

MOTORING MATTERS by Anthony Goodwin

I'M A SOUL MAN!

The Kia Soul is an urban crossover - you get the space of an SUV with the economy and drivability of supermini. We were lucky to have the range topping Soul Burner 1.6 CRDi which pumps out 125bhp. The burner is available in one colour - Black with a red tiger nose grill and quartz black livery and decals - it's not a car that shrinks into the crowd! The Kia Burner is definitely a look at me car, helped by the red and black interior and 18 inch Burner alloys, which are black and chrome.

With a high seating position you feel like you are in a 4x4 which is enhanced by the chunky looks of the car. Practicality wise it's a winner with a large boot space, 340 litres seats up and a huge 818 with the seats folded down. As for legroom in the back, it's impressive and can be increased or decreased by sliding the rear seats forward or back. The seats are comfortable and the driver's seat is height adjustable.

As for driving I went on a long 350 mile journey on both motorways and A roads and I can report that the ride and drive was good. I got



to my destinations with no aches or stress. The only thing I would have liked was cruise control, but that's only because a lot of the journey was motorways. Round town it's easy to park, thanks to great all round visibility and parking sensors. As for safety, it's packed with features which include 6 airbags as standard, this means a 5 star Euro NCAP rating.

Here are some figures: prices start at £10,495 for the Soul 1 which comes with all round electric windows, air con, 6 airbags and ABS, EBD and ESP as standard. There are five in the range with 3 special editions

to suit many different tastes. The Soul Samba is for those who want fun, fun, fun and a powerful sound system with 8 speakers including a built in sub woofer and external amp. It's available in red and comes with sound sensitive mood lighting, this means the two speakers in the front doors have a red light in which either dances with the music being played or gently pulses depending on what setting you have it on. Next in line is the Shaker, which takes its name from the timeless shaker design with a bold fusion of funky and traditional ideas. These include rear parking camera with an LCD screen in the rear-view mirror. This model is available in vanilla with a cream and black interior.

You have a choice of either a 1.6 CRDi diesel or 1.6 VVTi petrol engine, you can have an auto but only in diesel form. The combined fuel consumption for the petrol is 43.5 mpg or 54.3 mpg for the diesel. As for Co2 emissions the petrol comes in at 153 which means £150 and the diesel 137 £120 road tax per year. Another great benefit of owning a Kia Soul is their 5 year warranty.



This summer has seen the Kia Soul Train, where Kia have been taking the Soul around the country from London to Glasgow and many places in-between. The Soul has also been adopted by the police in Horsham South, in West Sussex, where a local dealer has donated a KIA soul shaker to the local police community support officers based in Steyning. PCSO Charlotte Whittaker said "The car is as highly visible as we are!"



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