

Super Estate from Skoda

Not only did the Skoda Octavia vRS Estate fulfil its mission in terms of performance but also as a very practical vehicle.

I tend to measure performance not only in terms of outright pace but also regards economy and in these areas this vehicle really did impress.



Powering my test car a two litre 184PS diesel engine mated to a six speed manual gearbox and the end result sportscar-like performance. Rest to 62mph came up in 8.2 seconds and if you can find a race track then the possibility of exploring the 143mph top speed of this estate model.

On the subject of economy, important to us all, Skoda quotes 61.4mpg on the combined fuel cycle. During my period

with this estate I managed a figure in the high 40s. Stop Start now found on so many vehicles in the aid of improved economy is standard.

Why do people buy estate models? The main reason is for that extra space and the load carrying abilities of this Skoda model are good as is the space in the cabin.

Styling is overall modern and the sporty nature is not over done, you will certainly recognise this model with its vRS badging and 18 inch alloy wheels. This particular estate was equipped with the Pictoris alloy which is a no cost option.

The interior has just a hint of being sporty with the comfy front sports seats. Standard equipment is high, such items as a three spoke multi function steering wheel, Bluetooth, dual zone air conditioning and my test vehicle had a number of options fitted including an Amundsen sat nav system and the Canton sound system with no less than ten speakers.



Safety is paramount with Skoda and no surprise to discover an array of equipment to keep driver and occupants safe. Daytime running lights, Driver Alert, automatic post collision braking system to name but a few.



What surprised me about the vRS Estate was in the handling department, it performed like a saloon car and indeed at times it was difficult to believe that I was in control of an estate car.

The standard fitment of sports suspension helps in no small way and the pleasing aspect is that the ride as on the firmish side but not hard as is the case

often when a sports suspension set up is specified.

Now to the all important pricing, in standard form the Skoda Octavia vRS Estate costs £24,060, but with the options fitted to the model on test the price, £25,375.

A good all rounder, one of the best estate models I have test driven in the past couple of years and it is simply just another example of just how far Skoda has come.

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