

# Don 1 Tests, NOT Jeremy

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Jeremy is very loyal to the Citroen brand.

He has dabbled in other makes and has a secret passion for Triumph Heralds. I know that comes as a shock. He does not like Volkswagen Golfs but he currently has a Toyota Ipsum (Picnic) in his drive way. I never thought that T word would appear on this site!

No matter how I have tried I have not been able to break his loyalty.

A couple or so years ago years ago he purchased the most horrible green series 1 Xantia that was ever produced. I tried very hard to steer him in the Peugeot 405 direction but he would not have a bar of it. The Peugeot was a nice colour, about the fifth of the ks but no.

Finally he tired of the frog green machine flogged it off for \$100 and purchased another Xantia, a Series 2 with Auto. Jeremy was in love again.

A month or so ago Jeremy (for the second time in his driving history) "killed" the Silver machine when he had a coming together with a Japanese car at a round-a-bout.

After toying with the idea to restore his new love he did the sensible thing and bought another car from a local internet auction site. He started bidding against himself on another Xantia, this time a Silver Series two V6 . A week or so later, with no other bidder Jeremy became the proud owner of a Xantia V6, he was in love again. Talk about a boy in a lolly shop!



So that is the history in a nut shell.

Last weekend he arrived at the shed in the V6 and as I had tired of trying to locate a number of DS IE parts that were carefully stored away 6 years ago, decided to take the V6 for a run. The old codger Mario, grabbed his helmet and climbed onto the passenger seat as I squeezed into the drivers' s. All seat adjustments were electric, nice but not really enough room for a 6 footer plus.



Jeremy gave me a quick run down on what buttons to push, he then stepped back with that "what am I doing" look on his face.

Engine started willingly and ran smoothly but there was a strange grumble from the rear of the car.

Foot hard to the floor and we launched down the shed driveway in a cloud of gravel and dust. This was going to be fun. Mario was giggling.

Out onto the main sealed road, and gentle acceleration while the forlorn figure standing in the paddock ,was still able to see us.

Once out of sight the V6 was given her head. She willingly sped well past the legal speed limit. However with a lot of noise from the rear. Time to try out sport mode. Legal limit came up even faster. Mario was still giggling!



Time to check out the Hydra Active 11 and four wheel steer along a very nice section of road with a range of corners. A conservative start but the car just begged for more speed. Very precise in the steering and she took

the corners with speed and aplomb. However there is still that strange feel that all Xantias have in the steering. If you got this car to the terminal understeer stage you would be travelling very fast. Mario had stopped giggling.

Brakes were great, she pulled up with no drama. There was no sign of brake fade.

A couple more long straights and once again the car ran eagerly well into three figures. I am not sure why it needs a sports mode as it is a great "Q" car in normal mode. You could have a lot of fun with those Aussie Tanks and the Boy racers in this car.

We slowed on our return to the shed driveway and yes, Jeremy was still standing in the paddock, nervously awaiting our return.

I waited until I was sure Jeremy was watching and then gave the V6 some encouragement and a huge cloud of dust came out the back of the car. Mario giggled.

That's it. A brief and enjoyable test of a 2000 Xantia V6 Exclusive fitted with all the good stuff.

Overall a very impressive car, a car you 'wear', a very responsive, comfortable and enjoyable car.

Would I swap my CX GTI for one, NO! The Xantia just does not have the CX style and I am not sure I would like to pay the petrol bills.

I would have to shut up that noisy V6 exhaust sound if it were my car!  
PS.

Jeremy emailed me this morning to tell me that the V6 was broken, apparently will not start.

NOT my fault!



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