

# A Tourer de



# France

Ian Lamming tests the new Megane Sports TourerT

## Fact File

Renault Megane  
Sports Tourer

Engine: 1.5 turbo  
diesel

Power: 110BHP

0-62mph: 12.1 secs

Top speed:  
118mph

Combined miles  
per gallon: 80.7

Transmission: six-  
speed manual

CO2 g/km: 90

**T**HREE digits and a decimal point will do me. Together they read 62.5.

That's how many miles per gallon this particular Renault Megane achieves with very little effort from the driver – nice one.

The second surprise is that it doesn't achieve this glorious fuel consumption figure by strangling the diesel engine. In fact Megane is positively swift and can run away with you until you get used to its sensitive throttle.

Renault has always made a great diesel engine and this one is no exception. It powers the latest Megane in its latest guise, the sports tourer, a more useful estate car you would struggle to find.

ST is a smart enough medium sized load bearer that does the job in every respect. It sits in a sector that is asked to really work for its money, where the demands of drivers are higher than ever.

The interior is well equipped and easy to live with. It is comfortable, spacious and well thought out. The load bay is a good size too making ST one practical mover.

Specification is high as well with live update satnav, parking sensors, dual zone climate control, trip computer,

cruise control and colour touch screen.

Being a Renault, it's also very safe, bristling with technology to stop you crashing in the first place but protecting you from harm if a collision is unavoidable.

But it's also a great drive thanks to the strong, fleet-footed and frugal motor. A slick gearbox, light clutch and finely tuned suspension makes it fun and fulfilling to drive around the demanding roads of Yorkshire.

It is great for the long haul; on the tedious road arteries of life it cossets and comforts making the Megane an excellent long-distance tool. Even after many hours at the wheel the driver remains stress-free, fresh and devoid of aches and pains.

In its sector Megane is a little tour de force; in Yorkshire it proves to be a veritable tour de France.