

The New Citroen DS3 Cabrio Reviewed 03/08/13

Citroen DS3 Goes Topless

I have to say at first I wasn't sure about this car as it's like a half convertible but it did grow on me.



The DS3 has been a massive success for Citroen. They have really gone after the Mini and Audi A1 market, and with its great looks and drive, there's no surprise they have shifted 36,000 of them in the UK alone. So it is only natural they have now come out with a Cabrio model - there is currently only a 1.6 petrol version but they are releasing a diesel later on in the year. I tested the 1.6 THP 155 in a D-sport model and it was a good spec with a very nippy engine.

The main negative is that when the roof is down full, you can't see behind you, but the positives definitely outweigh the bad; like you can sit 3 people in the back (which is unusual on a soft top) and the boot is great when the roof is up, so ideal for the school runs if you can live with putting the seat up every time someone gets in the back as its only comes in a 3dr.

You can still personalise your DS3 with different coloured roofs and mirrors to the car, and you can



even get purple leather if you're that way inclined! The drive is very smooth and quiet, and with a great stereo with bluetooth, & lots of gloss and stainless steel, the inside feels like a real quality car. It even has a button in the car you can press and call Citroen if you have a problem with the car or you have broken down and it will connect you directly to Citroens help line!!

The diesel will be the one to look out for as the petrol version is a bit thirsty and if you can, stretch to the D-sport + that comes with nice little extras like leather as standard.

MPH = 47.9 Combined

Top speed =132

0-60 =8.2

CO2=137

On the road price £19,136

(Lease price £199+vat over 2 years with 6 payments up front based on 10k miles a year)

