

### First UK drive

GreenLine II looks identical to rest of range, but brings huge efficiency benefits



# SKODA SUPERB GREENLINE II SE

Family car's cleanest variant yet

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CAN the best get even better? The class-leading Skoda Superb is aiming to do exactly that, as it now comes in ultra-efficient new GreenLine II form. The 1.6-litre diesel, eco tyres and stop-start make this the cleanest version yet, emitting 114g/km of CO<sub>2</sub>.

You'll do well to spot it, though, as visual changes are minimal. Badges on the grille, tailgate and wing are the main clues to its low tax status, along with 16-inch alloys. Hatches get a rear spoiler to help reduce drag, but the smart estate is unchanged at the back.

Cabin differences are restricted to a five-speed manual box and a button on the gearlever to switch the stop-start on and off. S, SE and Elegance trims mirror the usual line-up's, so there are no major concessions to the GreenLine's environmental focus.

This compromise-free approach extends to the drive. With only 104bhp, the Superb is never

going to be a great performer, but it easily keeps up with traffic. Only if you let the revs drop, or load up the cabin, does it feel slow.

Yet while you have to work it hard to maintain brisk pace, the light gearshift and smooth engine are surprisingly enjoyable. And the changes haven't affected the Superb's sharp handling.

Well weighted steering and tidy body control deliver agile handling for such a big machine. The 15mm-lower suspension doesn't compromise comfort too heavily, either, and motorway refinement is excellent.

The GreenLine II ranges from £18,685 for the base hatch to £24,040 for the flagship estate, and these competitive prices combine with an attractive tax banding to ensure success with business users. Private buyers will like the 64.2mpg economy, too, so the Superb holds more appeal now than ever before.

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### Details

<b>Price:</b> £21,785
<b>Engine:</b> 1.6-litre 4cyl, 104bhp
<b>Transmission:</b> Five-speed manual, front-wheel drive
<b>0-60mph:</b> 12.6 seconds
<b>Economy:</b> 64.2mpg
<b>CO<sub>2</sub>:</b> 114g/km
<b>Equipment:</b> Energy recuperation, stop-start, 16-inch alloys, lowered suspension, air-conditioning, cruise control, Alcantara upholstery, load securing system, leather steering wheel and gearlever, trip computer

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### Verdict

THE arrival of GreenLine II trim addresses the one complaint we've got about the Superb. A relatively high CO<sub>2</sub> output makes larger diesel variants less attractive to company drivers than rival models, so the latest 1.6-litre unit is sure to win an army of fans. Adding low tailpipe emissions of only 114g/km to the Skoda's usual mix of space, value and practicality means this is the ultimate eco estate.



Interior quality remains as strong as ever...



...and eco tweaks haven't compromised car's handling agility

## COMING SOON



**Jaguar XF 2.2 Diesel September**  
REVISED XF brings fresh look and tweaked suspension, but the big news is the new 188bhp 2.2-litre diesel. It promises 50mpg economy and 149g/km emissions, and is set to be the top seller.

SUPERMINIS		Jaguar small sports car	
Audi A1 five-door	early 2012	Jaguar XF coupé	2012
Audi A1 quattro	September	Lamborghini Aventador	December
Audi A2	December	Lotus Elan	2012
BMW i3	2013	Lotus Esprit	2012
BMW 0-Series	2012	Mazda RX-9	2012
Chevrolet Aveo	November	MG TF replacement	2012
Fiat Panda	October	MINI Coupé	August
Ford Ka	2014	MINI Countryman JCW	November
Kia Rio	August	Peugeot 208 GTI	2012
Mazda 1	September	Porsche Baby Boxster	2012
MG3	2012	Porsche 911	September
MINI Rocketman	2014	Porsche 918 Spyder	2012
Mitsubishi Colt	2012	Porsche 961	2012
Peugeot 101	2012	Renaultsport Clio	early 2012
Peugeot 208	2012	Renaultsport DeZir	2012
Renault Clio	late 2012	Skoda Joyster coupé	December
Renault Twingo	2013	Subaru Impreza Coupé	October
Renault Twizy	early 2012	Toyota MR2	2012
Renault ZOE	2012	Toyota FT-86	2012
Saab 9-1	2014	Vauxhall Astra GTC	November
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Skoda Joyster	2013	Volkswagen Polo R	2012
Smart ForTwo	2013	OFF-ROADERS	
Smart ForTwo+2	2012	Audi Q3	November
Smart ForFour	2013	Audi Q6	2012
Suzuki Swift Sport	late 2011	BMW X4	2012
Tata Pixel	2012	Jaguar SUV	2012
Toyota Prius C	2012	Land Rover Defender	2012
Vauxhall Junior	2013	Mazda CX-5	late 2012
Volkswagen Lupo	2013	MG SUV	2012
FAMILY CARS		MINI Paceman	December
Alfa Romeo Giulia	2012	Porsche Cajun	2012
Audi A3	2012	Range Rover Mini	2012
BMW 1-Series	September	Range Rover Evoque	September
BMW 3-Series	October	Renault Captur	2012
BMW 4-Series	2014	Saab 9-4X	October
Chevrolet Cruze 5dr	August	SEAT IBX	2012
Chevrolet Volt	March 2012	Toyota Prius V	2012
Chrysler 300	December	Vauxhall Corsa SUV	November
Citroen DS4	July	Vauxhall Astra SUV	2012
Citroen DS5	early 2012	PEOPLE MOVERS	
Ford Focus Electric	2012	Citroen C4 Picasso	2012
Ford C-MAX hybrid	2012	Fiat 500 MPV	November
Ford Mondeo	2013	Ford B-MAX	2012
Honda Civic	December	Peugeot 3008 Hybrid4	September
Hyundai i40	July	Mercedes B-Class	December
Infiniti Etherea	2015	Toyota Prius+	2012
Jaguar X-Type replacement	2014	Vauxhall Zafira	September
Jaguar XF estate	2012	Volkswagen Camper	2012
Kia Optima	November	CABRIOLETS	
Mercedes A-Class	2012	Alfa Romeo Spider	2012
MG5	2012	Audi Q5 cabriolet	2012
Peugeot 309	2013	BMW Z9	2012
Renault Fluence Z.E.	autumn 2012	Citroen DS3 cabriolet	2012
Saab 9-3	2012	Ferrari 458 Italia Spider	December
Subaru Impreza	July	Kia Roadster	2012
Tesla Model S	2012	Lotus Elise	2012
Vauxhall Ampera	November	Lotus Elite	2012
Volkswagen Golf MkVII	2012	McLaren MP4-12C Spider	2012
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Abarth sports car	2013	MINI Roadster	October
Alfa Romeo 4C	2012	Porsche Boxster	early 2012
Alfa Romeo MiTo GTA	October	Rolls Ghost Drophead Coupé	2012
Aston Martin V12 Zagato	late 2011	Vauxhall Cabriolet	2012
Audi e-tron	2012	Volkswagen Golf Cabriolet	September
Audi S1	2012	Volkswagen BlueSport	2012
Audi R4	2013	LUXURY CARS	
Audi Quattro	2014	Aston Martin Lagonda 4dr	2012
Audi R8 Spyder GT	2012	Audi A6 Avant estate	2012
BMW i8	2013	BMW Gran Coupé	2012
BMW 6-Series Coupé	August	Bentley four-door coupé	2012
BMW M5	October	Citroen DS9	2012
Ferrari 599 GTB	2013	Ferrari FF	October
Ford Fiesta ST	summer 2012	Jaguar XJ Coupé	early 2012
Ford Focus ST MkIII	early 2012	Lotus Eterne	2012
Ford Focus RS MkIII	2013	Mercedes CLS estate	November
Ford Coupé	2012	MG7	2012
Hyundai Veloster	November	Porsche Panamera Diesel	August
Jaguar CX75	2013		