

DIY POWER TUNING UPGRADE MADE EASY

If you want to extract more performance from your car, tuning doesn't have to be as scary as it sounds. Far from comprehensively upgrading engine components, you can simply plug in a small box to reprogram various electronic elements – and that's where Tunit comes in, with its new Optimum Plus and Power Pedal.

Optimum Plus is an evolution of previous Tunit products, but is currently only available for petrol engines. When connected to the vehicle's on board diagnostics (OBD) port, it accesses the ECU and can control various engine parameters. Tunit claims it improves power, torque and fuel economy, while connection with a dedicated app allows drivers to switch between eco and performance modes at the touch of a button.

The other new Tunit release is Power Pedal, which actually alters the signal that the engine receives from the throttle, so you can adjust power and torque delivery. Unlike Optimum Plus, Power Pedal works on all engines – petrol, diesel and even hybrid.

Plugging into a dedicated port near the accelerator, Power Pedal can be controlled by a dash-mounted pad. It can sit alone or alongside any other Tunit product.

NEW PRODUCT Tunit Optimum Plus and Power Pedal

Prices: £477.60 (Optimum Plus);

£399 (Power Pedal)

Contact: www.tunit.co.uk



Optimum Plus lets you switch modes using app in your phone; Power Pedal is controlled by pad on dash (above) to alter the signal sent from throttle

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Chargie helps EV drivers to plug in

ELECTRIC car drivers are always looking for solutions to alleviate range anxiety, and a new sharing system called Chargie could be the answer. It allows users to book charging at other people's home points while the owners are out.

Chargie has expanded rapidly since its launch last month and it's getting interest from hotels, B&Bs who hope bookable chargers will allow travellers to use their business as a lunch stop. Chargie point owners set their own price. Find out more at www.chargie.net

New pack boost leading racing game

ASSETTO Corsa, one of the highest rated racing games on Xbox One, PlayStation 4 and PC, has got even better with the release of the 'Ready to Race' downloadable content (DLC) pack for £5.99.

Available now on Steam for PC and later in the year on consoles the pack brings 10 new cars. The PS4 version will include a patch allowing offline championships. PS4 owners can benefit from an upgrade to the Porsche Pack DLC if they've already downloaded it.

Collection of BMW set to hit Beaulieu

BEAULIEU Motor Museum, in Hampshire, will host the second VanityBMW event on Sunday 16

All major BMW owners' clubs booked to attend the one-day event with a vast collection of Bavaria's finest expected to be on show.

Tickets cost £11 in advance or £13 on the gate, and include access to the museum. Full details can be found at www.vanitybmw.co.uk

NEW PRODUCT Autoglym Leather Clean & Protect Complete Kit

Price: £27.70 Contact: 01462 677766, www.autoglym.com

AUTOGLYM has added to its Complete Kits line-up with the launch of a version for leather interiors. Essentially it is a collection of existing products but offers a saving of nearly £10 on buying them separately.

The two-stage process starts with the 500ml Leather Cleaner trigger pack to remove grime and marks. This is then dried with the Hi-Tech Aqua-Dry synthetic chamois normally used after rinsing the exterior.

