

*It was built as a rally car and originally 400 examples in total were planned, but Renault had not reckoned on the interest it would receive from the discerning would be owner. Some famous past owners include Peter Stringfellow, Derek Warwick, The Bros. brothers, Andrew Ridgeley from Wham who used to race one, and Alain Prost was often seen driving the car. Johanna Lunley drove a 5 Turbo in one of the last ever Pink Panther films and so did Barbara Carreras in the James Bond film "Never Say Never Again". Finally Stirling Moss and the DJ Mike Read Test drove them for magazine articles and so did other celebrities.*

*When you consider that they were not exactly cheap when first launched in 1980 at 115,000 francs (about £12,360) the prices have remained static, with the best cars starting to realise sensible prices of 10k to 14k in the UK. Prices in Germany and France have always been higher than here. One new development is the re-export of cars out of the UK to new markets especially in Holland, Portugal, Spain, Japan and Australia because of prices here.*

*There are not many left even in France but there is a good number in Holland and Germany and an estimated 115 in the UK, as a maximum. There are probably 70 out of that number on the road today with 30 in some state of repair and the final 15 in a poor state probably on the way to becoming beyond repair. There are about three written off every year with 5 or 6 leaving our shores also. So there you are, if you have never been in one, get an owner to make you smile for*



*a week with a demonstration of the cars awesome handling and mid-range acceleration.*

*This book looks at the concept, its production and its success in Motorsport from the very first competition outing, to the Monte Carlo win in 1981 and through to the fabulous Group B Maxi 5 Turbo campaigns. I look at buying a used car and discuss servicing, tuning and have a look at customising. I am sure that will appeal to many an owner and the enthusiast prospective owner.*

*For the very first time a book is now available in English reviewing this great car, the only offerings in the past have been a number of publications written in French along with a myriad of magazine articles in a host of languages.*

*With the help of many original press photos and archive material from Renault Ltd and past and current owners the story has been possible to complete. This publication has been compiled with all fanatics in mind. Long live the 5 Turbo, a call which be echoed by all that have been lucky enough to have driven one, or even better owned one.*

*Peter Meaney*