAFFIC IS PERMITTED ON THE CIRCUIT WITHOUT SPECIFIC PERMISSION OF THE CLERK-OF-THE-COURSE OR TRACK MANAGER. ALL TRAFFIC SHOULD TRAVEL IN A CLOCKWISE DIRECTION

## Flag Signals

## Black Flag

A black flag, accompanied by the competition number of the car concerned, is an order for the driver to slow and call at his pit at the end of the lap.

## Black Flag with Orange Spot

This indicates to the driver whose number is shown with the Flag that there is a mechanical defect with his car. He must stop at his pit.

## Black and White Diagonal Flag

Displayed with a car's number, warns the driver that his behaviour is suspect and he may be black-flagged on further reports.

## Blue Flag

A blue flag held stationary warns a driver he is being followed closely. Waved, it means the driver behind is trying to overtake.

## White Flag

When a white flag is shown, it appears simultaneously at various points around the circuit to signify that a service vehicle (e.g., an ambulance) is actually on the course.

## Red Flag

Like the black flag, the red can only be used under the instructions of the Clerk of the Course. It is an instruction to all drivers to stop immediately.

Crossed Yellow and Yellow/Reg Flags Shown at all posts to indicate that the race has been stopped.

## Chequered Flag

The black and white chequered flag signifies the end of a race. It is brought down as the winning car crosses the finishing line.

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