

# What the papers Say!



## TURNED OUT NICE AGAIN

The Mini Cooper is hardly new, but the latest one is the most powerful yet... the grin-a-minute Si

Sure the ride is very firm, but this car rides better than any other Mini I've driven, and 10 times better than any of the five I've owned. Besides, the seats are comfy, and you can put up with a bit of buttock-battering when you're having this much fun. The steering is quite heavy, and you need a fairly decent hold on the (gorgeous leather-bound) steering wheel. Heavy it may be, but it's oh-so-direct.

Progress is noisy; as it always will be when you've an A-series up front. But this Mini is quieter than any other I've ever driven - particularly in the wind noise department...

The car itself is wonderful. As far as it goes. And there's the rub. Because you could go a lot further than this, and it wouldn't be difficult to get an old Mini and do-it-yourself. You could go berserk: a straight cut gearbox, a limited slip diff.....

Of course not everyone wants to spend all their spare time lying underneath a Mini. And for those people, the Mini Cooper Si is perfect. And we hear from reliable sources, it is likely that Rover itself may eventually sell this car through its own dealers. There is, however only one man I'd buy a Mini Cooper from.

*Colin Goodwin  
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## STILL THE LITTLE TEARAWAY

It might have had more comebacks than Status Quo and Frank Bruno put together, but the latest Mini Cooper 'S' is well worth the wait.

I like this comeback, and the difference is that neither the Mini nor John Cooper Garages ever went away in the first place...

But this car is a comeback because for the first time in 26 years you can buy a real John Cooper Mini Cooper showroom fresh, instead of creating one as an aftermarket conversion. Now you can order an 'S' direct from Cooper Garages in Worthing; It'll order a Cooper Si from Rover, strip it, refit and tune it, and register it brand new in the customers name as a Cooper S'.

None of the work affects the Mini's original Rover warranty, and the new bits are covered by Cooper itself...

...Usually 75mph is fast enough, and the beauty of it is that you can do 75mph on the straights, 75mph around roundabouts, 75mph through the twisty bits, 75mph up your drive... It's brilliant.

*Mark Walton  
performance car June 1995*

## COOPER ANNUATED

It may be old enough to be your father but that's no reason to laugh...

The latest Mini Cooper S from John Cooper Garages is pert and preened and lovingly adorned to a wonderfully silly zenith...

Almost too jewel-like to drive, too leather-lined and voluptuously padded to risk wriggling a merely mortal bottom in.

This year's fun things highlight ivory-faced instruments, each emboldened with dayglo orange needles, a John Cooper autograph and chunky chrome bezels. Acres of walnuttiness down to the door handles. Logo'd door sill covers. Optional leather trim, fulsome and Lexus soft at £985... This is your '60s fantasy Mini reinterpreted by Ralph Lauren Polo.

Outside lie graphics. An oval tailpipe. Minilitesque alloy wheels with Cooper centre badges: exquisite, unequalled and very shiny indeed. An alloy fuel filler cap with a flip-top action outside and a locking cover within. Body-coloured wheel arch lips. All good Mini cues, served up crisper than ever.

*Russell Bulgin  
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**S is for Special**  
It's been 24 years since the last Mini Cooper S rolled off the production line and this year sees its glorious return.

...although after-market conversion kits have been available for some time, there's never really been a Rover approved Cooper S that you could wander into a showroom and buy. Until now.

Yep the Cooper S is back. And we're not talking about a few badges and a fruity exhaust here, we're talking about a seriously cooking Cooper, with modified engine, tweaked suspension and all the right gear. The car was developed by John Cooper Garages in conjunction with Rover...

Getting a balance between a civil day-to-day car and an outright screamer is difficult. That's why the Cooper S spec engine's so good, because the extra go at the top end appears to be gained at little or no expense to the drivability of the car.

...get yourself along to Ferring and check out the New S. You won't be disappointed.

*Mike Askew  
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