

A Tasty Treat



Ian Lamming drives the Suzuki Celerio

MY life is an automotive feast, a veritable succession of tasty courses, intense, satisfying, pleasurable.

Many of the choices on the menu are rich and there are times when it is just great to cleanse the palate.

The sorbet in this particular banquet comes in the form of the Suzuki Celerio and it makes a refreshing change.

Many new models feature the latest technology; the previous dish had a dash like an iPad, for goodness sake.

It's all well and good but it can be a distraction.

Not so with Suzuki's new city car, in this instance the SZ3. It's a pure car with four wheels, a body and a delightfully rorty and surprisingly sprightly three cylinder engine.

But it is conventional with an interior fitted with knobs, dials and buttons, not touch screens, all easily recognisable, easy for an ol' timer to use.

Because of that there is no techno babble to distract you from the driving

experience, which is great, like I said, refreshing on the tongue.

This makes the Celerio fun and safe to drive.

Driver can concentrate on getting the most from the motor, the excellent handling and steering, the light clutch and slick five-speed gearbox.

For a little un Celerio is remarkably accommodating and driver and passengers never feel anything approaching being cramped.

The height adjustable seat leaves you high-set and peering down, giving the impression you are actually in a bigger car than you are.

The boot takes the shopping ok and the real plus with Celerio is its ability to slot into the smallest of modern car park spaces and still be able to open the doors.

It does have its little luxuries, like DAB radio, trip computer, gear-change indicator, hill hold control.

All this and it is clean, economical and costs under 8K, now that does sound tasty.

Fact File

- Suzuki Celerio
- Engine: 1.0 three cylinder
- Power: 68PS
- 0-62mph: 13 secs
- Top speed: 96mph
- Combined miles per gallon: 78.4
- Transmission: five-speed manual
- CO2 g/km: 84