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Introduction to the Peugeot 306

The Peugeot 306 range was introduced in the UK in the Spring of 1993. Originally, the 306 was available with a choice of 1.4 litre (1360 cc), 1.6 litre (1587 cc) and 1.8 litre (1761 cc) petrol engines. At first, models were only available in a five-door Hatchback form.

All engines are derived from the well-proven TU and XU senes engines, which have appeared in many Peugeot and Citroen vehicles. The engine is of four-cylinder overhead camshaft design, mounted transversely and inclined to the rear, with the transmission mounted on the left-hand side. All models have a four- or five-speed manual transmission: the 1.8 litre model also being offered with the option of a four-speed automatic transmission.

In Summer 1993, the 1.9 litre (1905 cc) Diesel engine was introduced into the range. The engine is from the well-proven XUD series, with both non-turbo and Turbo versions of the engine being available.

In early 1994, a three-door version of all models was introduced, and at the same time the 2.0 litre (1998 cc) petrol engine models were also brought into the range. In the summer of 1994, the 306 Cabriolet was introduced. To complete the range, in the Autumn, the four-door Sedan (Saloon) versions of most models were introduced.

All models have fully-independent front suspension. The rear suspension is semi-independent, with torsion bars and trailing arms.

A wide range of standard and optional equipment is available within the 306 range to suit most tastes, including central locking, electric windows, an electric sunroof, and an air bag. An anti-lock braking system and air conditioning system are available as options on certain models.

Provided that regular servicing is carried out in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, the Peugeot 306 should prove reliable and very economical. The engine compartment is well-designed, and most of the items requiring frequent attention are easily accessible.



Peugeot 306 Hatchback



Peugeot 306 Sedan

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We hope the book will help you to get the maximum enjoyment from your Peugeot 306. By carrying out routine maintenance as described you will ensure your car's reliability and preserve its resale value.