

The Modern Motor

A Visual Field Guide to Automotive Classification

Form • Function • Fit

How to read the road

The automotive market is crowded with terminology. To find the right vehicle, we analyze options through three distinct lenses:

FORM



The Body Shape.
Silhouette, doors, and aerodynamics.

FUNCTION



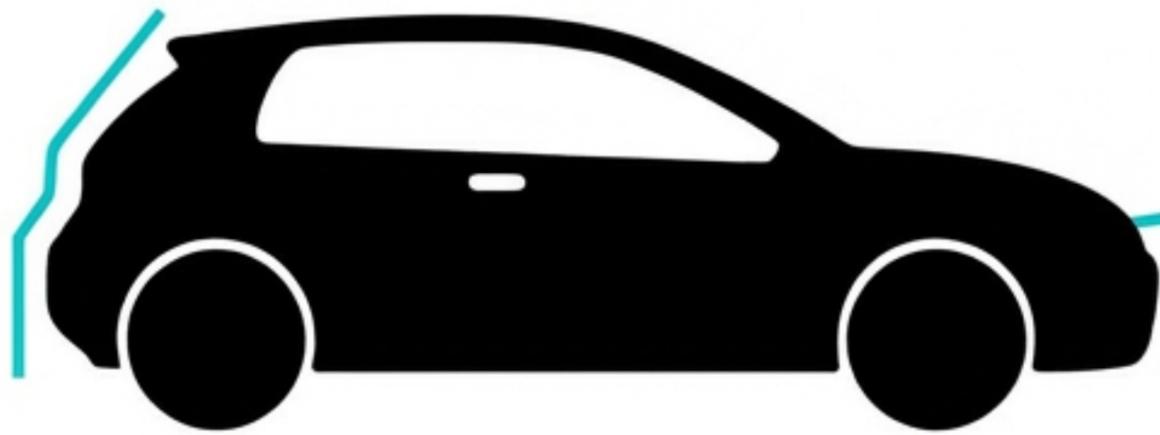
The Mechanics.
Fuel source and transmission type.

FIT



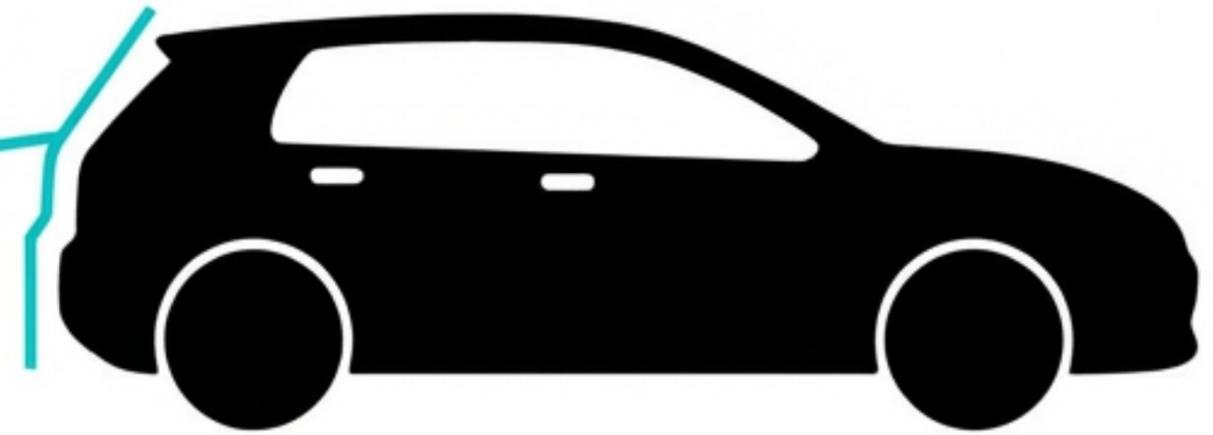
The Lifestyle.
Budget, capacity, and daily use-case.

The Urban Essentials



Supermini

The city specialist. Compact dimensions for tight parking, typically 3-door or compact 5-door configurations. Ideal for short commutes.



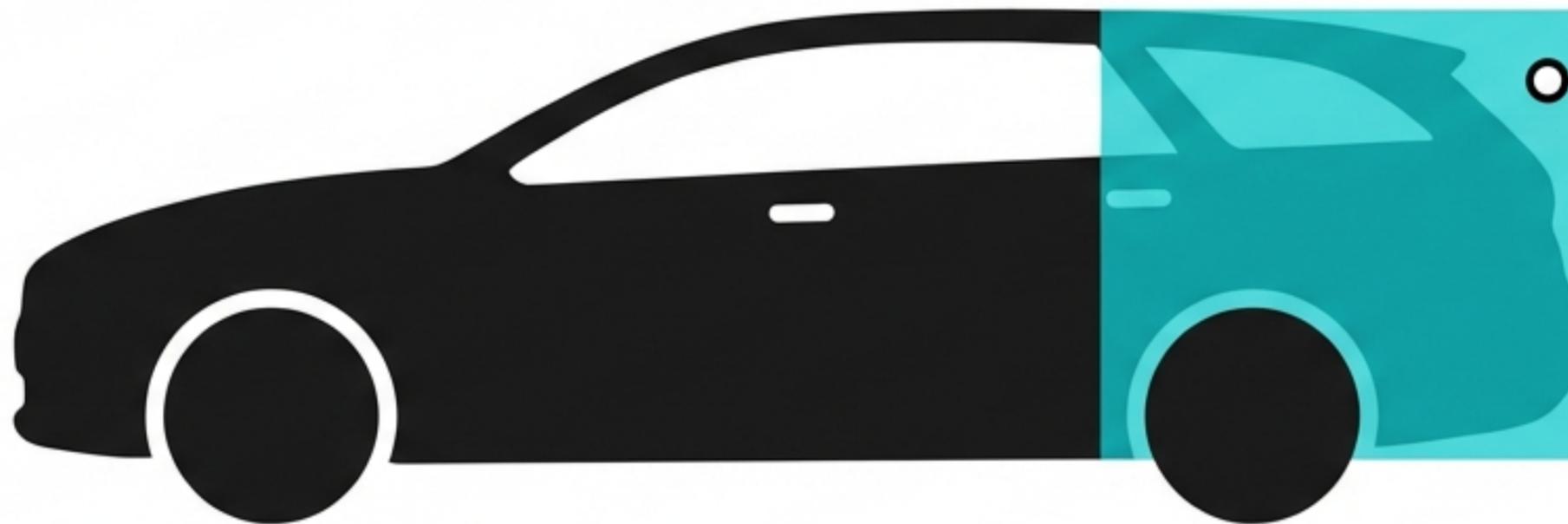
Hatchback

The universal standard. Larger than a supermini with a distinct rear door that opens upwards (the 'hatch') incorporating the rear window.

Executive Profiles & Extended Cargo



Saloon: The classic three-box configuration. Secure, separate boot.



Estate: The practical evolution. Roofline extends to rear bumper for maximum vertical cargo volume.

The High-Riding Utility Sector



Crossover

Car DNA with SUV styling.
Unibody passenger platform.

SUV

Rugged capability. Boxier
shape, higher ground
clearance.

MPV

Function over form. Van-like
profile for maximum
passenger volume.

Performance & Leisure Silhouettes



Convertible

Retractable roof for open-air driving.



Coupe

2-door design with sloping roofline.
Style over rear headroom.



Sport Car

Aggressive aerodynamics and low
ground clearance.

The Propulsion Spectrum



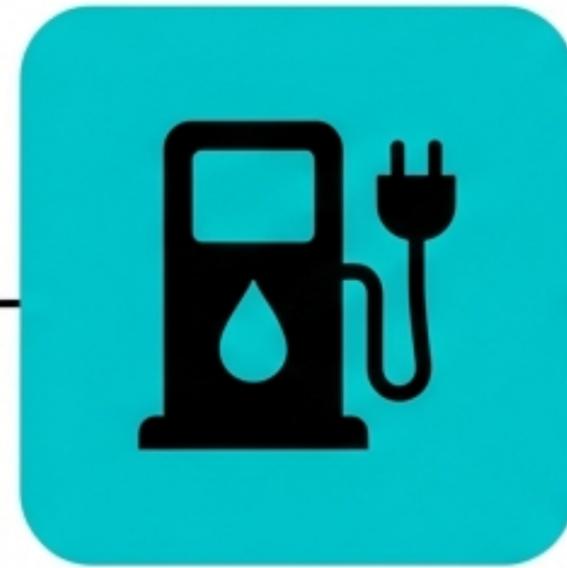
Petrol.

Traditional high energy density.



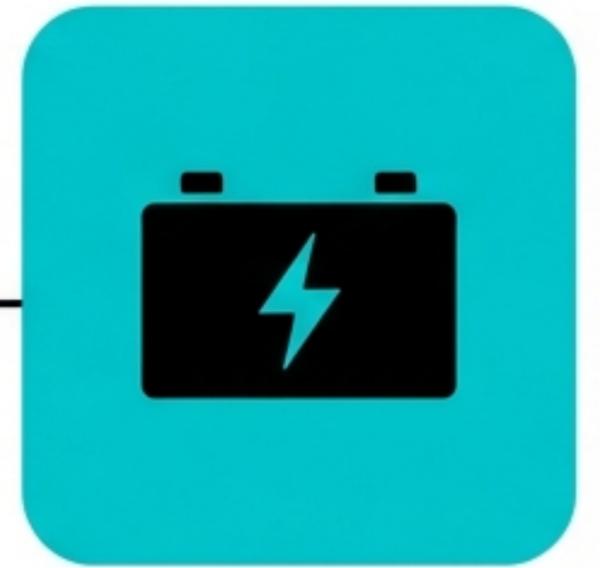
Diesel.

High torque, long-distance efficiency.



Hybrid.

Combustion engine + electric battery.



Electric.

Zero-emission, battery propulsion.



Manual

The Driver's Choice. Three pedals and a stick shift offer control. Slowly becoming a niche.



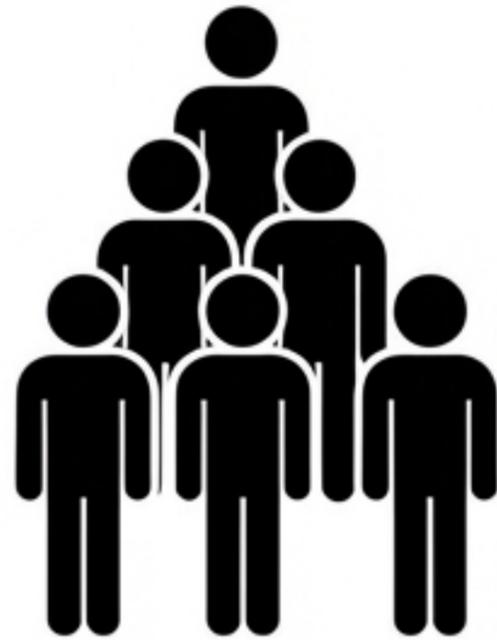
Automatic

The Modern Standard. Two pedals. Essential for Hybrids and EVs.

Defining Capacity & Scale



Standard 5-Seat



7-Seater (SUV/MPV)



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8-Seater (Shuttle/Van)

Purpose-Built Categories



First Cars

Low insurance,
manageable power.



Family Cars

Focus on boot space
and ISOFIX.



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4x4

All-terrain traction.



Motability

Adapted for accessibility.



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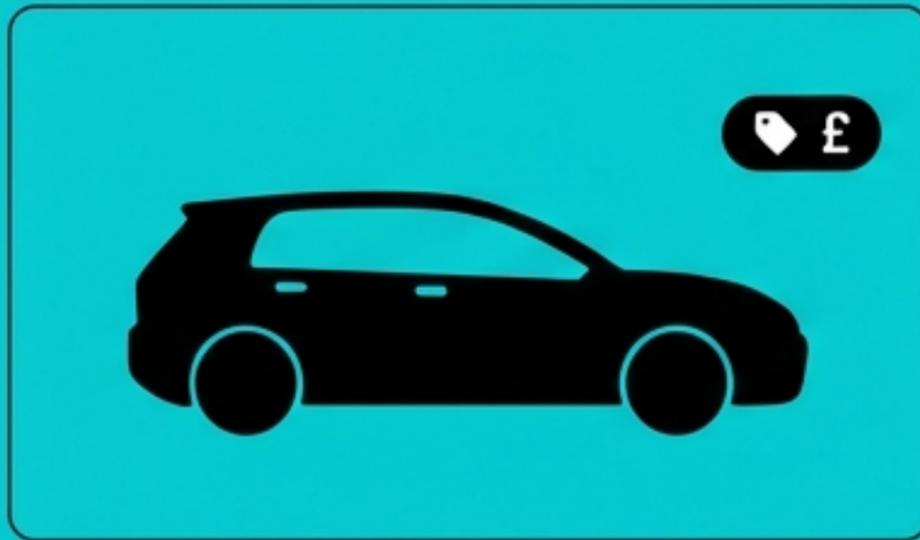
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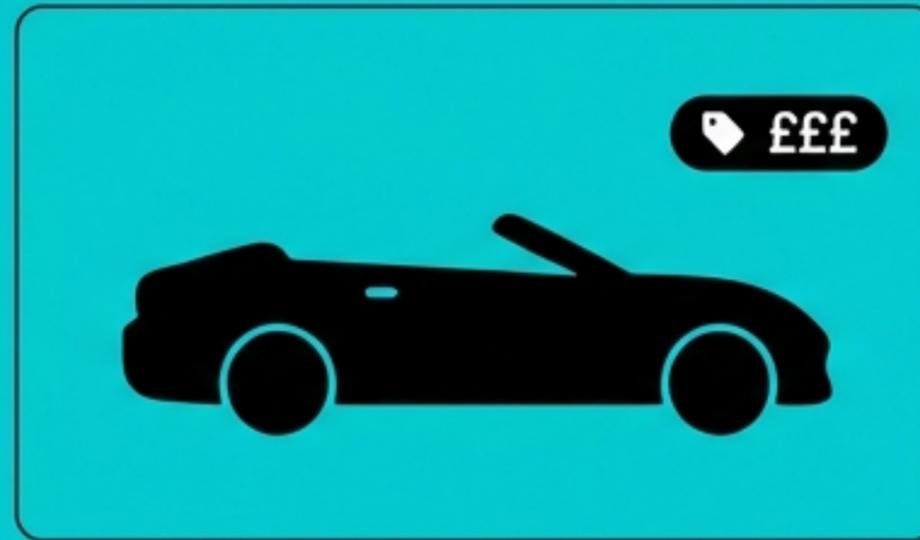
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Market Segments & Origins



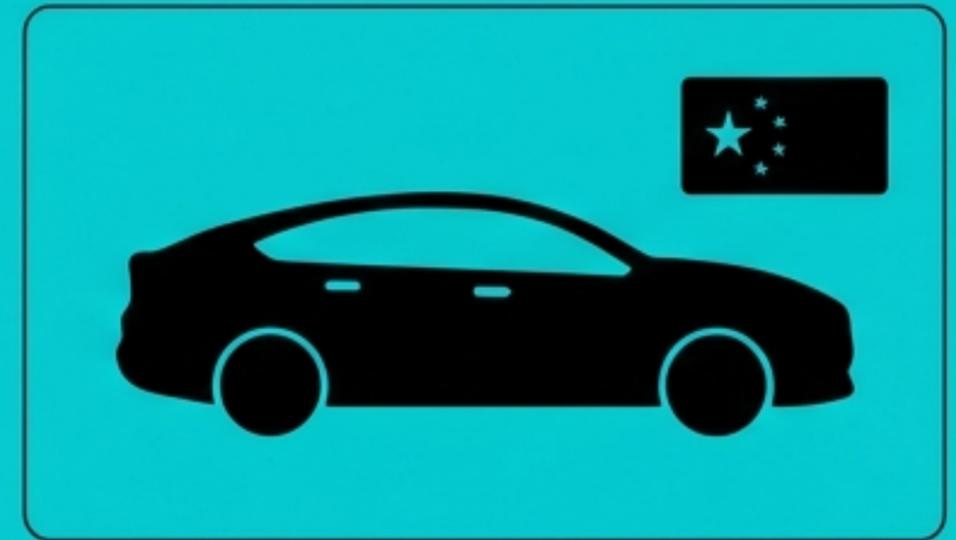
Entry Level

Value-focused, essential tech.



Premium

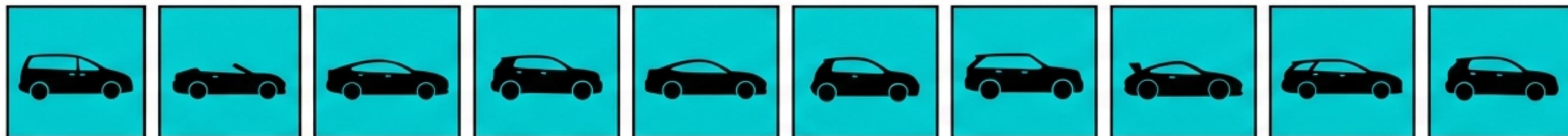
Prestige, advanced materials, high performance.



Emerging Markets

A rising global force. High tech integration, competitive EV pricing.

The Automotive Matrix



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Crossover

Coupe

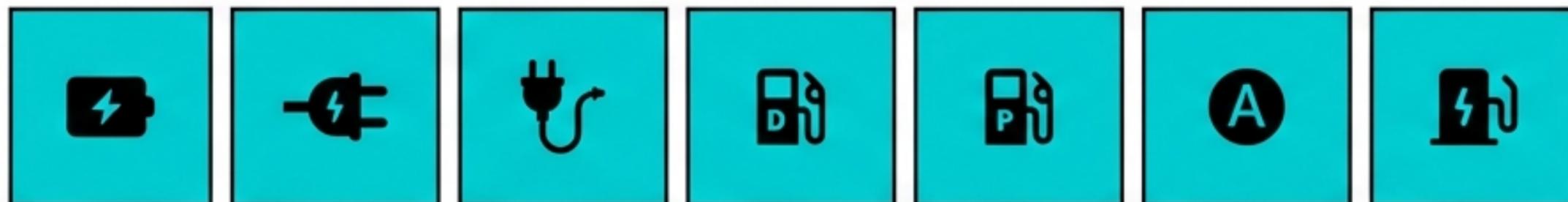
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Power

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Motability

First Cars

Family

Chinese

Finding Your Match



START

The perfect vehicle is where Form, Function, and Fit align with your reality. Use this guide to look past the marketing language and identify the silhouette that serves your life.