

# Get a round with a golf buggy that's as expensive as a Porsche Boxster



**Cool:** The suppliers of in-car fridges to Bentley provided the Garia's onboard drinks chiller

## £35,000, suits careful driver

WHAT does 0-18 in about four hours and yet still costs the same as a Porsche Boxster? The world's most expensive golf buggy, of course.

While Garia's £35,000 Soleil de Minuit cart might not be as nippy as a sports car, it more than makes up for that in other areas.

It has its own fridge, hand-stitched seats, a heated windscreen, a double wish-bone suspension and

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hydraulic brakes. The buggy, which goes on sale next month, also has components made by Aston Martin and Jaguar. A spokesman for US company Garia said: 'Buying this buggy is a statement like buying a boat or a luxury watch. It delivers the ultimate on-course driving experience.'

**Exclusive club:** The Garia is bound to make other golfers green with envy Pictures: Solent

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● **WEIGHT FATE:** If you want to avoid giving birth to an overweight baby, get an exercise bike. That seems to be the message from a study of newborns, which has discovered that regular, non-weight-bearing exercise during pregnancy can lower the birthweight of offspring. This could have implications for the health of children in later life because increased size at birth is associated with greater risk of developing obesity in childhood. The New Zealand study is published in the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism.

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## My passport photo is nothing like me

A GRAN opened up her new passport only to discover a photograph of her husband in it. Marilyn Walker, 67, from Stockport, says she was flabbergasted when she saw the error and cannot understand how her picture became mixed up with husband Terence's. The Immigration and Passport Service is investigating the mistake, which happened at Liverpool Passport Office.

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