

BUYING A USED CAR

“I WANT TO BUY A MID - ENGINED RENAULT 5 TURBO, AND I DO NOT WANT TO PAY A LOT FOR IT”

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I HEARD THAT, I WOULD BE A RICH MAN IF I WAS GIVEN £10 EVERYTIME THAT STATEMENT HAS BEEN MADE. WELL I AM GOING DO EXPLODE SOME MYTHS ON THE SUBJECT AND GIVE MY OPINION ON OWNERSHIP WITH A RESUME OF THE CARS “ACHILLES HEELS”.

I will not be popular saying this, but first of all there is the myth that the Renault 5 Turbo or Turbo 1 is a better car than the Turbo 2, it is not. It was made in smaller numbers and it had a plush interior, a numbered plaque on the dash, and a toolbox. So its rarity and exclusivity has dictated the market place rather than the practical considerations.

The Turbo 1 was manufactured in 1980, 1981 and 1982 and these early cars manufactured from the same shells used in Gordini's possibly built in the late 70's. Gordini's have a notorious rust problem, cars were not full rust proofed until 1982. If not

