

INTRODUCTION

EVER SINCE ITS LAUNCH IN 1980 THIS DIMINUTIVE SUPERCAR HAS CONTINUED TO FASCINATE ALL THAT SEE AND DRIVE THEM, THEY REMAIN THE DEFINITIVE PRACTICAL AND AFFORDABLE ROAD GOING, BUILT FOR RALLYING, SUPERCAR. THE FRENCH KNOW IT AS "L'É ENFANT TERRIBLE", (THE TERRIBLE CHILD), AND IT HAS BEEN NICK-NAMED THE FLYING BRICK AND THE SURGICAL BOOT BY A NUMBER OF JOURNALISTS.

THESE POCKET ROCKETS ARE MATCHED ONLY BY MODERN CARS THREE TIMES THE PRICE OR MORE, WITH THE EARLY CARS NOW 16 YEARS OLD AND THE LAST ONES BUILT IN EARLY 1986, THE MARQUE IS OF A CULT STATUS THESE DAYS. FELLOW MOTORISTS AND BY-STANDERS YOUNG AND OLD ARE LEFT WITH MOUTHS OPENED, THE MORE INFORMED IDENTIFY THE CAR, BUT MANY DO NOT. A LOT OF PEOPLE WRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE A DIY KIT CAR BASED ON A RENAULT 5 AND OTHERS THINK THAT THEY ARE FITTED WITH A 3 LITRE V6, I SUPPOSE IT LOOKS LIKE IT SHOULD BE, THEY WILL EVEN ARGUE WITH YOU ON THAT SUBJECT.

