

Ford Transit Custom 270 L1 SWB 2.0 TDCi 105

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The Ford Transit Custom is based on the immensely successful van that has lead the Ford brand from strength to strength in the commercial vehicle industry. Whereas the traditional Ford Transit was designed with an 'All round' purpose, the Transit Custom has been squeezed into a far smaller and neater package, with the smaller business in mind.

Though it is not exactly a brand new model to the Ford range, it has definitely been refined to a higher standard with the new model and feels all the better for it, from the solid sound of the door closing to the sense of quality in the cabin, it really has come on leaps and bounds from the previous model.

Options

Flexibility is key with Ford and is clearly an important selling point for the Transit Custom with their variety of different specifications including - short wheel base and long wheel base versions, double cab for seats up to 3 people, crew vans which include another row of seats behind the 3 in the front for those big jobs and even the ability to have up to 9 seats with the Kombi. I'll be honest, when it comes to the versatility of the vehicle, I really could go on all day.

Safety/Reliability

The safety features in the car are incredibly vast as they were in the previous Custom, to the point where it actually took the prize as the first ever Auto Express "Van of the year", which I believe was strongly based on it being the first commercial vehicle to ever be awarded a 5 star NCAP rating and I imagine it will go on to give all other vans a run for their money again this year!



Running Costs

In terms of the running costs, it will rival any of the other vans within the segment and with 3 different engine outputs (104bhp, 128bhp and 168bhp) you can decide how to tip the scale on power vs economy.

Verdict

In my opinion, with prices starting from £169.99 + Vat, the Ford Transit Custom is without a doubt the most practical and best looking one-tonne panel van that Ford have released to date. It is a pleasure to drive and to be sat at the steering wheel of the Custom, you would just as easily believe you were sat in a Focus or Mondeo. All in all, I believe that if you are considering a van of this segment, you need not look any further then the Transit Custom.



Verdict - 9/10
MPG - 46.3
CO2 - 157
Top Speed - 155 mph
0-60 - N/A
Price - From £19,595 + VAT
Lease Price (£169.99 + VAT, 3/35, 10k)

