

AUDI A5 COUPE



Performance

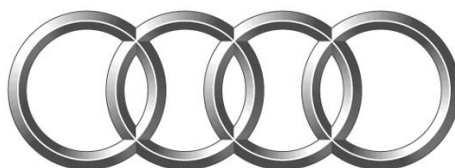
No A5 is short of power. Even the cheapest petrol model – with a 178bhp 2.0-litre engine - gives punchy performance, but you can also have a 208bhp 2.0-litre turbo, a 261bhp 3.2 V6 and a 349bhp 4.2-litre. Topping the range will be the RS5, which hits 60mph in just 4.5 seconds. The cheapest diesel is a flexible 168bhp 2.0-litre, while 187bhp 2.7 and 237bhp 3.0-litre units complete the line-up. You can also choose from manual and automatic transmissions, and front- or four-wheel drive.

Ride & Handling

The A5 has plenty of grip, and generally remains composed, but if you're after a thrilling drive, you could be disappointed. The steering feels artificial, and although it turns in crisply, the A5 feels rather heavy. The ride is firm, especially in S Line and S5 models, which shake and bang over rough surfaces. The optional three-mode Drive Select system, which adjusts the suspension and steering settings, doesn't help much, either.

Refinement

All the engines are smooth and civilized: the V6 diesel engine sounds more like a petrol unit, and the S5's cultured V8 is a joy to listen to. Wind noise creeps in at motorway speeds, however, and there are clunks and clatters from the suspension.



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