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"Simple Intelligent Wipers" - and other projects for the Evil Genius

So you've always been a bit of a wiz with a soldering iron, know your way around a welding kit, are a master of the signal generator and the spectrum analyser, can build logic gates from raw transistors and can write machine code for the ARM which is Java-compatible at runtime; but you weren't sure what to do next...?

The answer to keep you out of mischief and out of Blofeld clutches (that's Blofeld as in James Bond, and not, my dear old thing, Henry) is "50 Awesome Auto Projects for the Evil Genius" - a book, no less, by Gavin Harper [*left*].



When I was a kid, a book like this would have been things like raising the suspension, installing a six litre engine in a mini, fitting foot-wide tyres into a standard wheel-arch, or calculating the turbo pressure for the cascade charger. But nothing like that is on Harper's list.

According to Brown Nose (you can read all about Harper there) Gavin Harper is part of the Via Technology mini-ITX mafia. "Gavin is now working on a follow-up called *"Build Your Own Car PC"*, and has a number of other projects in the pipeline including books on how to build model rockets (I kid you not) and robots," and I suppose, in fairness, one has to reveal that Brown is actually Tim Brown, marketing exec with Via Technology (spending today hiding from Typhoon Matsa in Taipei).

Just for tasters:

- Build a homing device
- Installing a USB text LCD
- Build a rain sensor
- Advanced intelligent wipers
- Puddle Lights
- Controlling your Car PC using your mobile phone
- Installing a reversing camera
- Go war driving
- Build an IrDa interface...

There are fifty chapters, the book costs fifteen quid (penny change) and if there is a chapter for

- Take Over The World

then Harper has disguised it. I guess it's the chapter on "Install a GPS Vehicle Tracker" that gives it away... Oh, yes, and the first three digits of the ISBN number... it's: ISBN 0071458239 and no, I didn't make that up. Check on Amazon... but it's the American Amazon. The UK version seems not to have heard about /evil genius/ problems...