

## Peugeot 407 – The Best of French

PEUGEOT, dubbed by those who can't pronounce the French properly. The Pug, has been building impressive cars for well over a century, and the Peugeot new 407, does not fall far of this mark.

The body provides a happy combination of a sedan, and a very stylish shape that will turn heads when you drive down the street, making it an interesting contender in this field that has seen a range of makers offering similar product.

I test drove the 407, with a quite lively engine under the bonnet, that responded well to most demands, and when called on, provided lively



acceleration and tackled hills with a minimum of fuss and silky smooth handling..

Seating is roomy, with first class leg and head room in the front, and very satisfactory, and quite respectable space for rear seat passengers. The cargo area is also quite roomy, and with the swing-up rear door easily accessible. This extends further with the fold down split rear seats.

The level of standard features is high, with remote central locking, electric windows and mirrors, air conditioning, a good sound system with CD player, six air bags, ABS brakes, cruise control, audible backing warning, a cooled glove box, cup holders, lockable glove box, folding front seat arm rests, and other welcome touches.

Safety with a strong body shell, front and rear crumple zones, side impact protection, as already indicated, six airbags, (twin front, side and curtain), it offers considerable peace of mind. Considering the price tag, it is a very well put together package that offers comfort, driving flexibility and value for money.

When it comes to selecting a car, as the French say vive L' difference, and the latest 407, is definitely a little different from the run of the mill. It looks good without being over exotic; it drives well, and provides good value for your dollar.

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For many years he has worked at high profile events such as Bathurst and the Melbourne Grand Prix.

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Dixon established Intermarque Automotive in Richmond 14 years ago and has cus-



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