

Citroen C1 pure-Tec Feel 1.0 5dr

A great little run-around

This is a great little car for the money ideal for a small family run-around or second car great for a first car and excellent for a business all branded up!!

The new Citroën C1 is up against some seriously strong rivals in the competitive city car class, such as the Volkswagen Up and the Hyundai i10.

As if those two weren't enough to worry about, the C1 also has to take on its stablemates, the Toyota Aygo and Peugeot 108. With all three cars sharing the same basic engineering DNA, it's only the cars' styling and pricing, and the small differences in their specifications and trim, that will matter to customers.

Of the two engines we prefer the 1.0 litre, certainly for city driving. It feels very low and needs to be



worked hard, but its five gear ratios are well spaced. Bear in mind, however, that with two or more people on board, it will struggle on steep hills. Even solo, and with your foot to the floor, the C1 builds speed very gradually. Once the power does arrive at high revs, the engine note becomes really strained. The 1.2-litre engine is only a little better in this regard because it doesn't need to be worked quite as hard.

There are three trim levels are offered: Touch, Feel and Flair. The entry-level Touch provides remote central locking, electric windows and an MP3-compatible stereo, but upgrading to Feel brings body-colour wing mirrors and door handles, air-conditioning, a height-adjustable driver's seat and a seven-inch touchscreen infotainment system.

The range-topping Flair features 15-inch alloy wheels, tinted glass, a rev counter, electric mirrors and a rear parking camera.

Although the latest Citroen C1 has almost identical dimensions to its predecessor – not surprising as it's a development of the previous-generation model's platform – the company has done



a great job of making the design fun, fresh and entirely different from its Toyota and Peugeot sister cars.

The split headlight design is an interpretation of the same theme you'll find on the Citroen C4 Cactus, while vertical LED lights are integrated neatly into the front bumper.

At the rear, square 3D-effect tail-lamps and a blacked-out glass tailgate are also distinctive, while the side profile is shared with the Aygo and 108. It's a similar story with the interior design; this is replicated across all three of the city cars, with the exception of the badges.

Colour-coded trim on the centre console and gearlever surround, as well as



flashes of exterior colour on the doors and the option of striped seat upholstery, ensure the C1's interior is light and cheery.

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MPG = 68.9
Top speed = 99
0-62 = 13.1 MPH
CO2 = 95
On the road price
(Lease price £89+vat over 2 years with 6 payments up front based on 10k miles a year)

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