

Is carmagazine.co.uk legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 100/100

carmagazine.co.uk

Verdict



100
OUT OF 100
HIGH TRUST

carmagazine.co.uk appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Safe for Login

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-03 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

What this site appears to be

Homepage of CAR magazine, featuring automotive news, vehicle reviews, industry coverage, spy shots, editorial features, subscription promotion, and newsletter signup. The page identifies Bauer Media Group legal entities, registered offices, policies, and regulatory information.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: **UNKNOWN**

- Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	24 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 1998 5000 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by Amazon RSA 2048 M01	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 1998.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

The website is the online presence of CAR magazine, presenting automotive news, vehicle reviews, industry reporting, buying guidance, spy photography, and editorial features through an established subscription- and advertising-supported publishing model.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No identity contradictions, phishing indicators, brand impersonation, malicious behavior, or reputation conflicts were observed. The domain's extensive historical record consistently reflects automotive publishing, with no evidence of repurposing or a fundamental change in purpose. Independent threat-reputation checks were clean, while observed browser interactions showed no cloaking, hidden forms, credential forwarding, wallet activity, or clipboard manipulation.

- The domain registration record shows registration in 2003 (~23.55 years old), through Key-Systems GmbH, with expiry on 21 January 2027.
- The web archive contains 5,000 snapshots spanning 5 December 1998 to 13 January 2025 (28 years tracked); archived content remains consistently associated with automotive publishing.
- External reputation telemetry recorded 0 malicious and 0 suspicious detections, no safe-browsing alert, no external threat listing, and 0 abuse reports.
- The homepage presented no login form, sensitive form, hidden form, untrusted form destination, suspicious inline script, or detected brand-impersonation characteristic.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The homepage identifies Bauer Media Group legal entities, registered offices, policies, and regulatory information, providing a coherent publisher identity appropriate to the site's commercial purpose. CAR magazine operates as an automotive editorial and publishing service rather than a regulated financial or brokerage business; consequently, the absence of a financial-services licence claim is consistent with the observed business model. No adverse broker-reputation match was identified.

- The homepage attributes the publication to identified Bauer Media Group entities and provides registered-office and policy information.
- The homepage's content is consistently categorized as automotive news and reviews, including new- and used-car coverage, industry reporting, electric and hybrid vehicle guidance, and motoring features.

- The site's transport encryption uses an Amazon RSA 2048 M01-issued DV TLS certificate, valid to 26 October 2026.
- The homepage contains conventional publisher functions for magazine access, newsletter enrolment, and subscription administration.

What to Verify Next

Before purchasing a subscription or accepting a commercial offer, the applicable pricing, renewal, cancellation, refund, and fulfilment terms should be reviewed at the point of transaction. Leasing or other partner-led offers should be assessed under the named provider's own contractual terms, and newsletter enrolment should be checked for the intended consent and preference settings.

- The homepage promotes a magazine subscription and provides a route for existing customers to manage subscriptions.
- The homepage presents electric-vehicle leasing offers alongside editorial material.
- The homepage includes newsletter enrolment as a distinct visitor function.

Summary Verdict

This is a legitimate, established, and trustworthy automotive publishing website. Its coherent publisher identity, longstanding provenance, mature editorial presence, and clean security reputation support normal interaction, including account login and standard use.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site is served entirely through Amazon's CDN/WAF environment; all three observed addresses were edge servers, and the origin was not exposed during analysis. This reduces direct origin exposure and is a sound protective control, although infrastructure protection is not independently proof of legitimacy.

- Hosting telemetry identified AS16509 (AMAZON-02 — Amazon.com, Inc., US).
- Three Amazon edge addresses were observed, with no origin-server candidate exposed.

Closing Assessment

Prospective users may interact with the site normally, applying ordinary consumer diligence when entering into paid subscriptions or third-party commercial arrangements.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-03 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	30/100
Identity verification confidence	50%

- No on-site identity signals detected

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of carmagazine.co.uk.

- The request stayed on carmagazine.co.uk. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under Key-Systems GmbH [Tag = KEY-SYSTEMS-DE]. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by ultradns.biz, across 4 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-01-21. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 1998-12-05. CLEAR
- It is hosted on AMAZON-02, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Key-Systems GmbH [Tag = KEY-SYSTEMS-DE]
Hosting	AMAZON-02 - Amazon.com, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	13.135.47.217
Name servers	pdns109.ultradns.biz, pdns109.ultradns.com, pdns109.ultradns.net, pdns109.ultradns.org
SSL issuer	Amazon RSA 2048 M01
SSL expiry	2026-10-26
Domain age	23.6 years
Domain expiry	2027-01-21
Archive first seen	1998-12-05
Archive snapshots	5000
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about carmagazine.co.uk at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.