



Renault Launch the New Clio Range

The introduction of New Clio is the latest expression of Renault's vast experience in the small car segment. It builds on the company's reputation for building small cars that are characterful, fun to drive and technically accomplished. For 2009, both the three- and five-door hatchbacks gained fresh styling, and revised equipment and powertrain specifications.

Renault New Clio features the same acclaimed qualities that enabled its predecessor to secure benchmark status in its class. Its comfort, handling, powertrain range, safety credentials and adoption of equipment features worthy of larger cars from the next segment up, make for a versatile package that can sustain Clio's success. Its extremely rigorous build quality makes it one of the most reliable cars in its class.

Clio's distinguished heritage includes the unmatched achievement of having been the only model to be voted Car of the Year on two occasions: first in 1991 at the time of Clio's launch, and again in 2006, when Clio II received the honour.

It was also the first car in its class to obtain a four-star safety rating from Euro NCAP, in 2000, and it went on to also be the first to score the maximum five-star rating, in 2005.

IN BRIEF

- New Clio three and five-door hatchbacks deliver more style, quality and choice
- Revised exterior styling: front end cues drawn from New Mégane including air intake and front lights. Also, new front and rear bumpers, with facelifted rear lights, fog lights and reversing lights
- 41mm longer (front overhang +25mm and rear overhang +16mm)
- Two petrol engines: 1.2 16V Ethanol and Quickshift
- One diesel engine: 1.5 dCi 86
- 1.2 petrol and diesel engines meet Renault's eco2 criteria for high environmental performance
- Benchmark in class for comfort, cabin space and safety
- Carminat TomTom, the segment's first affordable integrated navigation system, available on all models and featured as standard on TomTom Edition
- Standard equipment across all models includes 4 x 20W radio/CD/MP3 sound system, electric front windows, RCA socket for portable music players and trip computer

OVERVIEW

The introduction of New Clio opens a new chapter in a long-running success story that began almost 20 years ago with the launch of the first Renault Clio. Since then, almost 10 million have been sold worldwide, a testament to Renault's ability to constantly refine the supermini concept and successfully develop engineering and design innovation that meets the changing needs and priorities of its customers.

New Clio displays a new exterior design that takes its cues directly from New Mégane, giving the car a powerful presence and strong, contemporary visual identity. Inside, the emphasis has been on improving comfort and the all-round finish quality. Everyone on board has generous head, shoulder and kneeroom, there is ample luggage and cabin storage space and the introduction of new upholstery designs and trims raises the interior ambience.

A more extensive range structure helps New Clio respond to the needs of an even wider range of customers, both in terms of price and equipment specification. A wide range of options and option packs are also offered for further personalisation according to individual taste.

These include the new Carminat TomTom navigation system that Renault successfully debuted this year. Available across the entire range it is the first affordable integrated system in the supermini segment, offering the advantages of high functionality, robust performance and durability at a price that competes with the portable navigation system market.

DESIGN

The new New Clio displays dynamic styling cues that first appeared on the “face” of New Mégane, identifying it as a thoroughly contemporary Renault model. Inside, the emphasis is on finish quality and comfort.

MODEL RANGE EQUIPMENT AND OPTIONS

With a choice of three equipment grades; two petrol engines and one dCi diesel engine there are nine different basic versions of the three and five-door Clio to choose from.

Royale

Royale is the entry point to the Clio range. Available in three- and five-door form, it comes with the following features as standard: -

- 4 x 20W RDS radio/CD/MP3 with four speakers and fingertip control
- RCA socket for connecting portable music players
- Variable assisted power steering
- Multi-function trip computer
- Height-adjustable steering wheel
- Electric front windows
- Front fog lights
- ‘Octo Debia’ cloth upholstery with 3D design
- Tinted windows
- ABS with EBD (Electronic Brake Distribution)
- Brake Assist
- Remote central locking with deadlocks and immobiliser
- Driver and passenger front auto-adaptive airbags
- Driver and front passenger lateral airbags
- ISOFIX child seat mountings
- R.A.I.D. – Renault Anti-Intruder Device (locks all doors when travelling at speeds in excess of 5 mph)

- Spare wheel
- Split-folding 60:40 rear seat
- Height-adjustable driver's seat
- Height-adjustable rear headrests
- Electrically adjustable and heated door mirrors
- "See Me Home" headlamps
- Body coloured door mirrors
- Satin chrome door handles
- Folding blade key

Dynamique

Dynamique, the core seller in the New Clio line-up, adds the following key features to the Royale specification:

- 15" 'Del Arte' alloy wheels
- Air conditioning
- Curtain airbags
- Automatic headlights and windscreen wipers
- Smart rear wiper
- Double optic headlights with black surrounds
- Electric front windows with anti-pinch function and one-touch control on driver's side
- Soft touch dashboard finish
- Leather steering wheel and gear knob
- "Sport" cloth upholstery
- Body coloured side mouldings with satin chrome trim detail

TomTom Edition

The new Carminat TomTom integrated satellite navigation system is the market's first affordable integrated satellite navigation system. Launched by Renault in 2009 as a new option, it is now available in New Clio as the core feature in the

new TomTom Edition. In other respects, TomTom Edition matches the Dynamique specification, with the addition of:

- Climate control
- Rear privacy glass
- Rear electric windows
- Cruise control and speed limiter

Responsive, environmentally efficient powertrains

An extensive range of engines and transmissions are offered in new New Clio, enabling owners to profit fully from the car's dynamic capabilities. Among them the 1.2 16V 75 petrol engine and the dCi 86 diesel comply with the criteria required to earn Renault's eco² signature, assuring a high level of environmental performance in manufacturing, operation and end-of-life recycling.

The eco² signature verifies that a particular model complies with the following standards:

- CO₂ emissions of less than 140g/km, or an engine capable of running on biofuel
- Manufactured at a factory with ISO 14001 certification
- 95% recyclable at end-of-life and with a plastic content that is at least 5% recycled material

Across the New Clio range, all available three engines carry the eco² signature. In 2009, Clio was the best vehicle in its class for average CO₂ emissions (less than 130g/km), largely due to the dCi 86.

Suspension

New Clio uses the same effective suspension design as Clio III. The MacPherson-type front suspension and rectangular lower arm optimise road holding and comfort. A high degree of transverse stiffness contributes to good roadholding and on-board comfort. The system is connected to an isolated

subframe, which also contributes to comfort by combating the transmission of noise and vibration to the cabin.

The rear suspension features a programmed deflection torsion beam and coil springs. For optimal body roll control, the flexible beam works in conjunction with an anti-roll bar. The combination of efficient shock absorbing and long suspension travel guarantees precision control and comfortable handling.

Using elasto-kinematic materials for both the front and rear suspensions helps absorb road surface imperfections and also plays an important role in smooth, efficient chassis performance.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

New Clio benefits fully from Renault's extensive expertise in both active and passive safety.

The quality of the suspension design and a range of driver aids – ABS with electronic brakeforce distribution, brake assist, engine torque overrun control and optional ESP (Electronic Stability Programme) with CSV understeer control and traction control – contribute to an outstanding level of active safety. The same is true of the brakes: large 260 x 20mm ventilated front discs on all models, with 240 x 8mm rear discs or drums according engine.

The car is built on the same platform as Clio III, which earned the maximum 5-star rating in independent Euro NCAP crash testing. Likewise it is equipped with the third generation Renault System for Restraint and Protection (SRP3), a seal-of-quality for the level of protection provided for everyone on board.

Clio is equipped with up to six airbags as standard: driver and front passenger auto-adaptive airbags, lateral airbags and curtain airbags (standard on Dynamique grade and higher).

ISOFIX anchorage points are built into the rear side seats and, on the three-door, Clio into the front passenger seat. Child locks are fitted, controlled from the driver's door, and the front passenger airbag can be deactivated for the safe installation of a child seat.

INSURANCE, SERVICING AND WARRANTIES

New Clio benefits from the first class reliability demonstrated by Clio III in both independent and in-house studies. For example, the latest report (2008) from the German motoring organisation ADAC rates Clio quality as "excellent" after one, two and three years of ownership.

Its reliability is also highlighted by the J.D. Power and Associates customer satisfaction survey in France, where 90 per cent of owners of vehicles an average two-and-half-years old reported they were fully satisfied both with their car and the level of service they received from Renault.

New Clio is designed with attention to detail to ensure low running costs and high durability. With 95% of its weight recyclable, it is also environmentally friendly and conforms perfectly to Renault's strategy of sustainable development.

All new New Clio models are covered by a three-year warranty package, the first two years with unlimited mileage manufacturer warranty and the third up to a maximum 100,000 km. The fully galvanised engine subframe and injection of wax into box sections support the provision of a 12-year anti-corrosion warranty.

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