

**Skoda Fabia vRS 1.9 TDI PD (130bhp) 5d**

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### SUMMARY



Skoda has been doing pretty well under VW's wing, launching an increasingly impressive model line-up that now challenges its parent company in terms of performance and refinement. This is their first stab at a hot hatch - the diesel-powered Fabia vRS. Under the bonnet is a 1.9 TDI engine with a 130bhp. It's a different proposition to the traditional hot hatch and buyers looking for an instant buzz might be disappointed; the talents of the Fabia vRS are more subtle and take a little time to appreciate. But if that doesn't impress you, just remember you'll be getting double the fuel economy of a Focus RS.

- ➕ Addictive performance; impressive fuel economy
- ➖ Styling is too subtle for most hot hatch buyers

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**BEHIND THE WHEEL**

From behind the wheel, the Fabia vRS will be familiar to current VW, Audi and SEAT buyers - although the showy detail has been removed. The no-nonsense approach is retained for the layout: all the switches and buttons are exactly where they should be. The speedo is a bit of an anomaly - it counts every ten mph to 90mph, then suddenly jumps to 110 mph, then 130mph as the next increments. The seats are very supportive even under vigorous cornering conditions. The contrasting light and dark fabric looks very attractive but also shows up dirt and other marks. Steering wheel is adjustable for reach and rake.

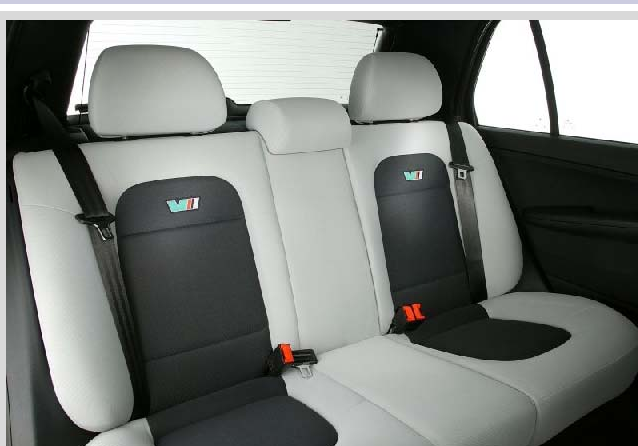


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**COMFORT**

Sound levels are suppressed on the whole, but there are some crashes over large potholes. It's roomy enough in the back for two adults and the front passenger should be happy with head and legroom, too. Interior is simple and uses attractive, high quality, materials.

<b>Length:</b>	3960 mm
<b>Width:</b>	1646 mm
<b>Height:</b>	1451 mm
<b>Weight:</b>	1315 Kg



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**PERFORMANCE**

The vRS is most appealing in town - no-one expects to be beaten off the lights by a Fabia. The 130bhp 1.9 TDi unit gets to 60mph in 9.3 seconds. Not a particularly impressive figure on paper, but the fun of the vRS is that the power comes in the middle of the rev range, making it ideal for overtaking. There is a bit of turbo lag, but it's still more than enjoyable to drive.

<b>BHP:</b>	130
<b>Engine capacity:</b>	1896cc
<b>Cylinders:</b>	4
<b>Fuel delivery:</b>	Turbo direct injection
<b>Gears:</b>	6 Speed
<b>Top speed:</b>	127 mph
<b>Torque:</b>	310 Nm
<b>Transmission:</b>	Manual
<b>Valves:</b>	8
<b>Zero to sixty:</b>	9.3 seconds



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**HANDLING**

On A and B roads the vRS covers ground quickly, but fails to really excite, as the traction control, which prevents you from eating your front tyres, constantly reigns the car in, preventing full power from getting to the tarmac in the bends. Motorway slogs are easier, thanks to plenty of mid-range pull, although its discreet looks don't have lane clearing potential. For a sports chassis, the ride is surprisingly comfortable, but potholes do upset its composure. Discs all round and a relatively light body mean stopping is not a problem.

<b>Wheelbase:</b>	2462 mm
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**PRACTICALITY**

Reasonable boot space for a supermini - you'll get a couple of cases in without having to resort to using the back seats. The rear seats are split folding for extra flexibility. Cubbies in the cabin include a large air conditioned glove box, doorbins, a box under the stereo and a cubby under the steering wheel, which is ideal for hiding a mobile phone, or loose change.

Braked towing weight:	1000 kg
Turning circle:	10 m
Unbraked towing weight:	450 Kg



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**RELIABILITY**

Although the early Fabia hatchbacks (non vRS) had a few teething troubles, we've heard of no problems with this version. Appears to be solidly built.

Car check body:	No problems reported.
Car check engine:	No problems reported.
Car check other:	No problems reported.



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**SAFETY**

Four stars in the Euro NCAP safety test. Driver and passenger airbags, front seatbelt pre-tensioners, ABS, MSR and ASR, switchable ESP are all standard. The fuel supply cuts out in a crash, too. Security is taken care of thanks to an alarm/immobiliser, remote central locking and deadlocks.

NCAP front/side rating:	★★★★☆
NCAP pedestrian:	★★★☆☆

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**RUNNING COSTS**

On the whole this is a financially sensible purchase - despite the vRS's hot hatch aspirations. Service intervals are good, MPG is outstanding (55mpg) and insurance is competitive (group 9). Even depreciation is relatively gentle.

Insurance group:	9	
Miles per gallon:	55	
Fuel capacity:	45 litres	
Euro emissions standard:	3	
CO2 emissions:	138 g/km	

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Vehicle excise duty for cars registered on or after 1st March 2001, is now based on the fuel type and carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions levels of individual vehicles. Vehicle excise duty for cars registered before this date is calculated as follows.

	6mths	12mths
Engine sizes up to 1549cc	£60.50	£110.00
Engine sizes over 1549cc	£90.75	£165.00

Company car tax for the year 2004/2005; for tax purposes the list price of a car includes delivery charges but not road tax and new car registration fee.

Annual tax at 22%:	£479
Annual tax at 40%:	£870

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**BUYING NEW**

Attractively priced and reasonably equipped to start with, but you should be able to haggle a large chunk off the list price. A few beginning to appear at car supermarkets at cut-down prices.

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**NEW LIST PRICES**

01/08/2003	to	01/01/2004	£11,850
01/01/2004	to	01/09/2004	£11,837
01/09/2004	to	now	£12,097

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### BUYING USED



Now coming onto the used market in larger numbers. Popular amongst hot hatch fans looking for something different and buyers looking for a subtle hatch with plenty of oomph.

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### USED PRICES

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Registration Year/Plate	Average Mileage	New List Price	Dealer Retail	Private Good	Private Poor	Part Exchange
2003/03	10	11985	9945	9510	7330	8640
2003/53	10	11985	10430	9975	7685	9060
2004/53	10	11972	10630	10165	7835	9230
2004/04	10	11972	11170	10680	8230	9700

**Mileage:** The standard average mileage in ,000 miles for the year. See the mileage adjustment tables for higher or lower values.

**Dealer Retail:** A typical price paid at an independent dealer - not the 'sticker price' on the windscreen. Prices may be higher at franchised dealers, especially cars in 'approved used' schemes with manufacturers warranties. The car has been professionally prepared for resale and is in good running order, with an unmarked body and interior. Standard and optional equipment operates correctly. Normal wear and tear may be present but tyres, battery, exhaust system and brake pads/discs should not need replacing for another 5,000 miles.

**Private Good:** Typical private sale value of a car in clean average condition, in good mechanical order, regularly serviced, with a service record. Major equipment works correctly. Body is rust-free with no evidence of repairs. No significant interior faults, apart from normal wear and tear on older cars.

**Private Poor:** Typical private sale value of a car in below-average condition. Cars that cannot be restored to clean condition. Mechanical defects, no service record; body may be rusty or with substantial panel or paint damage; interior trim and upholstery may be stained or torn; or the car may be on a 'Condition Alert' register after being crashed and repaired.

**Part-Exchange:** The typical 'bottom-book' price that a dealer offers for your car in part-exchange. The actual value can vary from deal to deal, depending on the price and desirability of your car, but this is a good starting point. The car is in clean average condition, like the PRIVATE GOOD category definition above.

### MILEAGE ADJUSTMENT

The used prices shown above are valued at a standard mileage of 10,000 miles per year. This table allows you to add or deduct an amount for mileages that are lesser or greater than this standard mileage.

Year/Plate	10k	20k	30k	40k	50k	60k	80k	100k	120k	150k
2003/03	0	-390	-780	-1040	-1300	-1550	-2050	-2550	-3050	-
2003/53	0	-410	-830	-1100	-1380	-1630	-2150	-2680	-3200	-
2004/53	0	-450	-900	-1180	-1470	-1750	-2270	-	-	-
2004/04	0	-500	-950	-1250	-1550	-1850	-2400	-	-	-
2004/54	0	-500	-980	-1290	-1610	-1930	-2490	-	-	-

### MODEL HISTORY

**01/03/2000** Fabia front drive 5 door Hatchback range launched: 1.0 Classic (50 bhp); 1.4 Classic and Comfort (68 bhp); 1.4 16v Comfort and Elegance (100 bhp); 1.9 SDi Classic and Comfort (64 bhp); 1.9 TDi Comfort and Elegance (100 bhp). All have 5 speed gearbox, PAS, driver's airbag, immobiliser, split fold rear seats. Comfort adds passenger airbag, electric front windows, air conditioning, heated electric mirrors, central locking with deadlocks, trip computer. Comfort 1.4 16v has ABS. Elegance models also have ABS, alloy wheels, heated front seats, electric rear windows, remote central locking and alarm.

**01/02/2001** Estate models launched: 1.4 8V (68 bhp) Classic, Comfort; 1.4 16v (75 bhp Automatic) Classic, Comfort, Elegance; 1.4 16v (100 bhp) Comfort, Elegance; 1.9 SDi (64 bhp) Classic and Comfort; 1.9 TDi Comfort and Elegance. All with PAS, driver's airbag, immobiliser, split fold rear seats. Comfort adds passenger airbag, electric front windows, air conditioning, heated electric mirrors, central locking with deadlocks, trip computer. Elegance models also have ABS, alloy wheels, heated front seats, electric rear windows, remote central locking and alarm.

**01/07/2001** Saloon models launched: 1.4 16v (75 bhp auto); 1.4 16v (100 bhp); 1.9 SDi (64 bhp). All with ABS, driver and passenger airbags, PAS, electric front windows, remote central locking, split folding rear seats and a stereo radio/tape player, a height and reach adjustable steering wheel, and height adjustable driver's seat.

### SELLING



The Fabia vRS is a unique proposition - a hatch you could drive all day without feeling it in the wallet. It doesn't tempt with glitter and cheap thrills, but rather offers solid, durable engineering and genuine on-road performance. That's why it's a hit with buyers. Black and silver are the most sought-after colours.

**Warranty:** Mechanical 3 years; bodywork 10 years  
**Servicing:** Minor / 10,000 miles, major 20,000 miles  
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### EQUIPMENT



vRS comes with power steering, remote central locking, stereo system with four speakers and a single CD player; driver and front passenger airbags; height-adjustable driver's seat; height and reach-adjustable steering wheel; high-level third brakelights; pollen air filter; and electric front windows.

Body Glass	Cost	From	To
Electric front windows	Standard	Aug 2003	Nov 2003
Electric front windows/one touch facility	Standard	Nov 2003	now
Rear screen wiper - intermittent	Standard	Aug 2003	Aug 2003
Rear wash/wipe	Standard	Aug 2003	now
Tinted glass	Standard	Nov 2003	now
Two speed windscreen wipers	Standard	Nov 2003	now
Brakes	Cost	From	To
ABS	Standard	Aug 2003	Nov 2003
ABS+ASR+MSR	Standard	Nov 2003	now
ASR + MSR	Standard	Aug 2003	Nov 2003
Coloured brake calipers	Standard	Aug 2003	Nov 2003
ESP	£400	Jan 2004	now
Carpets/Rugs	Cost	From	To
Removable floor mats with vRS logos	Standard	Aug 2003	Aug 2003
Driver Aids	Cost	From	To
Cruise control	£125	Jan 2004	now
PAS	Standard	Aug 2003	now
Driver Convenience	Cost	From	To
Electric fuel filler flap	Standard	Nov 2003	now
Driver Information	Cost	From	To
'Lights On' warning buzzer	Standard	Nov 2003	now
Digital clock	Standard	Nov 2003	now
Rev counter	Standard	Nov 2003	now
Satellite navigation system	£1800	Jan 2004	now
Trip computer	Standard	Aug 2003	now
Driving Mirrors	Cost	From	To
Body colour door mirrors	Standard	Aug 2003	now
Electrically adjustable and heated door mirrors	Standard	Aug 2003	now
Embellishment Trims	Cost	From	To
Chrome door safety latches	Standard	Aug 2003	Nov 2003
Chrome handbrake knob	Standard	Aug 2003	Nov 2003
Metallic effect instrument panel	Standard	Aug 2003	Nov 2003
Entertainment	Cost	From	To
8 speakers	Standard	Jan 2004	Mar 2004
Skoda symphony radio + single CD player	Standard	Aug 2003	Nov 2003
Symphony CD autochanger	£275	Jan 2004	now
Symphony radio and single CD	Standard	Jan 2004	Mar 2004
Symphony radio/singleCD/8 speakers front+rear	Standard	Nov 2003	Jan 2004
Exterior Body Features	Cost	From	To
Body colour bumpers	Standard	Aug 2003	now
Body colour front and rear bumper spoilers	Standard	Aug 2003	Nov 2003
Body colour rear spoiler	Standard	Aug 2003	Nov 2003
Body side protection mouldings	Standard	Nov 2003	now
Electric sunroof	£400	Aug 2003	now
Front door sill plinths with vRS logos	Standard	Aug 2003	Nov 2003
Integrated front spoiler	Standard	Nov 2003	now
Metallic paint	£260	Aug 2003	now
Pearlescent paint	£260	Aug 2003	now
Rear mounted roof aerial	Standard	Nov 2003	now
Solid paint	Zero Cost	Aug 2003	now
Sports exhaust tailpipe	Standard	Aug 2003	Nov 2003

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VRS logo on front grille and tailgate	Standard	Aug 2003	Nov 2003
<b>Exterior Lights</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Front fog lamps	Standard	Aug 2003	Nov 2003
Front fog lights	Standard	Nov 2003	now
High level third brake light	Standard	Nov 2003	now
Internally adjustable headlight beam level	Standard	Nov 2003	now
Rear foglight	Standard	Nov 2003	now
Twin reversing lights	Standard	Nov 2003	now
Xenon headlights + headlight washers	£500	Jan 2004	now
<b>Heating/Cooling/Ventilation</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Air con inc cooled glovebox/drinks compartment	Standard	Nov 2003	now
Air conditioning	Standard	Aug 2003	Nov 2003
Air recirculation system	Standard	Aug 2003	Nov 2003
Pollen filter	Standard	Aug 2003	Nov 2003
Pollen filter and air recycling	Standard	Nov 2003	now
<b>Interior Features</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
3 spoke sports steering wheel	Standard	Aug 2003	Nov 2003
Adjustable dashboard illumination	Standard	Nov 2003	now
Chrome gear knob	Standard	Aug 2003	Nov 2003
Cross tuck cloth upholstery	Standard	Aug 2003	Nov 2003
Cupholders	Standard	Nov 2003	now
Glovebox	Standard	Nov 2003	now
Height/reach adjust steering wheel	Standard	Nov 2003	now
Lashing eyelets in boot	Standard	Aug 2003	now
Leather gearknob and gaiter	Standard	Sep 2004	now
Leather handbrake	Standard	Aug 2003	Nov 2003
Leather sports steering wheel	Standard	Sep 2004	now
Leather steering wheel and gear knob	Standard	Aug 2003	Nov 2003
Metal covered pedals with anti-slip pads	Standard	Aug 2003	Nov 2003
Parcel shelf	Standard	Nov 2003	now
vRS Cloth upholstery	Standard	Nov 2003	now
<b>Interior Lights</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Delay courtesy light function	Standard	Nov 2003	now
Front reading light	Standard	Nov 2003	now
Luggage compartment lighting	Standard	Aug 2003	Nov 2003
<b>Paint - Metallic</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Metallic - Diamond silver	£260	Aug 2003	now
Metallic - Graphite grey	£260	Mar 2004	Sep 2004
<b>Paint - Pearlescent</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Black Magic paint	£260	Aug 2003	now
<b>Paint - Solid</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Solid - Corrida Red - Skoda	Zero Cost	Aug 2003	now
Solid - Lemon Yellow - Skoda	Zero Cost	Aug 2003	now
<b>Safety</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Driver and passenger airbags	Standard	Aug 2003	Nov 2003
Driver/front passenger airbag	Standard	Nov 2003	now

Front seatbelt pretensioners	Standard	Aug 2003	Nov 2003
Fuel supply cut off	Standard	Aug 2003	Nov 2003
Height adjustable front seatbelts	Standard	Nov 2003	now
Passenger airbag deactivate switch	£60	Aug 2003	now
Rear door child safety locks	Standard	Nov 2003	now
Side airbags	£275	Aug 2003	now
Side impact protection	Standard	Nov 2003	now
Third 3 point rear seatbelt	Standard	Apr 2004	now
<b>Seats</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
60/40 asymmetric split folding rear seats	Standard	Nov 2003	now
60/40 split rear seats	Standard	Aug 2003	Nov 2003
Front seat storage pockets	Standard	Nov 2003	now
Heated front seats	£125	Jan 2004	now
Height adjustable driver's seat	Standard	Aug 2003	now
Height adjustable front/rear head restraints	Standard	Nov 2003	now
Sports seats	Standard	Aug 2003	Nov 2003
Third rear headrest	£45	May 2004	now
<b>Security</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Alarm	Standard	Aug 2003	now
Deadlocks	Standard	Nov 2003	now
Folding key	Standard	Aug 2003	Nov 2003
Immobiliser	Standard	Aug 2003	Nov 2003
Remote central locking	Standard	Nov 2003	now
Remote central locking with SAFE system	Standard	Aug 2003	Nov 2003
Thatcham Cat 2 engine immobiliser	Standard	Nov 2003	now
Visible vehicle identification number	Standard	Aug 2003	now
<b>Trim - Cloth</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Cross tuck cloth trim - Silver Grey/Black	Zero Cost	Aug 2003	May 2004
vRS sports cloth - Onyx/grey	Zero Cost	May 2004	now
<b>Wheels - Alloy</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
16" alloy wheels	Standard	Aug 2003	Mar 2004
16" alloy wheels (full size spare wheel)	Standard	Mar 2004	Sep 2004
<b>Wheels - Spare</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Full size steel spare wheel	Standard	Aug 2003	Nov 2003

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<b>Plate: 2004/53</b>		
<b>COMFORT</b>	★★★★☆	<b>PERFORMANCE</b>
<b>COSTS</b>	★★★★★	<b>RELIABILITY</b>
<b>DRIVING</b>	★★★★☆	<b>SECURITY</b>
<b>IMAGE</b>	★★★★☆	<b>SERVICE</b>
		<b>VALUE</b>
		★★★★★