

New Baby Arrives from Peugeot

PEUGEOT has a new baby, the French carmaker having built a strong city car foundation with the 107 now offers its replacement, the 108, a sophisticated car is available in three and five-door Hatchback or TOP Cabrio body styles.

Petrol engines are fuel-efficient and with low-emissions and these units include the company's recently unveiled PureTech naturally aspirated three-cylinder unit.

After having driven the new car I must say that here is a strong fun element and personalisation is a key element with a huge range of colours, ambiances, trims and themes.



Moving more up market from the 107 with the new 108 comes a number of highly desirable comfort and convenience features to this growing sector of the marketplace. You get a seven inch touch-screen infotainment system with DAB digital radio, Mirror Screen and Bluetooth connectivity for smartphones and the safety benefit of steering wheel-mounted controls.

I was surprised at the number of so called creature comforts, many features which are part of a much larger car. I was somewhat amazed to learn from a Peugeot representative that here is even downsizing to this A sector where the 108 slots into.

Hence the attention on providing elements found in the larger car. There is also a major plus in my book with this type of car and that is ease of parking. Some how parking spaces seem to be getting much smaller, no doubt the plan is to squeeze in more places.

At 3,470mm bumper to bumper, the 108 is 40mm longer than its predecessor and the overall width remains the same (1,630mm), while the maximum roof height is 10mm lower (1,460mm). Okay not the car to take the family on holiday, more one for the every day commute.

However the boot boasts 196 litres of carrying capacity up from 139 litres on the 107 and it is large enough for the weekly shop and another positive the boot sill is also 20mm lower for easier loading.

While the exterior styling is appealing I liked the interior in particular, it had a quality, fit and finish and the dashboard has been deliberately styled around the central stack, which includes the already noted seven inch touch-screen in all but entry level Access trim.





On the subject of trim there are four levels to select from and there are also four power units, three of one litre capacity, all 68bhp, five speed manual and five speed 2-Tronic the transmission choices while the 1.2 litre VTi PureTech delivers 82bhp.

On emissions the figures are low 88-99g/km and the good news story rolls on;

economy can be as much as 74mpg.

A very trendy small car with lots of choice even a soft top and of course the ability to style the 108 to suit the personality of the individual.

We all enjoy value for our money, with this new baby Peugeot prices start at just £8,245 on the road.

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