

## Welcome to the latest Motoplan Bulletin

In this exciting edition – au revoir to Mini – a fond farewell. The brilliant new Brera S is coming to the UK – a partnership of the best of Italian and British! Finally, Saab has managed to

seriously tweak their 1.9TiD 150 diesel engine for better fuel efficiency and CO2 ratings.

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## Au Revoir Mini!

Motoplan are sorry to announce that due to the implementation of Direct Sales by Mini, effective from 1st June 2008, we are no longer continuing to supply or quote on these vehicles.

This happens to coincide with our efforts to focus on new business directions, and we will be releasing some exciting news for you over the next couple of months.

In the meantime we will continue providing you with great Saab and Alfa Romeo deals!



## Alfa Brera S

Few sports cars are developed specifically for Britain's roads. And those that have tend to join the ranks of 'driver's cars' – a place we believe the new Alfa Brera S will shortly join. A year of intensive suspension and chassis development at Prodrive - world-leading motorsport specialists – and the Brera S is born. A sports coupe that subtly enhances all that's great about the original, with the addition of outstanding driver feedback and handling.

Power comes from a choice of two existing direct injection petrol engines – the 185 bhp 2.2 JTS and the 260 bhp 3.2 V6 JTS.



Distinctly different from the rest of the line-up, this unique addition to Alfa Romeo's UK range includes refined styling changes, inside and out. And to ensure ultimate exclusivity, production of the Alfa Brera S will be limited to just 500 individually numbered models.

At each corner of the Alfa Brera S, unique Alfa 8C Competizione-inspired, lightweight 19" alloy wheels have been fitted.



Although the wheels are eye-catching, the all-new design was commissioned by Prodrive primarily for performance, rather than just cosmetic appeal. The reason is unsprung weight – the weight carried by the car on the 'road side' of the spring and shock absorber. This plays a significant role in the way the car steers, handles and transmits feedback to the driver.

As a result, the weight of both Alfa Brera S models is lower than the rest of the range. The front-wheel drive 3.2 V6 JTS is almost 100 kg lighter than the Q4 version and the 2.2 JTS version weighs 35 kg less.

And it sounds different too. The characteristic growl of the V6 has been enhanced by careful redesign of the rear silencers. Thanks to a Holmholtz resonator connected in tandem with each silencer, the 2.2 JTS model now emits a sportier yet refined burble.

### Confirmed list prices:

Brera S 2.2JTS Coupe	£24,950.00
Brera S 3.2JTS V6 Coupe	£28,450.00

# Saab 9-3 1.9TiD (150PS) CO2 Emissions & Fuel Economy

Saab Automobile A.B. have completed new official test data verifying fuel economy and CO2 emissions for the 9-3 1.9TiD 150PS engine with manual transmission.

The latest data for the 9-3 1.9TiD (150PS) Saloon, SportWagon & Convertible models all reflect lower CO2 emissions and improved fuel economy\* figures. *(\*Saloon & Convertible only)*


Consequently, the 1.9TiD (150) Manual from the following chassis VIN breakpoints will be reclassified, improving the BIK tax band with immediate effect. This provides all company car drivers of the vehicle with an improvement in their corresponding BIK charge each tax year.


The revised test results have been registered with the appropriate authorities and any company car driver of the latest MY08 9-3 1.9TiD (150PS) Manual which is built after the published chassis VIN breakpoint is entitled to the lower BIK band.


Chassis VIN Breakpoints	
9-3 Saloon & SportWagon	81149407 onwards
9-3 Convertible	86013296 onwards

Furthermore, the revised CO2 emissions means that the 9-3 Convertible now falls into a lower vehicle excise duty (VED) band, with a new annual VED charge of £145.

## 1.9TiD (150PS) Manual – Fuel Economy & CO2 changes

9-3 Saloon	Was	Now	
City (mpg)	36.7	37.2	
Highway (mpg)	60.1	61.4	
Combined (mpg)	48.7	49.6	
CO2 (g/km)	156	151	
VED band	£145	£145	
BIK tax band	22%	22%	
Annual BIK tax saving (cased on Vector Sport)			
Car BIK only (40% tax payer)	£97.34		
Car BIK & fuel (40% tax payer)	£104.04		

9-3 SportWagon	Was	Now	
City (mpg)	36.2	36.2	
Highway (mpg)	58.9	58.9	
Combined (mpg)	47.9	47.8	
CO2 (g/km)	159	157	
VED band	£145	£145	
BIK tax band	22%	22%	

9-3 Convertible	Was	Now	
City (mpg)	33.6	36.2	
Highway (mpg)	55.4	58.9	
Combined (mpg)	44.8	47.9	
CO2 (g/km)	169	157	
VED band	£170	£145	
BIK tax band	24%	22%	
Annual BIK tax saving (cased on Vector Sport)			
Car BIK only (40% tax payer)	£232.44		
Car BIK & fuel (40% tax payer)	£307.04		