



Limited RB5 delivers memorable performance



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# Subaru Impreza RB5

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IT'S getting easier to find affordable used Subaru Impreza Turbos. But one particular model still commands a healthy premium over the rest: the RB5. The limited-edition grey saloon is very desirable, and good examples are becoming harder to track down.

What makes it so popular with fans of the brand? The answer lies in its origins and looks. The special was built to mark British driver Richard Burns' return to Subaru's World Rally team. Only 844 of the individually numbered RB5s were made. They were set apart by their smart paint and discreet pewter Speedline alloy

### In detail

**Subaru Impreza RB5**

**Prices:** £7,000-£12,000

**Production date:** 1999

**Engine:**

2.0-litre flat-four, 214bhp

**Why?** Cracking pace and great looks combine to make the RB5 the most collectable four-door version of the Impreza. You'll pay more to run one than a similarly priced hot hatch, but good examples will always be highly prized by fans of the brand.

wheels. Inside, the cabin features distinctive blue Alcantara bucket seats and graphite trim, plus air-conditioning.

The current crop of hot hatches means the RB5's raw pace isn't as dramatic as it once was, but the offbeat sound of Subaru's charismatic boxer engine, along with the brand's four-wheel-drive set-up, ensures memorable performance all the same.

For added thrills, find an RB5 with the optional Performance Package. While the Prodrive rear wing may be for show, the remapped ECU, re-routed intercooler pipework and sports exhaust boost the car's output from 214bhp to 237bhp.