



Jeremy Walton's Audi TT quattro Sport – giving great service after five years (so far) of fun!

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Compulsory beauty shot, but Thruxton has been a regular destination for the TT as a spectator for British Touring Cars, a Grandson's skidpan sessions and to meet a high-flying client for my book business.



Five years and counting... Jeremy Walton reports on his Audi TT quattro Sport, which seems to be a 'keeper'!

In the eighth part of his series on owning and living with his TT quattro Sport, Jeremy confirms that the car is still going strong... and is still very much fun to own and use.

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Closing in on 100,000 miles, our 5-years represents 13,000 miles together. In this eighth instalment of this series, Jeremy Walton updates us with news of his quattro sport's repairs, updates and future plans. He writes: "Our 5 year anniversary, darling!"

After 5 years ownership, this run out 2006 edition of Audi's TT quattro sport has proved a rewarding buy, marred only by the hefty road tax charge of £710 or the £372.75p I pay half yearly, which totals £745.50. Otherwise, as a vehicle bought with over 85,000 miles registered and now closing on 100,000 miles, it has been exceptionally reliable. Since our last instalment, published 8th December 2023, my 240bhp TT quattro sport has gathered a total 98,730 miles and I have come to appreciate it's strengths and snags over 13,255 miles of that total.

Pleasingly maintenance-modest, individually stylish and at least depreciation-proof, but this TT is not the vastly appreciating asset that dealer prices imply, unless the mileage is exceptionally [under 60,000 miles] low. And anyone who has ever actually used such garage queens will know they can often cough and splutter when pressed back into regular use.



Two of a kind!



“Bit of a do” to celebrate the life of Datsun modification ace ‘Spike’ Anderson in Northamptonshire, sees 2006 TT squatting alongside a current full size Audi.



Frosty Christmas outing little bother with occasional need for the 4×4 traction that was integral to more powerful TTs.



TT has attended Castle Combe a couple of times in 2024, but on this occasion it was used as the 55 mph "Pace Car" over 4 sessions at a Club Lotus Day. Yes, the planned Lotus had failed to progress at the last minute...

January 2024 saw an unexpected problem when the wiper literally ground to a standstill. The linkage to a lower spindle had loosened, no parts were required, but to gain access not just the wiper arms need stripping, but also the plastic cowling. Bill was £60 and no parts were needed, the British winter providing an immediate and totally satisfactory proof that Normal Service had resumed.

On a June 2024 annual service day, the TT faced a fifth MoT in my hands and passed with no advisories.



MOT test certificate

1 Vehicle identification number
WUAZZZ8N461900911

2a Registration number 2b Country of registration
RO06NDJ **GB**

Make and model
AUDI TT

3 Vehicle category	4 Mileage	Mileage history	
M1	98,730 miles	95,411 miles	22.06.2023
		92,893 miles	21.06.2022
		89,604 miles	04.06.2021



Driver & Vehicle
Standards
Agency

Pass

5a Date of the test 5b Expiry date
28.06.2024 **03.07.2025**

To preserve the anniversary of the expiry date, the earliest you can present your vehicle for test is 04.06.2025.

6a Location of the test
UNIT 15B, DEVERILL ROAD TRADING ESTATE, SUTTON VENY, WARMINSTER, BA12 7BZ

7 Testing organisation and inspector name
1ALD82 G W SHEPPARD & SON LIMITED
A. LUSTY

MOT test number
5377 4407 8177

Check that this document is genuine by visiting www.gov.uk/check-mot-history

If any of the details are not correct, please contact DVSA by email at enquiries@dvsa.gov.uk or by telephone on 0300 1239000.

Receive a free annual MOT reminder by subscribing at www.gov.uk/mot-reminder or by telephone on 0300 1239000.



Issuer signature



MoT - Pass!

The insurance rates obtained through a broker in July 2023 were little changed at a £350 annual premium, but I am awaiting a quote as this is written as I have just paid a £100 fine for 35 mph in a 30 mph limit.

Those central red pixel readouts for the trip computer and external temperature suffered the traditional Audi TT display hiccups and missing particles. The main dashboard readouts worsened, only the red needle of the rev counter glowing, meaning that those for speed, water temperature and fuel tank contents were absent. That does matter at night. Indicated speed I could cope with on the rpm reported, but I don't like not monitoring water temperatures.



One of the most satisfying updates and repairs has been to get the absent pixel readouts and instrument illuminations functioning again.

It took time to trace a trustworthy repair specialist, via my local regular service and repair garage. Peter Jenkins at Auto Services checked out some more, but he had used an outfit called Cartronix in Hampshire for other customers. I know Hampshire quite well—lived there three years—and worked out that they were located on a small industrial estate within Portsmouth's postcode. An appointment was fixed and a likely estimate of £250 predicted.

There were a couple of Cartronix side issues on attendance. Parking looked impossible with reserved bays for other enterprises and only an upstairs office visible, but it turned out the



workshop was at the rear with single bay parking. Checking the TT in, I found there was no waiting room for the anticipated 2 hours, but I had anticipated a book business meeting. So I only had to walk round the corner to a clean and well-stocked upstairs café in a massive Sainsbury's.

Just had an hour and half to complete said meet when the mobile rang and TT was pronounced ready! What's more the bill was £158 and the VAT took it just short of 200 at £190. I hardly dared think it would all work without fiddly resets [as when battery disconnected], but only calendar and clock required resets, everything else worked perfectly for the first time in my ownership!



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INVOICE Page 1

Invoice No	42501
Invoice Date	28/05/2024
Order No	754997
Account Ref	JWARTON

Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Disc Amt	Net Amt	VAT %	VAT
1.000	Audi TT Instrument Cluster LCD Display	125.000	0.00	125.00	20.00	25.00
1.000	CAX5 Repair	0.000	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.00
1.000	CAX13 Repair	0.000	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.00
1.000	CAX9 Repair	0.000	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.00
1.000	LIFETIME WARRANTY (T&C'S APPLY-PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS)	0.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1.000	Non-Refundable Removal and Reinstall of Instrument Cluster	33.330	0.00	33.33	20.00	6.67
Amount Paid 190.00		Amount Due		0.00		

Total Discount	£	0.00
Total Net Amount	£	158.33
Carriage Net	£	0.00
Total Tax Amount	£	31.67
Invoice Total	£	190.00



This meant I knew we had covered a sniff over 98,000 miles and that I now had to make a decision on sell or keep before the deterrent drop in value when over 100,000 miles are indicated. I investigated a dealer exchange for a high performance MINI Cooper S JCW: the part exchange price offered was so low that it made nonsense of the often quoted media tip that the original Audi TT is a classic in the making. Not yet and not at more than 60,000 miles seemed to be the verdict...

Next on my 'To-Do' list were the brakes. Vibration and a sloppy pedal had become evident in the all-disc system. I had stuck with the original systems, but now a leaking calliper and the two front discs would be replaced by an EBC "High Precision" layout [£199] coupled to £125 Brembo pads, DoT 5.1 brake fluid to race temperature rating and a new £126 NSF calliper. Total expenditure £830.43, but that included VAT, plus a full annual service as well.



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Original discs...



The original discs have now been replaced by this set of uprated EBC units with Brembo pads. Next on the list is to repaint those faded callipers in the original red and endless perusal of wheel and tyre options to save these original alloys, which have become extremely expensive to replace.



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Wheel, post brakes work...



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Carsons Yard, East Street
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Tel: 01985 215749

Date 28 March 2024
 Name Mr J. Walker Invoice No. 6001
 Address _____
 Vehicle Audi TT Sport
 Reg PO06NDJ
 Tel No 841240 Mileage 97503

Work carried out Carry out Service as required. Strip out front brakes. Clean up and reassemble using Performance discs and Pads.
EBC Brembo

Brakes had been vibraty
with load. Pass &
Drives returned

Parts used:	
Screen Wash additive	1.80
Air filter element	20.04
oil filter	10.75
5/30 : 004 : 507 Shell Synthetic	44.10
Brake Cleaner	3.00
Set Brembo Performance pads	125.55
Pair EBC Performance discs	199.76

Report Items: Please "bed brakes in" before heavy use 50 miles - JW
N/S front brake Caliper piston tight, not binding! S of 9T1/4
Tyres heavy on edges, Geo? Wheels & Tyres for everyday?
exhaust front pipe flange frings corroded but Secure. (cut free) effect
Slight Play evident in N/S inner CV joint. Admiring.

Waste disposal Charge	3.00
Total Parts	407.98
Labour	180.00
VAT @ %	
Total	587.98



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Date: 16 May 2024
Name: J. Walton Invoice No: 6026
Address: _____
Vehicle: Audi TT
Reg: R006NDJ
Tel No: _____ Mileage: 97877

Work carried out: Replace N/S front brake caliper, carry out brake fluid change.

Parts used:	
N/S front brake caliper	126.15
DOT S-1 Brake fluid	9.90
Copper Sealing Washers x2	1.40
Total Parts	137.45
Labour	105.00
VAT @ %	
Total	242.45

Report Items:

There was a subsequent side issue with an intermittent brake pad wear warning flashed up. As the car was also booked in for MoT, this was fixed with a new sensor replacing a corroded and broken wire within a multi-pin connector. It passed the MoT, that £54.50p fee part of a £123.80p total. The MoT record naturally shows low annual mileage through the Covid years and 2023-4 was hardly troubling at 3,319 miles.



Yes, the hatchback struts need replacing! Which means another cross-eyed session looking through dubious eBay offerings in an effort to find New old Stock...You can also see there's a spare wheel for longer trips—the emergency gas filler for a punctured tyre has long



since expired.



Sadly, the aero kit is vulnerable to pavement and kerb scrapes, which you do not notice until a thorough clean.



Book sales!

One annual cost aspect of my TT ownership that remains really unwelcome and recurring is the rate of road tax for these and other vehicles in the same tax band who received a swingeing increase in March 2006 and in the last 12 months. At more than £700 annually, this charge is painful enough in that I might have gone for a fiercer performance car—BMW's M3 for instance—without incurring any higher road tax... Fuel consumption versus 155 mph performance is an acceptable balance: using Esso's E5 99 Octane returns 33.2 mpg over 200-mile days, short runs usually see just short of 29 mpg.

There are dynamic flaws and this is no concours collector car in my hands, but it is also



usually a very satisfying—if cross-country bumpy—drive. These 4-cylinder-25-valve engines proved capable of more than 400 regular racing horsepower in Formula Palmer Audi. Yet it is so flexible with strong 2000-5000 rpm pulling power- and apparently durable in this 240 bhp road format -that I have resisted the urge to even mildly modify it. For the price paid and the satisfaction gained, it remains an affordable keeper. —**Jeremy Walton**

Happy customer... I was very pleased with the electronic dashboard work of: Cartronix in Waterlloville, Hants. Find them at : www.cartronix.co.uk My regular garage—who also looked after four BMWs in my care—is Auto Services, Carsons Yard, Warminster: Tel, 01985215749.

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