



- **Performance**

3 out of 5 stars

Petrol fans choose from a 94bhp 1.4, a 118bhp 1.6, or one of three turbocharged 1.6s with 148-, 173- or (with an automatic gearbox) 138bhp. Diesel buyers can have one of two 1.6 turbodiesels with either 89- or 108bhp, or a 2.0 with 134bhp. Our favourite is the smooth and punchy 108bhp diesel.

- **Ride & Handling**

3 out of 5 stars

Unfortunately the 308 falls short of the class best. Despite having plenty of grip and good body control, it's a heavy car, and feels a little cumbersome. The car's overly stiff suspension means that the ride is unsettled on anything other than the smoothest roads, while mid-corner bumps have a most unsettling effect on the steering.

- **Refinement**

4 out of 5 stars

This is one of the 308's strongest suits. Wind- and road noise is well suppressed at all speeds, and the engines are smooth. Sure, the 118bhp 1.6 petrol is audible when revved but, like the rest of the engines, it's never unpleasant or excessive. That stiff suspension can clunk a little over bumps, though.

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