



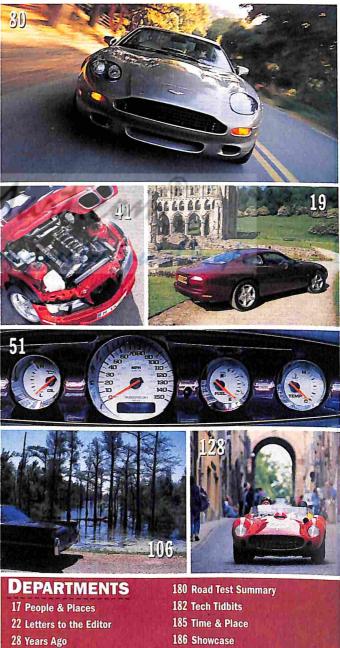
In an election month, we're casting our votes in all kinds of different directions. We have Road Tests of two new super-Brits—the Aston Martin DB7 and Jaguar XK8—as well as Honda's new Prelude. Our First Drives cover everything from the eclectic—the Lotus Elise roadster, the Hyundai Tiburon coupe, the Oldsmobile Silhouette minivan—to the electric—GM's EV1. SUV fans will delight in our "New For '97: Sport-Utility Vehicles" section. All this plus a landslide of features, racing coverage and news.

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