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RAC: How soon will driverless cars become a 'real option' for the majority of motorists?

Responding to comments made this morning by Patrick McLoughlin MP, Transport Secretary, in relation to the introduction of driverless cars:

RAC head of external affairs Pete Williams said: "The UK government has stated its intention to make the UK a world leader when it comes to driverless cars, which is welcome. Indeed industry, together with some of the country's top academic and research institutions, is already heavily involved in developing the technology.

"But just how soon will driverless cars become a 'real option' for the majority of motorists? Considerable steps still need to be taken to convince the UK population of the benefits driverless cars will bring. There also remain significant legal, moral and safety considerations to be addressed before they become a common sight on our streets."

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