

Get a Grip

Ian Lamming gets to grips with the Peugeot 2008

OH the indignity; a big Germanic 4x4 beached on nothing more challenging than wet grass.

Truth be known I might not have parked an ordinary car in such a place but in my naivety I presumed all wheel drive would get me back on solid ground.

What actually happened was that all four wheels span and buried themselves into the mud. No diff lock, no traction control, it was a chain and a helpful tow from another vehicle that got the stricken vehicle free.

Sometimes less is more and Peugeot's 2008 might have the answer to many drivers' woes.

The little SUV might not be a full blown off roader but it's more than capable of getting down and dirty.

That's because it's got grip control. Whether it's snow or sand, mud or gravel a little dial near the handbrake lets you get out of some pretty tricky terrain.

Peugeot 2008 comes with just two wheel drive but cleverly it uses the traction control to maximise grip.

Now, if you live in the country that's a really useful feature. How many times have you needed to turn round in the road but your three point has ended with you sticking your nose in a gateway? How many times have you struggled to get back out?

If not the gateway, how about equally tricky situations when forced onto the verge, or even the rutted grass of the school car park.

This is where grip control comes into play using the traction control and the standard fit mud and snow tyres to get you out of trouble.

All the driver experiences is a slight grating sensation as the electronic wizardry works its magic. Genius.

The diesel engine helps too as it delivers power in a linear fashion

minimising the chances of breaking traction.

Modern day motoring can be a stressful affair for many reasons. The Peugeot 2008 helps you get a grip and regain control allowing you to enjoy a well appointed and equipped SUV that is a delight to drive.

So no matter where you're going in a Peugeot 2008, with grip control you are always going to get there.

And when you're not ploughing your own furrow or scaling the Eiger it's really great to drive on the road.

Fact File

- Peugeot 2008 BlueHDi100
- Engine: 1.6 diesel
- Power: 100hp
- 0-62mph 12.5 secs
- Top speed: 112mph
- Combined MPG: 76.3
- Transmission: five speed manual
- CO2 g/km: 97

