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Introduction to the Peugeot 309

The Peugeot 309 model range was introduced in the UK in February of 1986. It has a three- or five-door hatchback body type of steel unit construction.

The engine and transmission are transversely mounted; drive being to the front roadwheels. The suspension is independent at the front and rear. The front suspension has MacPherson struts whilst the rear suspension has trailing arms and transverse torsion bars. All models have an anti-roll bar at the front.

Three engine sizes were originally available, the 1.1 and 1.3 litre engines being of overhead valve (OHV) design and the 1.6 litre being of overhead camshaft (OHC) design. In April 1987, a GTI version was introduced, powered by a 1.9 litre engine. Details of this model are included in the Supplement at the back of this manual.

The car is generally well built and economical. The wide range of models and options available should meet the needs of most purchasers looking for a practical car in this section of the market.



Peugeot 309 1.3 GL

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Peugeot 309 SR Injection