



Cordial, Companionable & Convivial

Ian Lamming delights in the Dacia Logan

MCV, now what could that possibly stand for? Multi, obviously. Vehicle, of course. But the C? Well, I had to ask and the answer came back as 'convivial'. Cue the guffaw...then be prepared to eat your words because that is the perfect description for the Dacia Logan.

Go into 'tools' drop down to thesaurus and have a look at what convivial means; pleasant, I'd agree with that; welcoming, definitely; warm, yep; hospitable, absolutely. Get the drift?

This cheap and cheerful estate car is genial, cordial and companionable too. Really it is. The delivery driver was smiling when he handed it over with a merry 'you are gonna love this one'.

He was right for two reasons, well one really, the engine. The 1.5 diesel was registering a stunning 73.6 miles per gallon on the trip computer but equally importantly is the fact it is such a willing, refined and pleasant power plant.

It feels right, it pulls strongly and makes the Logan

a joy to drive. You would never expect such a bargain bucket to feel this special. It may be cheap but it doesn't feel it because it is so endearing and the steering, gearbox, ride and motor offer superb and enjoyable dynamics.

Handling is more sophisticated than you would imagine possible in this class melding comfort with control and surprisingly sharp responses.

Once again the quality of the ride masks the budget price tag.

It is incredibly well equipped too with touch screen technology that you would not expect to see on such a large car with an £11K price tag.

Finally, it is practical with plenty of space for passengers, a huge boot and high levels of comfort, so it pretty much has everything you could possibly require without having to break the bank. Convivial? I'd say so.

Fact File

- Dacia Logan MCV
- Engine: 1.5 diesel
- Power: 90BHP
- 0-62mph: 12.1 secs
- Top speed: 107mph
- Combined miles per gallon: 80.7
- Transmission: five speed manual
- CO2 g/km: 90