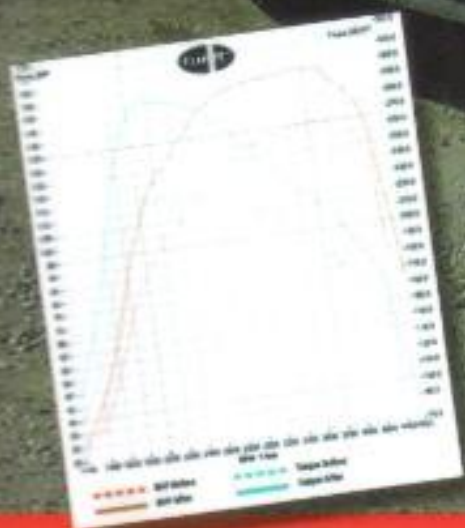


VAUXHALL CORSA 1.7 CDTi by Tunit

Despite the fact that diesel now costs more than petrol, an increasing number of buyers are still turning to diesel power and then adding the Tunit treatment for extra gain. That's said, thanks to Gordon Brewer and Co.'s clear determination to hinder drivers with ever increasing ferocity, even diesel owners are becoming more economy and emissions conscious. Many that hitherto

would have chosen a medium-sized model, are now seeing the £1.00 per gallon leeching and opting for a 'supermini', and Peter Stephenson from Stockport is no exception. Peter went to Tunit with a view to not just improving his overall performance, but more importantly to save him costs on fuel. Peter went for the 1.7 CDTi, which is at the

top of the Corsa diesel heap power wise. For that, Vauxhall will ask you to pay £13,750 and upwards depending on whether you go for Design or SRi trim, 3-door or 5-door. In return, you'll get 127bhp @ 4,000rpm and 206lb ft of torque at 2,300rpm. You'll also get the latest 6-speed manual 'box and 0-60 in 9.3 seconds and, should you suddenly have a burning desire to lose your



THE VAUXHALL CORSA CDTi TUNIT CONVERSION AND SIMILAR ONES FOR A WIDE RANGE OF DIESELS COSTS £499, INCLUDING VAT AND POSTAGE. FULL DETAILS OF THE TUNIT RANGE AND THEIR NATIONWIDE NETWORK OF DISTRIBUTORS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THEM ON 0845 838605 OR AT www.tunit.com

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licence, it will go on to 121mph. Despite the extra performance – amazing as it may seem – you’ll find that fuel consumption is the same as the less powerful, 89bhp 1.3 CDTi.

Proving to be one of the most popular models since its launch in late 2006, Vauxhall’s new Corsa was the obvious choice. Same name as before, but a totally different animal. Even we blasé motoring hacks sat up and paid attention. It’s not hard to see why. For a start, it’s bigger than the previous model, which takes away some of the pain of downsizing! – and better in just about every department. Even the briefest tour around the new Corsa tells you that the overall quality is vastly improved. It has the look and feel of a car costing quite a lot more.

When Peter decided to part company with his Golf TDI 100, he expected to be happy with the Corsa, wanting something slightly smaller and at least as quick, without sacrificing driving pleasure and comfort. Initial delight turned rather sour when it became clear that he was averaging rather less than fifty mpg. But that wasn’t his only reservation. He wasn’t at all happy with the

way the Corsa took off in the lower gears, and he was very aware of the dreaded ‘turbo-lag’ (lack of power on take off). An ECU upgrade by his Vauxhall dealer improved matters somewhat, but the irritations persisted as he still wanted smoother and more immediate delivery of power low down, as distinct from simply more power. Two different things. Tunit was the obvious choice for his problems.



now averaging 58mpg, thanks to his investment in tunit, with a much improved balance in his wallet. Which all just goes to show that performance Tuning from Tunit is the perfect way to have your cake and eat it. Whilst Tunit will not guarantee results as good as this every time (20 per cent + savings). They do quote that most vehicles will conservatively improve by 7-10 per cent. That’s 7-10 per cent less money you spend on fuel while you improve your driving pleasure.

With a comprehensive distributor network and full technical support team this multinational brand based in the UK are keeping diesel owners pockets lighter, whilst delivering optimum performance. So wherever in the world you are, there is a tunit dealer near you. Tunit can be self fitted or dealer installed, and the Vauxhall Corsa 1.7 CDTi Tunit conversion - and similar ones for a wide range of diesels - costs £479.00, including VAT and postage. Full details of the Tunit range and their nationwide network of distributors are available from them on 0845 8381405 or at www.tunit.com



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As noted earlier, the quoted power for the 1.7CDTi engine is 123bhp and 206lb ft. The Vauxhall upgrade had pushed those figures up to 135.6bhp and 230.4lb ft according to Tunit’s dynamometer. But there was more to be had. Once the Tunit was fitted even we were surprised – Peter Stephenson even more so. We were now looking at 156.1bhp and a remarkable 293.2lb ft of torque at his disposal. He could hardly wait to get his car out on the road to see if Tunit had solved his problems.

Before we’d even got to the end of the road, he was visibly pleased and commented upon how much sharper the Corsa felt in first and second gear. And later, how it pulled away strongly in fourth from 30mph when before he would have needed third. Progress was not only quicker, but altogether smoother – and quieter. Peter left a happy man and with the Corsa

