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**WELCOME** to the 2006/2007 edition of *Which? Car*, your free annual motoring supplement. We hope you'll find it packed full of helpful advice and reviews – whether you're buying a new or used car.

This year, we've added nearly 40 pages to help cram in all our new content. That's because in 2006 we've doubled what we spend on car research to bring you the most comprehensive, and only truly independent, car tests.

We've returned to carrying out a full road-test programme to complement our highly respected safety and security tests and, of course, our unique reader survey. So every review of a new car you read in here is based on weeks of road-and-track research, as well as on detailed lab testing.

During road tests, we use sensitive fuel-measuring equipment to record real-life miles-per-gallon figures. And while these rarely match the official figures quoted by carmakers, some cars get much closer than others. We hope our economy figures help you estimate a car's real-life fuel efficiency.

On that point, our 2006 *Which? Car* survey turned up some interesting views from readers about reducing cars' fuel use and pollution. For example, 76 per cent of you said tax rises for fuel-inefficient vehicles were a good idea. The Chancellor has already introduced a new £210 top level of road tax for 'gas guzzlers' but, as we went to press, the House of Commons Environment Audit Committee recommended raising this to £1,800 a year. We'd like to hear your views on this – is it justifiable or a step too far?

However, taxation isn't the only answer – 94 per cent of you told us fuel-efficient cars need to be cheaper to buy, too. That's food for thought for both carmakers and the government.

*Which?* readers also have an enormous interest in bio-fuel cars – 83 per cent of you would like to see greater use of fuel derived from crops. The good news is you can now buy two bio-fuel cars in the UK (see p5) and Ford especially is promising many more in the near future.



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