

## Funky Styling with the new Renault Captur

THE new Captur from Renault may not be everyone's cup of tea, but it is one vehicle which will certainly get noticed.

The good news story for Renault continues with the recent launch of the Captur, with its funky styling and practicality.

This is the first supermini crossover from Renault and it follows on from the success of the latest generation Clio.



With these two cars in my book a new chapter for the French manufacturer has opened up, both cars are great fun to drive and a big major comes with the excellent fuel economy they provide. With its SUV styling and family hatchback refinement I found that this newcomer did perform well not only as regards the afore mentioned economy but also in terms of ride and handling. My test car certainly got noticed with its grey and orange exterior paint finish and the theme extended to the thoroughly modern well appointed interior.

Three themed collections are offered, Arizona, Manhattan and Miami and four

trim levels, Expression, Expression+, Dynamique MediaNav and Dynamique S MediaNav.

The young and young at heart will adore the Captur and there is no doubt new fans will come to the Renault club.

Standard equipment includes, 16 or 17 inch alloy wheels, cruise control, front and rear electric windows, Hill Start Assist, ESC, Traction Control, speed limiter and fuel saving ECO driving mode; the latter excellent for getting the best from a gallon of fuel. Both MediaNav grades include Renault's integrated multimedia system with seven-inch touch screen display and Nav'n'Go satellite navigation.

Powering the new Captur a choice of engines, three in total, all turbocharged, including the new 1.2 TCe 120 petrol with six-speed EDC dual clutch automatic transmission.

Also available are the compact and efficient 0.9 TCe 90 three-cylinder petrol unit

and the latest development of Renault's famously frugal 1.5 dCi 90 diesel.

Later this year we shall see the first pairing of the dCi 90 engine with EDC.





Who will buy the Captur? It will appeal to young families and the young at heart with room for five and the capability to carry loads up to 1,235 litres.

There are a number of innovative touches including a dual height boot floor with a reversible section, washable and removable seat covers and a 60/40 rear bench seat.

I certainly enjoyed my time with the Captur, a vehicle that can even leave a smile on your face and that is no bad thing.

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