

Superchips Renaultsport Megane 250

FOR

Very noticeable improvement for reasonable money



AGAINST

It's only the first step!



2.0ltr
295BHP
299lb/ft

Can Superchips make the Megane 250 *even* better?

Superchips kick started the UK chip-tuning business over 30 years ago. Since then, technology has moved on considerably, but these guys are still in the business of making cars perform better. Their latest application is for the Megane 250 and utilises their Bluefin handset. The kit allows users to switch the map on and off via the OBD II port; it takes only a few minutes, and you don't need an IT degree to do it!

On the stock map the Megane felt pretty strong and I soon recalled why I liked the car so much. But it did leave me feeling like it could do with more grunt to make the most of the great handling, especially when its man rival, the Focus RS, has an extra 50-odd bhp.

With the performance map selected, I took the car out again, and it immediately felt more lively. The power delivery was smoother and the engine seemed to rev harder, but it was the mid-range punch that sold it for me. Nail the throttle at 2,500rpm in third and the Megane just picks up

and goes. But this software isn't about early-in-the-range fireworks that die off as you rev it. The power is very linear and translates well to the road. As with all remaps, power figures aren't what counts, it's how it drives that matters. But, the Megane feels like it's got every one of the 295bhp and 299lb/ft of torque Superchips claim. At £455 the Bluefin is great value considering the extra performance it unleashes. It turns the already competent Renault into a great hot hatch and makes it a real performance alternative to a Focus RS. Dav

Right We drove the Superchips Megane on a variety of roads



Spec

- **Engine**
2.0ltr, 4-cylinder, 16v
- **Power**
246bhp (stock) 295bhp (remapped)
- **Torque**
250lb/ft (stock) 299lb/ft (remapped)
- **0-62mph**
6.1sec (stock)
- **Top speed**
156mph (stock)
- **Price**
Car: £23,650 Remap: £455
- **Contact**
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