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CLUB • RB5 Owners Club

OWNER • Craig Sylvester (heritagerb528)V4

CAR • Impreza STi RB5 WR Sport No 28



I HAVE OWNED RB5 28 now for four years. I looked at many cars before deciding on the Impreza model. I first came across the RB5 in 2004, when I decided to go and test drive the car. After driving it I realised that it was the car for me. I bought model number 326 in 2004 but that sadly came to an end, when it was written off in a road accident.

Knowing that I couldn't find a better car, I was on the lookout again for another example! Then, in September 2005, after a lengthy check around the country, I came across No 28. Equipped with red Alcantara seats and half leather, it was even more special, as I looked into this and found out that only two RB's have the option, my car and No 425. It also has updated front speakers with a tweeter kit.

As I became more interested in the RB5, I decided to join the owners club. I joined as a full member on the 2nd October 2005 and I have met some really nice people. They are all friendly and they are willing to help and give advice on any queries or questions that I might have regarding the RB. I also look forward to attending the events and shows throughout the year.

After chatting on the owners club forum, I decided that I wanted to add a few modifications to improve the performance. I added a Bailey dump valve, K & N panel filter and I removed the resonator from the inner wing. I also added a set of Magnecor KV85 HT leads and a Walbro 255 fuel pump. Most recently, I decided to get a full de-cat carried out. A Hayward and Scott open neck downpipe and a 2.5inch centre section went onto the standard Prodrive back box. I may be looking into an uprated turbo and a remap in the near future but at the moment I am happy with the way my car is running.

The car is special to me as it is a limited edition. It is reliable and enjoyable to drive. It is a pleasure to own and is one of the most respected limited edition Imprezas to be produced. What I am hoping for, with my car, is that it continues to be as dependable as it has been since the day I bought it. If the time ever came for me to replace the RB (hopefully not in the near future) the choice would have to be another Impreza, possibly a WR1 or the RB320, but at the moment I'm just enjoying the RB! ■ TI

Specification:

Engine:

- Prodrive Performance Pack
- Bailey Dump valve
- K&N Panel filter
- Magnecor KV85 HT leads
- Walbro 225 Fuel pump
- Hayward and Scott open neck downpipe
- 2.5inch centre section
- Exedy clutch

Suspension:

- Prodrive quick shift
- Prodrive suspension kit – Bilstein damper, Prodrive springs, Powerflex solid rear drop links

Brakes:

- Standard front 4 pot calipers with the standard rear brakes

Exterior:

- Standard 17inch speedline wheels with Toyo proxes T1-R tyres
- Prodrive WRC rear spoiler
- STI-6 front lip spoiler
- Full crystal clear indicators and front side lights
- STI rear lights
- Splash guards
- Electric sunroof
- Private Number plate

Interior:

- Half leather with red Alcantara centres with embroidered logo
- Up rated speakers with front tweeter kit
- Ice warning light
- Prodrive boot mat

