

## Paceman Another Chapter in the Mini Story

The Mini story has many chapters and continues with the arrival of the Paceman, the seventh model in the line-up. With its sports coupe styling it will have male appeal and is destined to attract new customers to the brand.

Lowered suspension delivers a dynamic ride just what we have come to expect from a vehicle badged Mini.

Yes you can see development from the Countryman, which is the second highest selling Mini variant in our market.

Five versions are available from launch, including the Cooper S which has a 0-62mph of just 7.5 seconds.

The three-door newcomer's unique exterior styling is what immediately catches your

eye. Using the Countryman platform, bumper to bumper the car is 4,109 mm (4,115mm for MINI Cooper S and Cooper SD), which makes it almost identical in size to its sibling.

Clearly with the Paceman Mini has created a vehicle to appeal to a new type of design-conscious customer.

The interior was designed specifically for this model, highlighted by the innovative rear seat, which has been styled around a lounge concept. Two individual chairs provide good levels of head, shoulder and knee room with comfort and support. Armrests have been integrated into the rear trim.



A two-section version of the Mini Centre Rail storage and attachment system comes as standard. A full-length variant is available as an option.

Let me point out the Paceman is a four-seater and folding down the rear seats expands the rear load-carrying capacity from 330 litres to a maximum of 1,080 litres and there is easy access via a large and high-opening tailgate.

The instrument panel includes many familiar items, including the large round central speedo with black surround and decorative inner rings in high-gloss black or chrome are new, as are the redesigned air vent surrounds.

One of the great features of any Mini is its go-kart handling and with the Paceman, there is the optional all-wheel drive transmission. Regular suspension and ride height are available as a no-cost option.

Four engines are on the menu, a four-cylinder, two petrol and two diesels. All are allied with a six-speed manual gearbox, or the optional six-speed automatic with Steptronic function for manual control.

The Cooper features a 1.6 litre 122bhp engine with rest to 62mph in 10.4 seconds, fuel economy of 47.1mpg with CO2 emissions of 140g/km.

The Cooper S uses the same engine, tuned to deliver 184bhp and it can sprint to 62mph in 7.5 seconds. Fuel economy is 46.3mpg and emissions are 143g/km.

For diesel fans, the Cooper D uses a 1.6 litre 112bhp turbocharged engine with a 0-

62mph time of 10.8 seconds and delivers a frugal 64.2mpg fuel economy and 115g/km emissions.

The flagship diesel is the Cooper SD, which has a two litre 143bhp engine. Rest to 62mph 9.2 seconds with 61.4mpg and an emissions figure of 122g/km.

The ALL4 system is available on the Cooper D, SD and Cooper S Paceman, models.

Need more performance then there is the 218bhp John Cooper Works Paceman accelerates from rest to 62mph in 6.9 seconds.

The new Paceman benefits from an array of driver aids with Dynamic Stability Control standard across the range. Dynamic Traction Control including Electronic Differential Lock Control on the MINI Cooper S, Cooper SD and Cooper D ALL4. Adding the exterior finishing touch, 16 inch and 17 inch alloys are standard, with 18inch or 19inch available as options.

Safety is paramount, provided by an extensive range of safety equipment including front and side airbags. Side curtain airbags are fitted in both the front and back.

ISOFIX child seat attachments in the rear and a tyre pressure warning are on every Paceman.

The list of standard equipment includes air conditioning, powered door mirrors and front sports seats and there is an excellent palette of exterior colours, eight in total and prices start at £18,970.

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