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The refreshed for 2016  
DS 3 and DS 3 Cabriolet



# Supermini makeover is really refreshing...

**S**IX decades ago a motoring icon was launched. The original Citroen DS was unveiled at the Paris Motor show in October 1955 and in the first day 12,000 were ordered - which went up to 80,000 by the end of the show.

That is how futuristic and cutting edge the first car proved to be so the revamp of the DS3 supermini model has a lot to live up to.

Out is any reference to Citroen and in is a full DS refresh for the 2016 model including the Cabrio - our test car this week.

In fact we got the hot THP 165 S&S six speed manual version, which has performance (0 to 62 in 7.6 seconds and a top speed of 135mph) and economy, considering it has a turbocharged petrol engine, (50mpg overall and more than 61 on a run).

The DS3 was introduced in 2013 and this is the first major revision of the range - which goes from £13,995 to £24,795. It now consists of five trim levels, from entry-level Chic with the 82bhp 1.2-litre PureTech turbo petrol engine through Elegance, Prestige and flagship Ultra Prestige.

The popular DS3 actually lost its chevron badges in 2014, but now the company has given it a proper facelift to bring it into line with the larger DS4 and DS5. The most noticeable updates are a DS-badged hexagonal grille and higher-spec

models get smarter headlights that combine LEDs and xenons.

LED indicators and foglamps complete the front end redesign while there are new alloy wheel designs and reprofiled rear lights. Even more scope for personalisation has been added, with 10 roof decals and four roof finishes for the DS3 Cabrio among the multi-million colour and trim combinations.

Inside there are 20 fewer buttons thanks to that touchscreen system with voice control and 'watch-strap' leather from the DS4 and DS5 on top spec models.

The updated seven-inch touchscreen also has Apple

CarPlay and MirrorLink smartphone connectivity and a new DS Connect Box option includes an SOS and Assistance Pack and a remote tracking system, while safety tech such as Active City Braking has been added across the range.

Standard kit on entry-level Chic models also includes a seven-inch touchscreen, aircon, an alarm and alloy wheels, while cabrios add rear parking sensors and tinted rear windows.

Elegance spec gives things like LED fog lights, bigger alloys, sports seats and climate control, while Prestige brings satnav, front parking sensors, 17-inch alloys and alcantara trim. Ultra

Prestige has that watchstrap leather upholstery.

The engine range remains the same, so buyers can still take their pick from the 1.2-litre PureTech three-cylinder turbo petrol in three states of tune, plus two four-cylinder THP turbo petrols and two BlueHDi diesels. There is a sporty new DS3 Racing - previously a limited edition - in hatchback and cabrio forms, with a new name, DS Performance, starting from £20,495 (Cabrio £22,795) with a 204bhp, 1.6-litre turbo petrol engine, stiffer suspension, a Torsen diff and bigger brakes.

Elsewhere on the expanded kit list are front and rear parking sensors, a reversing camera with guiding graphics and Hill Start Assist in manual models plus you can still retract the Cabrio's roof at up to 70mph on the motorway. However, that roof does mean 'letter box' access to the decent-sized boot (which cannot be opened with the roof fully down).

So the new DS 3 brings improvements all round to what was already a popular package and means the elegant French supermini can give the likes of BMW's Mini and Audi's A1 a real run for your money.

Our test Cabrio THP 165 S&S six-speed is from £21,595 but our car had special paint, leather a 'carbon' kit and reversing camera which took that up to £23,340.

More information at [www.DSautomobiles.co.uk](http://www.DSautomobiles.co.uk).



**A** MAGNIFICENT Ford Mustang won the 'Best Car In Show' at the Classic American Car Show last weekend at Tatton Park.

Owned by Mark Nicholson, from Cark-in-Carmel, Cumbria, the rare 1970 Boss 302 model, in eye-catching 'grabber orange', beat-off competition from over 2,000 other American vehicles to take the prestige best car in show trophy.

It was bought as a shell four years ago by Mark, pictured above with the car, who embarked on a restoration project to bring it back to its original 1970 condition.

Mark said: "it's great to receive recognition for all the hard work. I would also like to thank American Auto Club NW and UK Mustang Owners Club for their invaluable support and advice."

The Cheshire stately home show attracted a superb turnout of American cars from throughout the north west of England.



**O**RGANISERS of this year's Footman James Classic Car Show at Manchester's EventCity say they already have a full house of classic car clubs booked to appear.

Despite the event still being just over two months away (it will take place on September 17-18) organiser Andy Rouse said: 'We've already had a really great response and we're particularly thrilled that so many clubs have applied to be a part of this year's event.'

"So far we've managed to squeeze 84 clubs onto our floorplan, and there's a waiting list."

The Footman James Classic Car Show Manchester is one of the UK's biggest classic annual motoring events.

It features hundreds of cars, clubs, private entries, restoration demonstrations, traders offering everything from a nut and bolt through to cars for sale plus live classic rally driving action. More information at [manchesterclassiccarshow.com](http://manchesterclassiccarshow.com).