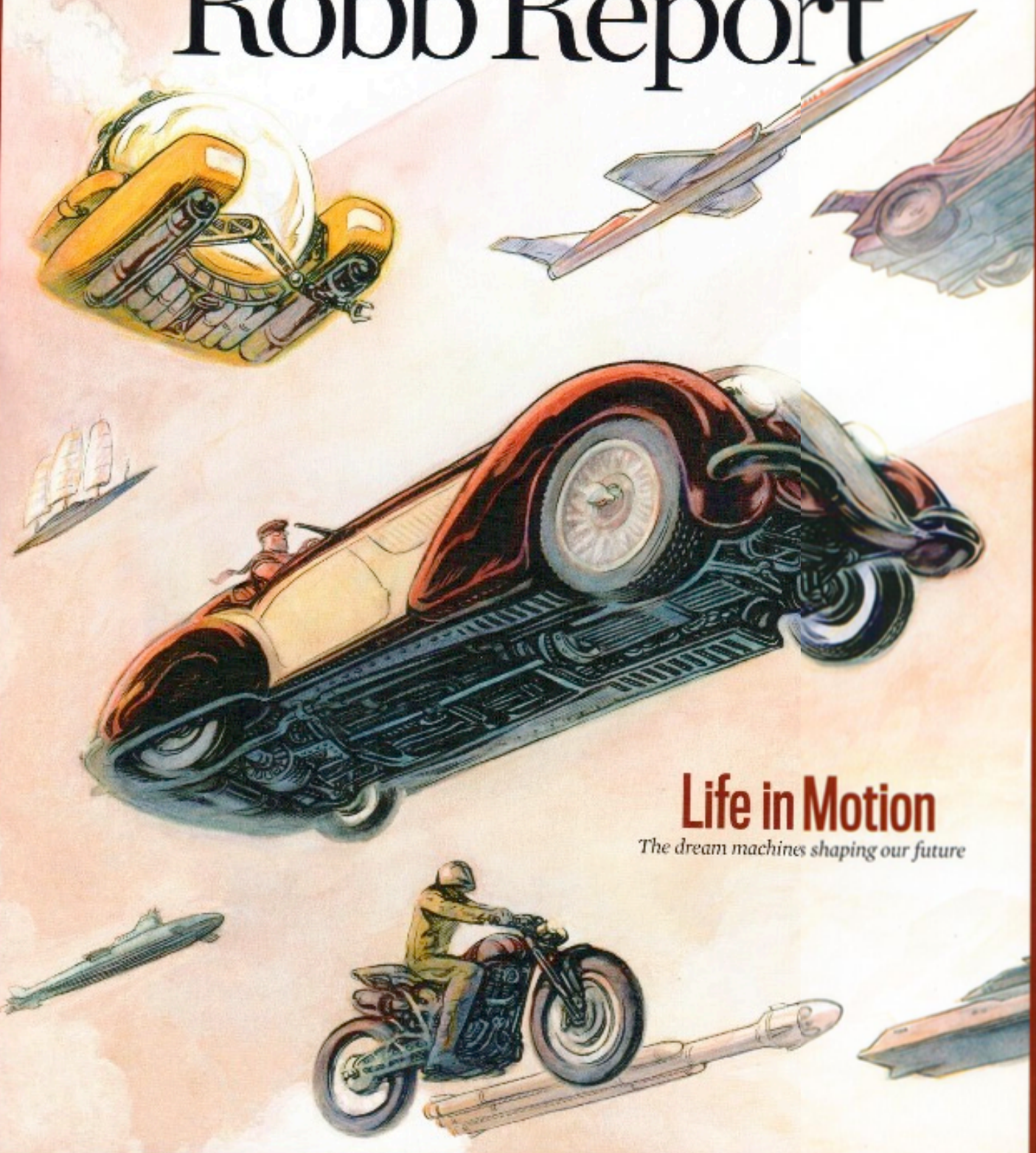


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Life in Motion

The dream machines shaping our future

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Until this year, personal submarines were more about function than form. The bubble-like glass covers and slow, meandering speeds were ideal for taking a leisurely jaunt around a coral reef. They had research-lab looks with a Jacques Cousteau seal of approval, but not a lot of panache. Project Neptune will change all that. The limited-edition sub is a joint project between Triton Submarines and Aston Martin. The unlikely partners have been working on a three-person submarine that can stay underwater for eight hours, with a deep dive of 1,640 feet. The Triton brand has appeared on many documentaries combing ocean depths, but Aston Martin has added levels of style that this segment has never seen. The British carmaker's design team helped Triton in redesigning Neptune's body style while giving it an upgraded interior. Its "sprint" speed of five knots may not sound like much, but it has four times the acceleration of Triton's flagship 3300/3. "We afforded as much attention to the hydrodynamics as the visible surfaces," says Marek Reichman, Aston Martin's executive vice president and chief creative officer. "Some of the detail will never be seen, but its effect will be felt." The custom interior includes hand-stitched leather and carbon-fiber trim, with a focus on ergonomics. "It was assembled without obstructing the panoramic sight lines that Tritons are famous for," says Marek. When Triton begins delivery of its production models in early 2019, Neptune will push the personal submarine concept into a whole new realm. tritonsubs.com -GERI WARD



• TRITON'S PROJECT NEPTUNE

DEEP DIVE

This new submersible brings Aston Martin style and technical breakthroughs to the ocean depths.