



C2 VTS ADDS A NEW PERFORMANCE EDGE TO CITROËN'S BABY

The Citroën is adding the reigning Junior World Rally Champion to its Australian range, the Citroën C2 VTS, providing a new performance edge to its smallest model to produce the ideal city car that is as fast as it is stylish.

"Citroën is not only dominating the World Rally Championship, it is equally dominant at the entry level, with the Citroën C2 winning its class right from its first event and providing Citroën with the Junior World Rally Championship to match the senior title," explains Miles Williams, the General Manager for Citroën in Australia. "The car that has proven so successful is the Citroën C2 VTS, the performance version of the C2 VTR that has been offered in Australia for the past two years, and we are doubly pleased to be able to welcome the VTS to the Australian Citroën range, as it also marks a significant increase in the C2 allocation for this market."

Although the Citroën C2 VTR arrived in Australia in 2004, numbers have been limited by Citroën's ability to meet demand for the C2 in all markets. This has meant that every C2 that has arrived in Australia has had a customer before it landed and Citroën Australia has consistently been unable to meet demand.

"It's the ideal combination," says Mr Williams. "We now have a significantly better car and we have full free supply of the C2 VTS. There can be no doubt that the C2 can now, finally, fulfill its full potential in Australia!"

Although it is powered by a 1.6 litre engine of the same size as the C2 VTR, the power unit in the VTS has had its power output lifted from 80 to 90 kilowatts and this, combined with lower intermediate gearing, has slashed the zero to 100 kmh time from 10.9 seconds to just 8.3 seconds. Top speed, where permitted by law, is lifted from 195 to 202 kmh. This performance boost comes at only a slight fuel penalty; combined fuel consumption rises from 6.3 to 6.9 litres per 100 km, which means that the C2 VTS is both frugal and fast. With a Euro Four compliant engine, it is also clean.

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Unlike other car makers that produce a performance version of their existing models by adding a few sporting items of equipment matched by under the skin mechanical changes, Citroën has produced an entirely separate model to provide the sporting counter part to the Citroën C3. This not only endows the C2 with a much stronger sporting design and performance, it also ensures exclusivity, with nothing but the performance C2 available.

Although it sits on Citroën's "Platform One", which is shared with the C3, there are no common body panels and, with its lower roof line and shorter overhangs, along with its dynamically different styling, the Citroën C2 presents a very different character to the C3. From the 16 inch alloy wheels with the extremely low profile 45 series tyres, via the deep drawn bumpers, the Citroën C2 is designed to be a sports model from end to end.

This sporting profile continues inside because while it has a stylish dashboard derived from the Citroën C3, it has its own unique sports seats and interior fittings. The gear knob is polished alloy and door handles are finished in translucent plastic that is colour matched to the cloth trim used in the door panels and the side bolster sections of the standard sports seats. The centre sections of the seats use a special form of cloth similar in design to that used in top end training shoes that allows substantially more air ventilation than normal cloth.

The back seat and load area of the Citroën C2 are unique. For a start access is via a split rear hatch, which means that loading can be done in the tightest parking spaces.

The top section is more than opening window, it's also pulls the standard rear parcel shelf up and out of the way when it opens. The locking mechanism is electrically operated for safety, security and ease of use.

Citroën has decided that it is better to have comfortable, flexible seat for two in the back of the C2 rather than a compromised three seat bench. So the C2 has two full size seats which can slide backwards and forwards separately to offer either more boot space or more leg room. Not only do the backs of these two seats fold forward, boosting space, they can also be flipped forward with the assistance of gas struts – another unique feature – to take the load space up to a remarkable 879 litres, a huge volume considering the over all size of the car.

But do not be fooled into think that compact exterior dimensions means a cramped interior. When it comes to space utilization, Citroën are the masters. Remarkably, the interior of the C2, despite being smaller in length (3.66m vs. 3.85m) and height (1.46m vs. 1.52m) than the C3 and sitting on a smaller wheelbase (2.31 m vs. 2.46), the interior of the C2 is only slightly small than the C3, a car which offerings a larger than class average interior. For example, front elbow room is just 1 cm smaller in the C2, there is just 2 cm less headroom and even in the rear, elbow and head room are just 2 cm less. A remarkable feat in design.

As would be expected of the top of the range performance model, equipment levels in the Citroën C2 VTS are well above the class benchmark, whether it be safety with ABS brakes, four air bags and a four star rating in the NCAP awards, comfort with power steering, electric windows, electric mirrors, AirCon or convenience with trip computer, height and reach adjustable steering and integrated digital audio system.

The Citroën C2 VTS has a recommended retail price of \$23,990, placing it just above the C2 VTR, which has a recommended retail price of \$21,990.

Citroën C2 Technical Specification

		Citroën C2 VTR	Citroën C2 VTS
		SensoDrive	Manual
Engine		TU5JP4	TU5JP4S Euro IV
		Watercooled four cylinder engine installed transversely driving the front wheels	
Bore/stroke		78.5/82	78.5/82
Capacity (cc)		1587	1587
Compression ratio		11:1	11:1
Fuel injection		Multipoint Sequential	Multipoint Sequential
Power (kW/rpm)		80/5750	90/6500
Torque (Nm/rpm)		147/4000	143/3750
Gearbox		SensoDrive	
Ratio/Speed in kmh per 1000 rpm	1 st	0.292/8.53	/7.26
	2 nd	0.512/14.94	/12.72
	3 rd	0.731/21.32	/18.15
	4 th	1.057/27.64	/23.53
	5 th	1.171/34.13	/29.06
	reverse	0.279/8.13	/8.01
Brakes			
Front, type		Ventilated Disk	Ventilated Disk
Diameter/thickness (mm)		266/22	266/22
Rear, type		Disc	Disc
Diameter/thickness (mm)		247/9	247/9
Chassis			
Front suspension		MacPherson struts with coils springs and hydraulic shock absorbers. Subframe with two lower steel wishbones, anti roll bar.	
Rear suspension		Flexible transverse beam, hydraulic shock absorbers, two cast iron arms. Passive rear steering effect	
Anti roll bar diameter front/rear (mm)		20/ 25	
Steering		Variable assistance electric power steering, rack and pinion.	
Ratio/turns lock to lock		17.8:1/2.8	16.2/1
Wheels		6 x 15	6 x 15
Tyres		195/45 R16	195/45 R16
Tyre circumference (mm)		1772	1772
Weights (kg)			
Unladen		1055	1045
Gross vehicle weight		1430	1394
Gross Train Weight		1880	1844
Tow weight – braked		565	565
Tow weight – unbraked		450	450
Performance			
Top speed (kmh)		195	202

0 – 1000 m (sec)	32.0	29.8
0 – 100 kmh (sec)	10.9	8.3
Fuel consumption (l/100km)		
Urban	8.3	9.3
Extra-Urban	5.2	5.4
Combined	6.3	6.9
Carbon Dioxide emissions (g/km)		
Combined	151	163
Dimensions (mm)		
Length	3666	
Width	1659	
Height	1451	
Overhang, front/rear	760/591	
Wheelbase	2315	
Track, front/rear	1439	
Turning circle kerbs/walls (m)	10.73/ ~	
Front elbow room	530	
Rear elbow room	530	
Min boot height	560 Below Parcel Shelf	
Min/max boot width	1020	
Boot volume (litres)		
Rear seats up, slide back/forward, under parcel shelf	183/224	
Rear seats folded forward, to parcel shelf/to the roof	535/785	
Rear seats folded up forward against the front seats, to the parcel shelf/ to the roof	619/879	

Equipment and Trim

S = Standard; O = Optional; D = Dealer fit option; NA = Not available

Safety and security	Citroën C2 VTR SensoDrive	Citroën C2 VTS Manual
ABS brakes and electronic brake force distribution and EBA	S	S
Airbag, Driver and Passenger	S	S
Airbag, Side	S	S
Audible warnings for lights on and key in the ignition	S	S
Automatic fuel cut-off	S	S
Boot and Door lock, automatic activation over 10 kmh	S	S
Boot lock, remote electric	S	S
Coded engine immobiliser with transponder	S	S
Fog lights, front	S	S
Fog lights, rear	S	S
Harzard lights with auto activation	S	S
Height adjustable headlights	S	S
Height adjustable seatbelts, front & rear	S	S
Lights, automatic	O	O
Pollen Filter	S	S
Pyrotechnic pretensioners and seat belt grabbers	S	S
Rear window wash/wipe	S	S

Side impact protection panels	S	S
Wipers, rain-sensing	S	S
External/Mechanical	Citroën C2 VTR SensoDrive	Citroën C2 VTS Manual
AirCon, Type	Manual	Manual
Alloy wheels, Size/Type	16 inch/Leopard	16 inch/Suzuka
Ashtray, front and rear	S	S
Audio system, CD with six speakers	S	S
Bumper extensions, front, colour matched	S	S
Bumpers, side strips, colour matched	S	S
Central locking, remote	S	S
Cigarette lighter	S	S
Dashboard tray, sliding	S	S
Dipping rear view mirror	S	S
Door inserts, cloth	S	S
Door mirror, twin electric.	S	S
Driver's and front passenger seat, height adjustable	S	S
Driver's foot rest	S	S
Electric windows, front with anti-pinch and one touch	S	S
Exterior temperature gauge	S	S
Gear knob, door handles, translucent	S	S
Glove boxes, one, lockable	S	S
Grille colour	Body coloured with Black, Red and Blue Grey with Steel, yellow and Lilac	
Headrests, front, height adjustable	S	S
Heated rear window	S	S
Interior lights, self dimming	S	S
Internal	Citroën C2 VTR SensoDrive	Citroën C2 VTS Manual
Audio system, CD, AM-FM radio, remote controls	S	S
Maintenance indicator	S	S
Oil level indicator	S	S
Pollen filter	S	S
Power socket, 12 volt	S	S
Power steering, electric speed variable	S	S
Rear seat, two sliding, folding seats with head rests	S	S
Rear wing, colour matched	S	S
Seats, front, sport	S	S
Side Skirts, colour matched	S	S
Steering wheel, height and reach adjustable	S	S
Steering Wheel, Leather rim	S	S
Storage pockets, door, 4	S	S
Storage pockets, rear, 2	S	S
Tail gate handle	S	S
Tailgate, split opening with storage are in lower section	S	S
Tailpipe, chrome finish	S	S
Upholstery type	Sports upholstery in contrasting colours	
Vanity mirror	S	S
Windows, Tinted	S	S
Windscreen wipers, multi-speed	S	S

Instruments	Citroën C2 VTR SensioDrive	Citroën C2 VTS Manual
Adjustable illumination for instruments	S	S
Adjustable night illumination for switches	S	S
Battery charge light	S	S
Centralized warning system and audible alarm	S	S
Digital water temp.	S	S
Doors open warning light	S	S
Engine self test warning light	S	S
Fuel gauge with minimum warning light	S	S
Headlight indicator	S	S
LCD clock and date display	S	S
Maintenance indicator	S	S
Oil warning light, level	S	S
Oil warning light, pressure	S	S
Rear/Rear fog light indicator	S	S
Rev counter	S	S
Trip computer	S	S
Twin readout trip meter	S	S
Water temperature light	S	S