



SUBARU LEGACY 2.5 GX LUX PACK

The Legacy was a 4x4 crossover vehicle even before the concept became established as an essential automotive fashion accessory. Since 1989 the Legacy has offered the essential blend of refined and quick on-road performance and roadholding with fine off-road ability. From the start it was aimed at folk who really need such a vehicle, country dwellers with unmade roads or fields to cross – farmers, vets and the like where a compact estate with a good cargo bay and comfortable interior, plus good rough-terrain capability was essential. It was no longer necessary to own a Land Rover



SPECIFICATIONS

Price:	£19,695
Engine cc/bhp:	2457/154
Transmission:	4-speed automatic, selectable 4WD, dual range

RATINGS (0-10)

Comfort:	7
Refinement:	7
Off-road:	5
Value:	7
Style:	6
TOTAL:	32

WE LIKED: Supple ride
WE DISLIKED: Ugly snout

as well as a conventional estate. That's still where the Legacy is aimed, and where it still finds favour with its lively but sensible high-torque engines. Apart from the ugly front the Legacy styling is thoroughly modern, though it struggles to achieve the image of more aggressive, bolder modern rivals.

VOLVO XC70 D5 SE LUX

Eager to get into the off-road crossover act Volvo hurried this four-wheel-drive version of the V70 estate into production, offering it as a safe, sensible option presumably for families where the sense of adventure is tempered by an overwhelming air of caution. Four-wheel-drive image is achieved through protective cladding round the grille and along the sides, the rough-country look enhanced by an aluminium undertray emulating a sump guard, but this isn't enough to enhance the middle-aged appeal of the basically unexciting estate. For users who



SPECIFICATIONS

Price:	£31,120
Engine cc/bhp:	2401/161
Transmission:	5-speed manual, auto-engaging 4WD

RATINGS (0-10)

Comfort:	7
Refinement:	8
Off-road:	4
Value:	8
Style:	5
TOTAL:	32

WE LIKED: Safety features
WE DISLIKED: Old foggy image

appreciate the four-wheel drive as a safety measure, consider the straight V70 AWD which offers similar performance for £2,500 less, suggesting that the XC is a tad overpriced, though it is extremely well-equipped with leather upholstery, air conditioning and CD autochanger and satellite navigation.