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FORD FRENZY

Pumping out 296bph by its front wheel drive alone, it's the most powerful FWD hatch you can get your hands on. Welcome back, you RS monster!

FORD FOCUS RS

The latest RS version of Ford's current Focus took its first public bow at the London Motor Show held in July 2008. The car is equipped with a twin-turbo version of the Ford 57's 2.5-litre five cylinder engine resulting in a power output of 296bhp while achieving the 0-100km/h mark in less than 6.0 seconds.

The new Ford RS has an innovative strut suspension system known as a RevKnuckle. It is designed to reduce unwanted

steering disturbance and torque steer in conjunction with a Quattro Automatic Torque Biasing limited-slip differential giving the 1400kg Focus RS the right blend of traction and razor sharp controllability.

With a twin-element black roof spoiler (echoing RS models of the past) and a newly designed rear bumper that incorporates a large venturi tunnel and two charmed exhaust tail pipes - this is one hatch nobody can ignore on the road.



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FORD'S FAST PAST

Though not exactly supercars, these are some of the fastest, yet relatively affordable cars Ford has produced, proving why it's a people's champion!



GT40/MKIII 1965 TO 1969

Ferari-beating endurance racer won the Le Mans 24-hours four years running (1965 to 1969), and made a Lamborghini Miura-rivalling road car. Ford Advanced Vehicles only built 31 GT40s for the road - barely modified race cars - plus seven street-only MKIIIs, with door-to-door carpet and gawky styling.

Engine: 4727cc V8, 335bhp @ 6250rpm Stats: 6sec 0-60mph, 164mph Value: \$400,000+



GT70 1970 TO 1973

A purpose-built mid-engined rally car before Lancia's Stratos. Concocted by rally driver Roger Clark, GT40 designer Len Bailey engineered it to take V6 or four cylinder, and Ghia built the bodies - but the Escort kept winning.

Engine: 2637cc V6, 150bhp @ 5800rpm/1998cc 16v four cylinder, 200bhp @ 8000rpm Stats: 6.5sec 0-60mph, 120mph Value: £70,000 (est)



FOCUS RS 2002 TO 2003

Split opinion like no other fast Ford, thanks to its torque-biasing diff. Always tracking wherever you pointed it, great on smooth surfaces, a handful on rough.

Engine: 1998cc 16v turbo four cylinder, 212bhp @ 5500rpm Stats: 5.9sec 0-60mph, 144mph Value: £13,000

GT40/MK III

The endurance racer Ford GT40 was a high performance sports car whichaced the Le Mans 24 hour's race four times in a row. The GT stood for Grand Tourisme while the number 40 represented the car's overall height of 40 inches. A more serious effort to produce a GT40 road car saw the introduction of the MKIII in 1967 which was first raced in May 1964 at the Nurburgring 1000km race. Ford have built only 31 GT40's for the road and seven street only MKIIIs.

GT70 1970 to 1973

The GT40 designer Len Bailey engineered the GT70 with the Capri derived Essex V6 or a four cylinder unit with a five-speed ZF transmission. The car acquired its numerical value since it was developed before 1970. A workers strike halted production and eventually only three prototypes were made.

FOCUS RS 2002 TO 2003

The high performance version of the first generation Focus, the RS incorporated a 16v turbo-four cylinder which pumped 212bhp at 5500rpm. The kit that's fitted on the Focus is the kind which will make you feel like a rally driver, thanks to the renowned motorsport suppliers like Sparco, OZ Racing and Brembo. The Focus RS may not be remembered as the hottest hatch of its time, but it was the most exciting.

SHELBY GT500 2007 TO DATE

After 40 years, racing legend Carroll Shelby and Ford Mustang's reunion resulted in the birth of the most powerful Mustang ever. Using advanced engineering to obtain the performance that made the original GT500 the king of the road, the 2007 model is equipped with a 500bhp GT-derived supercharged V8 and the supercar's brakes.



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SHELBY GT500 2007 TO DATE

Live rear axle's an anachorism, but with a 500bhp GT-derived supercharged V8 behind the grille, and the supercar's brakes, who cares? Not officially imported to the UK, but just \$40,000 where sold. Shows in tyre makers a must.

Engine: 5409cc 32v supercharged V8, 500bhp @ 6000rpm Stats: 4.5sec (est) 0-60mph, 155mph Value: \$40,000 (approx)