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MIKE DENNY 406 COUPE

Mike Denny (AKA Jacksdad on the excellent 406 Coupe Club site) sent us pics of his 1998 406 Coupe – it's a D8 3.0 V6 194bhp SE, with a whole raft of mods.

Mike tells us the car's due to be taken to Ric Wood at Manchester Superchips for a Dastek piggyback ECU and live set up, plus run on rolling road, so we look forward to an update.

Mike's owned the 406 for a year, having sold both his Mi16 4x4s to buy it, "and it has been worth every penny spent, a simply superb car!" he says.

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ENGINE: Ported throttle body, BMC CDA cold air kit, Iridium plugs, Powerflow twin exit stainless system and sports cat

CHASSIS: 18in RSGT graphite/chrome alloys with Yoki Parada spec2 225/40ZR18s, Goodridge brake hoses, Bilstein gas shocks and Weitec -40mm



springs, rebuilt resprayed Brembo callipers at the front and standard rears with EBC Yellow Stuff pads

EXTERIOR: Tinted Lexus rear lamps with four stop tail bulb conversion, debadged boot lid with popper, debadged bonnet, mesh grille, tinted fogs, detailed engine bay, chroming to follow

ICE: Sony Explode 12in sub, Kicker amp, Fli speakers

STILL TO DO: Fit Ecosse Coupe rear bumper to replace standard one damaged by neighbour, red leather stitching and motif to seats, make acoustic parcel shelf, covered in black leather to match trim, full respray



ROSS CLEGG CITROEN XSARA HDi COUPE

"Hi, I'm Ross Clegg from County Durham, I'm 20 Years old and car mad. This is my third Citroen Xsara after having owned two Xsara 1.4 8vs in Helios yellow, and before that a Citroen C2 GT.

"After modding the C2 with a 4-2-1 manifold, stainless exhaust, GSR induction kit, 17in white fox alloys powdercoated white I realised I needed another Xsara – the C2 was just too small. What's more, it didn't have the character of the Xsara.

"I have only owned my current Xsara four weeks now after buying it from fellow CXOC member Leigh Stanway on www.cxoc.net and have always admired the so called tractor lol! So when he posted on the forum it was up for sale I had to sell the C2 and get the Hd.

"All the work has been done by Leigh and a massive shout out to himself for making the car what it is :) and thanks to all the guys from www.cxoc.net for all their help and advice over the last two and a half years.

"All I have done to it so far is a good wax with Dodo Juice and fitted a new air filter (Pipercross foam element).



Oh, and it's booked in for a custom map soon to get some more oomph so watch this space."

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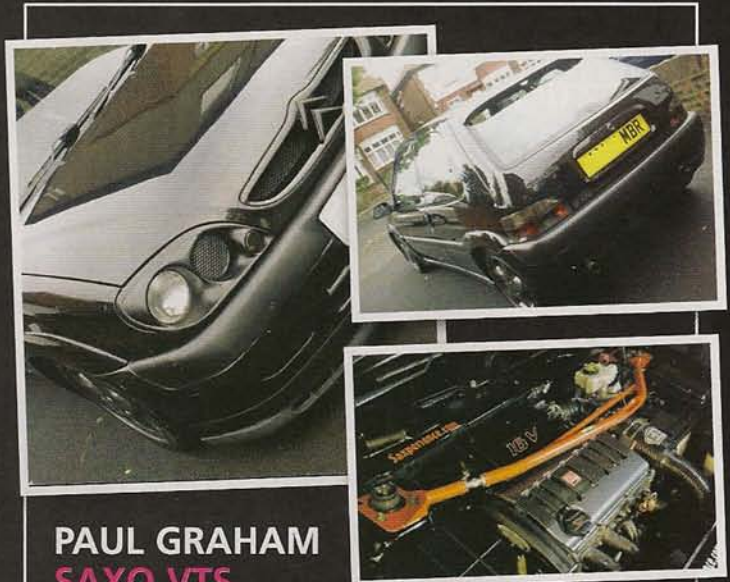
ENGINE: 2.0-Litre 8v Hd, custom stainless steel exhaust with Remus back box, Pipercross foam air filter with custom Samco hoses, custom stainless steel front mounted intercooler conversion, plug and play ECU plug-in

CHASSIS: 18in TSW Catalunya alloys with 215/35/18 Nankang tyres, lowered 60mm with springs on the front torsion bar to suit at the back, custom csaba strutbrace from Hungary

EXTERIOR: Headlight HID conversion with Ice white sidelight bulbs with rear blue number plate lights, front Seat Cordoba splitter, VTS spoiler, blue and gold calipers front and back

INTERIOR: Citroen Xsara VTS alcantara interior, Xsara VTS carbon dash surround, Citroen Sport gearknob, white dials

ICE: OEM six disc changer



PAUL GRAHAM SAXO VTS

"I've had the VTS for about seven months now, having bought it standard with the aim of making a few subtle touches without going too crazy," remembers Paul Graham. However, his plans got pushed into an entirely different direction following a small prang just after Christmas – and he's since gone to town on the engine, chassis and exterior to create a rapid street racer that not only looks good but goes like stink too.

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ENGINE: 1.6 16v, Raceland stainless manifold, Supersprint race system with unsilenced centre, BMC cda filter, Pipercross breather, Newman cams
CHASSIS: VTS rims with Toyo Proxes T1-R, lowered 40mm on Spax PSX kit with torsion bar to match, 24mm rear ARB, Powerflex wishbone bushes, Powerflex ARB bushes, Powerflex gearbox mount, Pugsport Group N upper gearbox mount, Group N discs with Carbone Lorraine pads, upper and lower OMP strut braces, Combrake quickshift

EXTERIOR: VTS rims painted Rover gunmetal, foglights removed, all bumpstrips painted satin black, 206 GTI aerial, rear wiper removed, Morette headlights with spotlight removed, smoked jewel rear lights, smoked side repeaters, meshed grille, vent holes in number plate recess, Laguna splitter, red VTS badges, red brake callipers, rear badges and 16v badges colour coded, carbon mirrors, wind deflectors, painted (Rover gunmetal) rocker covers