



- **Performance**

4 out of 5 stars

The frugal 1.5-litre turbodiesel is in the lowest company car tax band for diesels, but it gives little in the way of performance or flexibility. Those wishing for more pace can choose a 128bhp or a 148bhp 2.0-litre turbodiesel, with the less powerful version being our favourite. There's also a single 2.0-litre petrol engine, but the diesels are far preferable, albeit more expensive.

- **Ride & Handling**

2 out of 5 stars

The Laguna's steering is lightly weighted to aid low-speed manoeuvrability, but it's frustratingly vague in corners. More front-end grip would also be welcome and, while the stiff suspension keeps body movements tightly controlled, there's too much jiggle and thump over patchy surfaces. Plenty of other family cars are more enjoyable and more comfortable to drive.

- **Refinement**

3 out of 5 stars

The Laguna shuts out most wind and road noise, and the engines are relaxed and hushed on the motorway. However, the suspension lets the side down because it thuds noisily over bumps. It's also a shame that Renault didn't make the gearshift, clutch and brakes feel more taut.

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