

## The Citroen C1 Has a Big Heart

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Citroen is a pioneering manufacturer of motor cars with a long history of innovation, pioneering work with front wheel drive, the development of hydro-pneumatic self levelling suspension and so the list goes on.

What grabs my attention with this French brand is style, certainly very different from the mainstream and this perhaps more than anything else is the appeal of Citroen.



Small cars have always played a major part in their plans and perhaps none more famous than the 2CV which was launched in 1948. This Citroen epitomised the hopes and aspirations of a post war Europe.

Not only was the Deux Chevaux a people's car but it was soon to become a motoring icon thanks to a design team led by Pierre Boulanger.

Let me take you right up to 2016 and that capability of producing a small car remains firmly a key element for Citroen.

The C1 Furio brings a new sporty style and unique features to the C1 city car range and it recently went on sale in our market with prices starting from just £10,855 on the road.

Available as a three door hatchback, the new C1 Furio boasts striking exterior styling to appeal to younger drivers wanting a sporty look, but without them having to pay a premium for a more powerful engine.

Two engine options are available; VTi 68 manual and PureTech 82 manual. Based on the existing Feel trim level, C1 Furio benefits from the addition of black 15-inch Planet alloy wheels, bold exterior graphics, plus Sunrise Red door mirrors and wheel centre caps to provide an eye-catching contrast to the Lipizzan White or Carlinite Grey metallic body colour paint options.

A rear diffuser and centred exhaust outlet complete the sporty exterior.

Moving to the interior and the baby Citroen benefits from the addition of Wave grey cloth upholstery and a rev counter.



The new C1 Furio joins the company's long line of motor sport inspired small cars, including the 1990s Saxo Furio, plus cars like the AX Sport and C2 by Loeb.

So what can you expect performance wise, rest to 62mp in less than eleven seconds and on to a top speed of 106mph where legal to do so?



No doubt driven with a light right foot and you could easily cross the 60 miles per gallon mark.

The five speed manual transmission is slick in operation as I discovered and with a small turning circle this is the ideal city car.

With car parks like those found at Tesco seemingly getting smaller as cars become larger, parking the cheeky little C1 is a breeze.

When I tried the C1 at a Citroen event a spokesperson for the company said, “an ideal car for the under 25’s”. Yes it certainly is with a low insurance grouping, however no matter how many years you have on your birth certificate this little number spells fun driving with a capital F.

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