



Aspi's Skoda Superb 2.0 TDI

AS THE EDITOR OF a car magazine, one of the perks is that I get to drive all the new cars and also get them for a long term test where we put the car through daily use similar to that of a normal car user. We do a lot of traveling and hence rack up a lot of miles.

This month, the new Skoda Superb 2-litre TDI joins the CAR India long term fleet. It has already done 12,000km and will stay with us for a year. We will keep you updated on the day-to-day behaviour of the car. We have put a Pete's performance box and there is an instant improvement in the throttle response. It has a much better turn of foot as there is hardly any turbo lag which is one of the main issues with Pump Duse fuel injection systems. There isn't a lot of improvement in out and out

performance, but the box has resulted in much better driveability between 1200rpm to 2500rpm which is more important as a car is generally driven in this rev range for 99 percent of its life span.

The second change to the Superb is that we have upsized the tyres to MRF ZVTS, size 215/65 R16 and it has made a world of a difference to the way the car rides on the road now. The ride quality wasn't bad with the standard tyres, but the MRF ones have taken it to another level. This is the first feedback, but we will do some long distance traveling and then let you know how they fare.

Long term test cars give us an opportunity to test some of the aftermarket products and see whether they improve the car over a long period of time. Keep a look out for the first update.

