

Audi TT Opts For Diesel Power



A real eye-catching model in the Audi range is the TT, and would you believe you can have it with diesel power and it does provide a few surprises.

The two litre TDI has a power output of 170bhp which results in rest to 62mph in an impressive 7.5 seconds and you will be rewarded with 40 plus mpg.

So you get the good looks, performance and economy.

I can recall when I first saw the original TT, it was on the international launch in Italy and even the Ferrari owners were in awe of the small German coupe.

Paired with the diesel engine is a slick

six speed manual transmission and surefooted road holding is aided by the legendary quattro four wheel drive system.

Born out of rallying quattro has become a major part of the Audi range and a firm favourite with drivers.

With this system it sends most of the power to the front wheels but when additional grip is required it can easily and quickly transfer power to the rear wheels.

I have always liked being behind the driving wheel of the TT, immediately it gives the feel of being in a racing car.

Despite its sporty nature the ride is not too firm and the steering is very direct; you feel very much in control of this Audi.

It is the sort of car if sitting outside your home you make excuses to take it for a drive. Creature comforts and the standard equipment offered is good, the chorus audio system, driver information system and automatic climate control.

Options include a choice of two sat nav systems, universal mobile phone preparation and the superb Bose sound system.

Road noise is relatively low with the TT Coupe so should you decide to spend the extra and go for the Bose system you will not be disappointed.

Helping to keep a watching eye on economy is the onboard computer with its efficiency programme. It provides the relevant data re fuel consumption and provides tips for more efficient driving and as is now quite common in the modern car, the gear change indicator advises when to change gear.

Many like to further add to their car and so you can with this attractive Audi, choose from leathers line exterior package and the S Line sport package.

But the real treat is when you take the driving wheel, this is a car which puts the fun back into motoring.

The TT Coupe 2.0 TDI Sport costs £27,540. However the car I tested had a number of options bringing the final total to £34,760 and I also should point out that it had the

Winter Tyre Package. So with this and the Quattro system the TT Coupe should cope well when the white stuff descends.

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