



The New Audi Q2

Audi, its insignia being four interlinked rings, has achieved a remarkable growth in its UK sales. From the 14,344 vehicles sold in 1991 to represent 0.6 per cent of the market, in 2016 Audi sold 177,304 cars to raise its share to a healthy 6.4 per cent. The demand for Audi products, placing it above that of its German competitors, make it the market leader after Ford, Vauxhall and Volkswagen at 12.19, 9.47 and 7.73 per cent respectively.

A premium brand, Audi's entry level is the A1 supermini, priced from £16,965, which for 2017 has both front- and all-wheel drive options plus the availability of S tronic automatic transmission across the model range. Larger, but still compact and sharing some of the A1's styling cues, is the new Q2, the first stage in Audi's acclaimed Q models and costing from £23,110 for the diesel and £26,810 for the petrol. Though in Audi parlance it has a premium compact SUV footprint, unlike its Q-stablemates which have all-wheel drive, the Q2's transmission drives the front-wheels only.

respectively. With the efficiency of the latest petrol engines, Audi claims that the Q5 can achieve up to 40.4mpg compared to the diesel's 55.4mpg, these being official figures which almost certainly will not reflect everyday driving conditions. The Q5 is impressive in both its comfort and build quality, and equally so in its performance and handling. In both models the seven-speed S tronic transmission is beautifully set

latest in Audi technology to make this one of the finest SUVs available. The best-selling model in Europe will be the six-



Audi A4 Allroad



A4 Allroad's interior

cylinder 3.0 litre priced from £49,560, though there's a 4.0 litre V8 commencing at an eye-watering £72,320.

The A3 Sportback, the bigger A4 Avant and A5 models are the headline sellers in the Audi catalogue, and two models particularly impressed me when trying the complete range of cars.

up for the smoothest power delivery, and should you opt for the adaptive air suspension with its variable ride height and off-road modes, the ride is nothing but exemplary.

Flagship of the Q range is the new Q7 which is lighter in weight than before, has three rows of seats and showcases the

The first is the new A5 Cabriolet quattro (from £45,630) with its 1984cc petrol engine offering comfortable all-season motoring with its generous specification including a multi-layered hood. And for even more dynamic performance there's the S5 model (3.0 litre V6, £51,835). The other is the 2.0 litre petrol A4 Avant Allroad (44mpg, £38,480) which, having on-demand quattro incorporating Audi's seven-speed S tronic auto transmission, is a fine yet practical and spacious estate car with a premium feel to its build, ride and handling. With increased ground clearance and underbody protection, this is one of the best 4x4 estates on the market.

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Audi Q5

The all-new Q5, which is a true SUV, has been extensively re-engineered and is available in two four-cylinder engine options, a 1968cc diesel and a 1984cc petrol turbo, the prices commencing at £40,290 and £41,335



Q5's interior