

## A Fun Drive the Subaru BRZ

Within the Subaru range is the BRZ a model the result of co-operation with Toyota and one which really does put fun into driving. In fact it is Subaru the builder of both cars.



This Japanese carmaker is best known for such cars as the rally bred WRX STI and for many it will come as something of a surprise to learn that they produce a model such as the BRZ.

Now even more affordable thanks to a £2,500 reduction in its on-the-road price. The range starts at just £23,995 (on-the-road) for the SE Lux model with manual transmission and £25,495 for automatic models.

Providing the power for this very attractive sports model a two litre horizontally-opposed Boxer petrol

engine with a low centre of gravity and rear-wheel drive for engaging driving thrills. The opportunity came to drive this new Subaru over some challenging roads in County Fermanagh and with 200PS at the command of the right foot, performance is good. Top speed is 143mph and if you want to explore its top end potential then you would need to take it to a circuit such as Kirkistown.

Acceleration for most drivers is more important and rest to 62mph comes up in 7.6 seconds and for those who enjoy the like the BRZ makes a real sporty sound.

The BRZ has been reduced in price to ensure clear differentiation from the all-new All-Wheel Drive WRX STI saloon, Subaru's flagship performance model. The BRZ SE Lux is equipped as standard with Alcantara and leather trimmed seats and torsen rear-axle differential which allows the keen driver to better exploit the sports car's fine handling characteristics.

The entry level model features auto-levelling HD headlamps, pop up headlamp washers, 16 inch alloys and the interior features black fabric sports seats, multi function display etc.

Moving up a grade and you get 17 inch alloys, cruise control, engine Stop/Start button etc. Options include Pioneer Sat Nav with Bluetooth. Automatic models feature steering wheel-mounted gear shift paddles.

Looking at economy and according to Subaru figures on the combined fuel cycle it is possible to top 40mpg, however the emission figure is quite high at 181g/km.





Braking power matches performance thanks to four channel ABS with EBD and brake assist system. Snow mode and hill-start assist available only on the AT version. Summing up this is the sort of car that would be ideal for a weekend away, mind you best to pack a smallish suitcase or two as space is limited.

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