

## Practical and Stylish the Citroen Grand C4 Picasso

PRACTICALITY meets technology in the new Citroen Grand C4 Picasso, currently Irish Car of the Year.

This attractive seven seater MPV is thoroughly modern in every meaning of the word, good looks and a very practical vehicle that is sure to be a big hit with families. In its latest guise it weighs up to 110kg less than its predecessor with record low CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from just 98g/km.

On getting onboard you are greeted by a light, airy and uncluttered cabin which has more glass surface than any other model in the segment.



People who buy an MPV look for versatile modularity and with a third row of folding seats for transporting up to seven people this Citroen fills the bill.

Comfort levels are of the highest order with class-leading cabin space in rows two and three and there is enhanced access, especially to row three through optimised door apertures.

An extra 69 litres of useable load space and over 700 litres with row two seats in their forward position make for a very practical means of transport.

The Grand C4 Picasso stands apart from the five-seat model thanks to its specific design, unique high-tech front end, attractive side profile with special roof bars and innovative 3D effect LED lights at the rear, which are inspired by the company's recent concept cars.

Technologies include a seven-inch touch screen driving interface combined with a high-definition twelve inch panoramic screen and there are innovations for an increasingly user-friendly drive, including an all-new 360° Vision system.

Ride comfort and road holding sets a new standard compared with the previous generation thanks to the electric power steering system and optimised suspension.

I discovered driving this new MPV that its ride reminded me of Citroens of old as it soaked up the bumps and delivered comfort without harshness.

Another pleasant feature is the low level of road noise, again a reminder of Citroens of an earlier generation.

The heart of the matter of the version I tested was the eager 1.6 litre diesel engine. This four cylinder unit aided by a turbo produces a modest 115bhp delivering acceptable levels of performance, rest to 62mph in 12.1 seconds and on to a top speed of 117mph.

Fuel economy is another attractive feature of this desirable Citroen and I quote from official figures, 70.6mpg on the combined fuel cycle and 62.8mpg on the urban cycle.

The insurance group rating is 18E and the price £23,255 (Exclusive version).

Options on my test vehicle included, metallic paint (£520), 3D rear lights (£250), space saver spare wheel (£75) and Park Assist (£600).

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