

## SEAT Leon Range Expands with ST Version

The new SEAT Leon range is set to expand with the ST, which brings affordable quality and one with an abundance of load space.

Packed with up to date technology it is the lightest estate model in its market sector and for the first time in its history the Leon now offers three bodystyles.

The ST completes the trio and comes to your dealer showroom with an £825 price premium compared to the five door version.



The ST shares the same wheelbase length as the five door, but there is an additional 264mm rear overhang, thus the reward is a boot with a capacity of 587 litres and that can be extended to 1,470 litres.

Further versatility with the availability of a double boot floor and the front passenger seat can fold flat to carry those really awkward long items with 2.67 metres to play with.

Owners of the current Leon and will be familiar with the engine line-up, well the ST mimics; a range of engines highly regarded and praised throughout the Volkswagen Group.

The range is also the same as the rest of the new Leon family, with trim levels, S, SE and FR.

An all wheel drive model will be offered but the jury is still out to decide if that version comes to our market.

Returning to the power units, an excellent choice of both petrol and diesel, three petrol and four diesel and included in the line-up the 1.6 TDI 110PS Ecomotive.

There is a choice of a manual transmission or the highly regarded DSG transmission. I was able to try both transmissions and a 1.6 diesel engine and a 1.4 petrol unit.

All of the engines offer excellent economy and low emissions ranging from 87-135g/km and the Ecomotive version can return 85.6mpg.

I can see young families being attracted to the new Leon ST, not simply because of its practical nature, but style wise it is thoroughly modern with its clean uncluttered lines.

I must say that I was very impressed with the interior, quality materials have been employed and the dash layout is excellent, making it very much a driver's car.

I tried both versions in the city of Barcelona and in the surrounding countryside and it was a joy on the motorway and in the urban environment thanks to an improved steering system it





was so easy to park.

I mentioned earlier technology, the ST will not let you down with the likes of full LED headlights, SEAT Easy Connect, Post Collision Braking System, Drowsiness Detection, High Beam Assist, Lane Assist, ACC adaptive cruise control and chassis control and Progressive Steering all available.

New is the MIB infotainment system which is the basis of systems across the Volkswagen Group.

Prices range from just under £17,000 and rise to under £24,000 and there is more to come expect to see a hot version with 184PS; looking forward to taking the wheel of that version and I am quite sure I am not the only one.

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