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TOP GEAR RACES ON TO SCREENS THIS FEBRUARY ON BBC KNOWLEDGE, FIRST ON FOXTEL

Brace yourself Top Gear fans, Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May are back as the world's most popular car programme returns for a brand new series, **Sunday February 3 at 7:30pm (AEDT)** on BBC Knowledge, first on Foxtel. *Top Gear* Series 19 will air express from the UK, premiering to Australian audiences just seven days after the UK transmission.

Series 19 of *Top Gear* sees the presenters take on incredible adventures, absurd stunts and dream drives, ably assisted by their tame racing driver, The Stig.

In this series, the boys use the Aston Martin Vanquish, SRT Viper and Lexus LFA on an incredible American road trip that takes in Las Vegas, Los Angeles and a race against some fighter planes before ending with a hair raising run to the Mexican border. The trio also create a unique car designed especially for old people, carry out one of Top Gear's famously thorough road tests on the new Kia Cee'd and race a Shelby Mustang GT500 against a train in order to find the fastest way to get from Britain to Italy in time for a football match.

Also in this series, Jeremy invents the world's smallest car and tests it out on the streets of London, James finds out what the Bentley Continental GT Speed is like on a rally stage, and Richard reaches eye popping speeds on the test track in the amazing, 720 horsepower Pagani Huayra.

The series wouldn't be complete without one of Top Gear's legendary epic journeys in which the presenters attempt to find the source of the River Nile using three rather tired estate cars and a sometimes sketchy knowledge of African geography. Along the way they encounter crocodile infested rivers, suspension snapping terrain and the world's worst traffic jam. It's the perfect conclusion to another brilliant series of Top Gear.

Series 19 is the first season of *Top Gear* to premiere on BBC Knowledge and there is undoubtedly a strong fan base for this popular series. When *Top Gear: 50 Years of Bond Cars* aired on BBC Knowledge in November 2012, it achieved the highest audience for BBC Knowledge across all people for 2012.

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Episode One synopsis: In this first episode, Jeremy attempts to build a car that's even smaller than the famous Peel P50 and then tests it out on the streets of London before putting his concept to the ultimate test of credibility in the fearsome Dragons' Den. Meanwhile, James is testing the latest Bentley Continental GT Speed by taking it on a rally stage and Richard is at the test track to unleash the sensational new Pagani Huayra hypercar before handing it over to The Stig for the lap of its lifetime. As if that wasn't enough, *Homeland* star Damian Lewis is the star in the Reasonably Priced Car.

Jeremy Clarkson and James May will be travelling to Australia in March for the inaugural *Top Gear Festival Sydney*, where cars and stars take to the track in this outdoor motoring spectacular at Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek. Tickets are on sale now through [Ticketek](#).

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