




RS 1600i

Ford gives you more. 

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What happened when Ford Motorsport breathed on an Escort?

Remember the original RS Escorts? Who could forget them.

Well, it was only a matter of time before the latest Escort came in for the full RS treatment.

This is it. The new Escort RS 1600i.

It was actually developed by Ford Motorsport to give that feel and handling that only those who drove the original RS Escort will fully appreciate. And now it's released for sale. But only through Ford specialist Rallye Sport dealers.

The engineers' first priority was to make sure that the car could handle some extra power. They started by re-rating the suspension.

It has Rallye Sport springs and dampers, anti-roll bars at the front and back, and it's lowered by almost two inches.

Then they fitted a set of sensational cast aluminium wheels, and the lowest profile tyres ever offered on a road going Ford, with ventilated front discs and special calipers.



Next came a deep front spoiler and a rear 'wing' that's even more effective than on the XR3i.

The cockpit needed some changes too. Comfortable though they are, the standard seats had to go.

In a car with this much grip you need more lateral support, so they were replaced by special RS seats with deep side bolsters.

The steering wheel was changed for a smaller, thick rimmed real leather sports model.

And a rev counter was added.

The Escort was now ready for some extra power.

Out came the standard engine. And in went a 115bhp CVH unit with a hot cam, a modified head with solid valve lifters instead of the usual hydraulic ones, (they allow higher revs.) K-Jetronic fuel injection and electronic ignition.

A peppery little mill, if you'll excuse the pun.

This they mated to Ford's new 5-speed gearbox. But in the interests of performance they closed up the gap between fourth and fifth gear a little.

But it's not just what it does that will impress you, it's the way in which it does it. The road holding and acceleration would do justice to a performance saloon.



Which is just as well. Because besides being a demon road car, we expect it to be competitive in Group A racing.

The RS 1600i will cost £6,700.*



OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT	Total £†
All round Tinted Glass	39.78
Black Paint	76.85
Central Door and Boot locking	129.90
Electrically Operated Front Windows	153.77
Electrically Operated Radio Aerial	41.77
BSRT 32P Stereo Radio/Cassette	300.51
Metallic Paint	84.25
Opening Rear 1/4 windows	35.09
Rear Seat Belts Two lap/Diagonal inertia	50.99
Rear Seat Belts Two lap/Diagonal inertia and One lap Centre Static	70.12
RST21P Radio/Stereo Cassette	136.46
SRT 32P Stereo Radio/Cassette	249.22
Tilting/Sliding screened glass sun roof	246.72

* Total price inc. Car Tax and VAT



Our cars have racing in their blood.

ENGINE

Transverse mounted 1600 OHC (115 BHP DIN) with Bosch K-Jetronic fuel injection, incorporating deceleration fuel shut-off. Special alloy cylinder head and special camshaft. Solid valve lifters. Automatic choke, computerised electronic ignition without contact breakers and distributor featuring twin coils with spark plugs triggered directly from the flywheel.

TRANSMISSION

Front wheel drive, 5-speed synchromesh gearbox with remote shift. Cable-operated diaphragm-spring single plate with self-adjusting cable system.

SUSPENSION

Front: independent adjustable MacPherson strut with coil springs and uprated telescopic shock absorbers. Front tubular stabiliser bar. Adjustable front tie bars. Aluminium front cross member.

Rear: independent system with pressed steel swinging arms and uprated adjustable strut type shock absorbers with coil springs. Longitudinal location by tie bars.

STEERING

Rack and pinion with anti-theft lock. Turning circle 33.0 feet between kerbs, 34.7 feet between walls.

BRAKES

Diagonally-split hydraulic circuits with tandem master cylinder and vacuum servo assistance.

Front: ventilated fine turned 9.4" discs. Rear: self-adjusting 70" drums with leading and trailing shoes with pressure regulating valve.

Handbrake: self-adjusting floor mounted mechanical linkage to rear brake drums.

WHEELS & TYRES

Cast aluminium 6" x 15 RS wheels with 195/50 VR 15 ultra low profile tyres.

LIGHTING AND ELECTRICAL

12 volt negative earth system. Halogen semi-sealed beam headlamps. Front

driving lamps and fog lamps. Hazard warning flashers. Rear fog lamp. Reversing lamps. Heated rear window. Self checking silicon chip controlled warning light system for front brake pad wear, low washer fluid, oil, coolant and fuel levels. Brake failure and handbrake on warning light. Dual tone horn. Door operated courtesy light. Load compartment light.

BODY

Wind tunnel developed, low drag coefficient all steel welded integral construction 3-door hatchback. Comprehensive multi-stage corrosion protection including special wax injection to cavities and PVC coating to critical stone chip areas, and the underbody is sealed to resist salt spray. Laminated windscreen and safety glass all round and special RS aerodynamic spoilers front and rear. Black louvred grille with Ford oval. Twin gas struts on tailgate door. Tailgate push lock. Tailgate wash/wipe. Colour keyed bumpers with black inserts and endcaps with front and rear overriders. Driver's and passenger's remote controlled door mounted mirrors. Black finish window surrounds, door handles and locks. Black fuel tank locking cap. 8.8 gallon (40 litres) fuel tank. RS 1600i decal on tailgate and decals on bonnet and side of vehicle. Load compartment carpet. Carpet on rear of back seat. Luggage space effective capacity: As a 5 seater 20.3 cu. ft. covered luggage capacity 10.8 cu. ft. as 2 seater 48.7 cu. ft. spare wheel housed in load compartment under floor.

INTERIOR

Shark Grey 'Crushed Velour' fabric trimmed RS sports reclining front seats and bench type folding rear seat. Adjustable height front headrests. Shark Grey cut-pile carpet. Door trim incorporating 'Crushed Velour' fabric with contrast roll tops and black inserts. Front door stowage bins with integral armrests. Rear three quarter panel trimmed in 'Crushed Velour' fabric with contrast roll tops and inserts. Concealed

ertia reel seat belts. Perforated headlining. Front passenger grab handle. Two rear passenger grab handles incorporating coat hooks. Dipping interior rear view mirror. Twin swivelling front sunvisors with vanity mirror on passenger side. Soft feel instrument panel incorporating driver's and passenger's upper stowage shelves. Glove box with lock, light and lid with document stowage. Coin box. Two outboard and two centre face level vents with warm air facility and side window demisters. Illuminated rocker switches and heater control with 3 speed heater fan. Cigar lighter and front ashtray. Rear quarter trim incorporating two ashtrays. Centre console. Ford P21 push button radio. RS 4 spoke leather trimmed steering wheel. Special gearshift gater and knob. Handbrake grip. Tachometer. Speedometer incorporating fuel thrust cut-off warning light. Odometer. Trip recorder. Fuel and water temperature gauges. Instrument rheostat. Solid state multi-function digital clock. Three lever system controlling turn indicators, horn, high beam headlamps, flasher, headlamps and sidelights, two speed wipers and variable interval intermittent wipe, electric screenwash. Additional sound insulation. Tilting rear package tray.

Colour & Trim

Body Colour	Trim Colour
Diamond White	Shark Grey
Sunburst Red	Shark Grey
Black*	Shark Grey
Stato Silver Metallic*	Shark Grey
Caspian Blue Metallic*	Shark Grey
Graphite Grey Metallic*	Shark Grey

*At extra cost.

RS 1600i 3 door

Price £	Car Tax £	VAT £	Total £
5,377.93	448.16	873.91	6,700.00

VAT is calculated at 15%.

The total price of a car, including Car Tax, options, and accessories fitted by the Ford Dealer, will be subject to VAT on retail sale.

The prices quoted are the maximum prices and do not include the cost of number plates. In addition a standard delivery charge of £83.24 plus £12.49 VAT, total £95.73 will be made on all models. (A further charge will be made on vehicles to Northern Ireland and the Channel Islands).

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