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The Peugeot 205 is a compact hatchback that was produced by the French automaker Peugeot from 1983 to 1998. It was a huge commercial success, with over 5 million units produced, and it is widely regarded as one of the most iconic cars of the 1980s and 1990s.

The 205 was designed to replace the popular Peugeot 104, and it was a significant departure from its predecessor in terms of style, size, and performance. The 205 was larger and more aerodynamic than the 104, and it featured a more modern and aggressive design. It was also available with a variety of engine options, including diesel and petrol, and it was offered in a wide range of trim levels.

The 205 was an instant hit with buyers, and it quickly became one of Peugeot's best-selling models. It was particularly popular in Europe, where it was praised for its handling, performance, and economy.

## **History**

The Peugeot 205 was developed under the codename "M24" and was first shown to the public at the 1983 Geneva Motor Show. It was initially available in three-door hatchback form, with five-door and convertible versions following later. The 205 was also offered in a variety of special editions, including the GTI, Turbo 16, and Rallye.

The Peugeot 205 was produced in a number of different countries, including France, the United Kingdom, Spain, and Argentina. It was also

assembled in a number of other countries, including Brazil, Chile, Indonesia, Iran, and Malaysia.

Production of the Peugeot 205 ended in 1998, and it was replaced by the Peugeot 206. However, the 205 remains a popular classic car, and it is still owned and driven by enthusiasts all over the world.

## **Design**

The Peugeot 205 was designed by a team led by Gérard Welter, and it features a sleek and aerodynamic design. The car has a low, wide stance, and it is characterized by its sharp angles and aggressive lines. The front of the car is dominated by the Peugeot grille, and the headlights are set in angular recesses. The rear of the car is more rounded, but it still features sharp angles and lines.

The Peugeot 205 was available in a variety of colors, and it was offered with a wide range of optional extras, including alloy wheels, a sunroof, and leather upholstery.

## **Engine and performance**

The Peugeot 205 was available with a variety of engine options, including diesel and petrol. The base model was powered by a 1.0-liter petrol engine, and there was also a 1.1-liter petrol engine available. The mid-range models were powered by a 1.4-liter petrol engine, and the top-of-the-range models were powered by a 1.6-liter petrol engine or a 1.9-liter diesel engine.

The Peugeot 205 was a relatively light car, and it was capable of good performance. The 1.6-liter petrol engine could accelerate the car from 0 to

60 mph in 8.5 seconds, and the top speed was 115 mph. The 1.9-liter diesel engine was not as fast, but it was more economical.

## **Handling**

The Peugeot 205 was praised for its handling, and it was considered to be one of the best handling cars of its era. The car had a stiff suspension, and it was responsive to steering inputs. The 205 was also very stable at high speeds, and it was a capable performer on twisty roads.

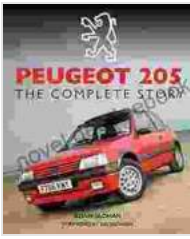
## **Safety**

The Peugeot 205 was one of the safest cars of its era. It was equipped with a number of safety features, including a reinforced passenger compartment, crumple zones, and side-impact bars. The 205 also performed well in crash tests, and it was awarded a four-star rating by the Euro NCAP.

## **Legacy**

The Peugeot 205 is a true icon of the 1980s and 1990s. It was a huge commercial success, and it is still owned and driven by enthusiasts all over the world. The 205 is a stylish, fun-to-drive car that is also very reliable and economical. It is a car that has stood the test of time, and it is still one of the most popular classic cars on the market.

The Peugeot 205 is a classic car that is still enjoyed by enthusiasts all over the world. It is a stylish, fun-to-drive car that is also very reliable and economical. If you are looking for a classic car that is sure to turn heads, then the Peugeot 205 is a great choice.



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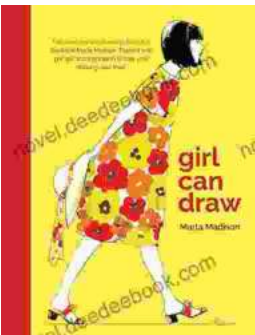
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