

2009 '09 Lancia Thesis 2.4JTDm 20V Sportiva Comfortronic

Of the five known Thesis residing in the UK, this is the only 'Sportiva Comfortronic' version, built to special order in March 2009, registered in Italy April 2009 & UK registered February 2012.

The Thesis –never available in RHD- was Lancia's 2002-08 flag ship competing in the upper A6/5-Series/E-Class sector, but due to pricing, quirkiness and acquired taste, it sold in modest numbers only- a travesty as build quality & safety features match anything that the rest of Europe or Japan has to offer. The Centenario introduced in 2006 was a high spec (diesel only) limited edition to commemorate the illustrious & innovative marque's 100th year, however demand exceeded expectations and the initial run of 100 units increased.

The Centenario was available in four metallic colour schemes- black or silver single tones & dark grey over silver or bronze over gold bi-colours. General Thesis production ceased in early 2008, however it was still possible to purchase one hand built to special order for a further 18 months. Naturally the Centenario, now labelled 'Sportiva Comfortronic' was the best seller. Over 200 of these run out cars- listing from £52,900 (discounts were offered) were purchased, black or silver only, distinguished by the latest Lancia badging to body, wheels, steering wheel, key fobs and central information screen.

This new for 2009 MY 'Nero Provacatore' (all previous black Thesis were Nero 'Donatello') car is one of the last, purchased new by the Petronas Oil company from the largest Lancia dealer in Turin- Mirafiori Motor Village Bienasco, one of their directors running it until January 2012 and 88,000km. I am the second owner also buying it in Beinasco and personally importing it into the UK. It meets all UK VCA/VOSA/DVLA legislation.

The car has been fastidiously maintained with a full service history including a complete diary of expenditure and documentation since I purchased (Six services in my ownership alone-see below), folder of documents from new, Italian service pack, two sets of keys, Italian & German sales brochures & full UK Owners Handbook. Very reliable and continually used since I purchased it over its now 159,300km (99,000miles). The MOT expires 15/03/15 & tax 31/07/14. Road Tax is £225.00 annually.

Regarding the cars condition, it is as immaculate as can be expected for a regularly used vehicle of its mileage, with some minor markings but no dents. The wheels have recently been professionally refurbished & tyres are all Pirelli P Zero Rosso's (as OE) with 3.5mm tread front (after 17,000 miles) & also 3.5mm tread rear (after 31,000 miles) remaining. Internally the car is unmarked and importantly everything electrical functions correctly.

The car is known in the Lancia Motor Club & won its class in the LMC concours 2012 & also Master-class in 2013. It has been exhibited on LMC's stand at the Birmingham NEC in November 2012 & Event City, Manchester in April 2013 Classic Car Shows too.

The specification includes automatic transmission, 18" alloys, electric windows, heated electric memory seats, electric power folding mirrors, electric steering column, electric rear blind, mirrors & head rests, Bi-Xenon headlamps with washers, fog lamps, auto lights & wipers, heated windscreen, Bose sound system including radio/cassette/multi-CD, car phone preparation, Full European 2011 Satellite Navigation, double glazing, blue heat insulating tinted windows, rear privacy glass, 10 airbags, tri zone climate control, drinks heater/cooler, puddle lights, rear passenger remote for stereo, seat, blind & temp adjustment, cruise control, remote central locking, alarm & immobiliser, ski flap, Poltrona Frau luxury leather interior, F&R parking sensors, 100th badging.

How do you value this car in the UK? Looking at the Italian market, if an excellent late model Thesis is what you want prices vary between £7,500 & £14,000 (higher elsewhere) for a similar car plus import/ registration costs. There's a selection of Thesis on the European market, however most have been abused & there are many pitfalls (this one took over 6 months to source after dismissing numerous others) so beware.

I believe in asking **£6,750** for this exclusive UK registered car- a talking point wherever it goes- represents superb value. Cherished number 'N3 ROF' ('Black F') is optional under separate negotiation if required.



Above- On LMC Stand at Nov 2012 NEC Classic Car Show. Below- At home Feb 2014



04/2009 LANCIA THESIS 2.4JTDm 20V CENTENARIO SPORTIVA DW 340GW/N3 ROF			
PURCHASE & RUNNING COSTS IN MY OWNERSHIP			
DATE	OUTGOING	COST DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS	MILEAGE (KM)
21/01/2012	£862.07	Deposit on Car (Euro 1,000)	88,457
25/01/2012	£11,556.00	2nd Instalment on car to get prepared for export (Euro 13,405)	
04/02/2012	£1,017.24	Balance of car inc Demolizione Targa/Passagio (Euro 1,180)	88,474
20/02/2012	£928.00	VCA/IVA/DVLA approval/adjustments/wheels/registration	89,996
20/02/2012	£215.00	12mths Road Tax	
	£14,578.31	ACTUAL PURCHASE COST	

DATE	OUTGOING	RUNNING COSTS SINCE PURCHASE (EXCL FUEL & INS)	MILEAGE (KM)
09/03/2012	£229.00	Nav Teq 9-disc 2010/11 DVD System	93,303
21/03/2012	£99.00	Interim Service & MOT (No advisories) at Mangoletsi Alfa Romeo	
28/04/2012	£576.00	New Windscreen fitted at Mangoletsi Alfa Romeo	
05/05/2012	£32.50	2 New wiper arms/blades Halfords Chorley	
22/05/2012	£8.49	1L Brake fluid Halfords Oldham	
23/06/2012	£76.00	Temporary budget tyre fitted at Chorley Tyres	98,741
07/07/2012	£49.99	5L Mobil 1 0W-40 Turbo diesel Synthetic Oil, Halfords, Chorley	
12/07/2012	£0.00	Oil & Filter Service at DCT Plant fitting shop, Bredbury	
01/08/2012	£124.50	Fiat ECU Scan multiplexed diagnostic scanner purchased	
14/09/2012	£307.80	2No Pirelli P Zero Rosso tyres fitted at Shaw Tyres	108,732
16/10/2012	£16.99	1L Mobil 1 0W-40 Turbo diesel Synthetic Oil, Halfords, Oldham	112,336
24/10/2012	£985.49	Major Service inc Belts/Air Con/Front Pads/fluids etc at Autosshield Maserati	
09/01/2013	£16.99	1L Mobil 1 0W-40 Turbo diesel Synthetic Oil, Halfords, Oldham	
22/01/2013	£220.00	12mths Road Tax	
02/03/2013	£612.00	New Alternator fitted at Weldbank Garage, Chorley	121,007
19/03/2013	£27.42	MOT at Halfords, Oldham (rear pads advisory)	122,420
21/03/2013	£43.87	Bosch rear brake pads (E-bay)	
27/03/2013	£14.95	Bi Xenon Headlamp replacement bulbs (E-bay)	
27/03/2013	£8.08	Oil Filter (E-bay)	
28/03/2013	£96.00	Stone chip repairs to o/s front wing under headlamp, Chips Away	
24/04/2013	£39.99	5L Mobil 1 0W-40 Turbo diesel Synthetic Oil, Halfords, Oldham	
26/04/2013	£0.00	Oil & Filter Service (check rear pads) at DCT Plant fitting shop, Bredbury	125,598
26/06/2013	£313.80	2No Pirelli P Zero Rosso tyres fitted at Shaw Tyres	130,816

22/07/2013	£16.99	1L Mobil 1 0W-40 Turbo diesel Synthetic Oil, Halfords, Oldham	
04/09/2013	£169.00	Interim Service at Servicing Stop (B&G Autotechs), Oldham	138,593
26/10/2013	£26.70	Forte DPF Cleaner & Advanced Diesel Treatment (E-bay)	
17/01/2014	£968.26	Interim Service, Tune, Discs & Pads all round, fit new bi-xenon's, o/s front driveshaft & cv boot, re-set dash warning lights etc at Smallbrook Fiat.	151,857
31/01/2014	£123.75	6mths road tax	152,235
05/03/2014	£80.00	Windscreen Replacement Excess (ordered 19/02/14), fitted by Auto-glass	155,624
15/03/2014	£39.99	MOT at Smalbrook Fiat (No Advisories)	156,881
17/05/2014	£724.16	New o/s/r EPB motor/calliper, fix small oil leak. at Smallbrook Fiat	158,883
	£260.00	Refurbish alloys and minor paint to under o/s headlamp at Smallbrook Fiat	
	£6,307.71		
TOTAL	£20,886.02		

