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TVR Engineering Ltd., announce the Tasmin their new luxury two seater sports car at the Brussels Motor Show January 1980.

The TVR Tasmin is powered by the Ford V6 fuel injected 2.8 engine with electronic ignition, renowned for reliability, ease of maintenance and effortless power — power transmitted through the Ford 4-speed manual gearbox. Tasmin is designed to cruise long distances at high speeds with a low fuel consumption.

TVR Tasmin is as luxuriously and comprehensively equipped within, as it is superbly well engineered. Standard features of the car include a hand polished English real walnut fascia, with full instrumentation, power operated windows, stereo radio/tape player, and hand trimmed interior with selected areas trimmed in a contrasting suede velour trim and fully carpeted rear luggage area.

TVR's long tradition for ultra-strong multi-tubular corrosion proof steel chassis is continued with a new version for Tasmin. The car meets all existing crash test and safety laws, passing forward crash test with ease — the steering column moving forward during 30 mph impact — a rare case.

The ultimate in occupant protection is afforded by impact structures front, rear and in the doors; the twin fuel tanks are mounted forward of the rear wheels to minimise risk in the event of impact from the rear.

Tasmin suspension is independent all round, the front by twin wishbones, the rear by lateral links, trailing arms and fixed length drive shafts, with co-axial spring damper units all round. Positive rack and pinion steering, large diameter disc brakes, inboard to rear, 7×14 in TVR alloy wheels and 205/60 low profile tyres contribute to the outstanding road holding and stability of TVR Tasmin.

The strikingly elegant two seater hatchback glass-fibre body was wind tunnel developed, and proves to have a drag factor 20% better than the average car. An unusual styling feature with an important function is a vertical rear glazed panel to assist parking, to the rear of a fully glazed tailgate. Headlamps are retractable, and a single wiper efficiently sweeps the large laminated front screen. The underside of the car is a flat pan with a minimum of protrusions.

All glass areas have a black printed edge, and the radio aerial system is part of the heated elements in the tailgate — the first time this feature has been offered as standard on any production car.



The announcement of the Tasmin marks 15 years successful ownership and management of the company by Martin Lilley, Managing Director, and several years continuous development at the companies own specially equipped Research and Development Department, a few miles from the main TVR factory in Blackpool. This new department itself marks a big step forward, manned totally by TVR engineers, and backs up the main factory, and service department.

TVR TASMIN Price £12,800.

