

There is more luggage space than one might guess (14.6 cu ft vs 11.7 for the sedan) because the trunk is rather deep and not as abbreviated as the exterior styling of the rear end would suggest.

Some drivers commented that Audi's dashboard graphics are a bit too graphic for their tastes, but others like them for their instant recognizability. The cruise control works without a fault, holding the set speed right on the mark, and the 4-spoke wrapped steering wheel is comfortable to grip and has a sturdy feel about it. The AM/FM radio in our test car was uninspired in its performance, but the heated driver's seat feature worked splendidly. All in all, the Coupe's interior is a pleasant environment indeed.

Parts-bin engineering isn't a new concept. And while the Audi Coupe doesn't necessarily break any new ground in the realm of automotive engineering, the result offers a lot more than the sum of those parts. It is an entertaining and exciting car to drive. It offers the enthusiast a unique combination of superior ergonomics, crisply handsome coupe styling with typical Audi attention to passenger comfort, reasonable fuel efficiency (we measured 22.5 mpg overall) and a touch of flair at a price that's likely to send other sport coupe designers back to their drawing boards. With all those features going for it, is it any wonder we think it's an outstanding automobile? **II**



PRICE

Ust price, all POE.....	\$11,875
Price as tested.....	\$14,050
Price as tested includes AM/FM stereo/cassette with power antenna (\$675), air cond (\$620), metallic paint (\$285), elect. window lifts (\$260), elect. adj mirrors (\$175), power door locks (\$160)	

GENERAL

Curb weight, lb/kg.....	2510.....1140
Test weight.....	2700.....1226
Weight dist (with driver), fr, %.....	63/37
Wheelbase, in./mm.....	99.8.....2535
Track, front/rear.....	55.1/55.9.....1400/1420
Length.....	177.0.....4496
Width.....	66.3.....1684
Height.....	53.1.....1349
Trunk space, cu ft/liters.....	14.6.....413
Fuel capacity, U.S. gal./liters.....	15.8.....60

ENGINE

Type.....	sohc inline-5
Bore x stroke, in./mm.....	.312 x 3.40.....79.5 x 86.4
Displacement, cu in./cc.....	132.....2144
Compression ratio.....	8.2:1
Bhp @ rpm, SAE net/kW.....	100/75 @ 5100
Torque @ rpm, lb-ft/Nm.....	112/152 @ 3000
Fuel injection.....	Bosch KJetronic
Fuel requirement.....	unleaded 91-oct

DRIVETRAIN

Transmission.....	.5-sp manual
Gear ratios: 5th (0.54).....	2.41:1
4th (0.70).....	3.121
3rd (0.97).....	4.33:1
2nd (1.52).....	6.78:1
1st (2.85).....	12.71:1
Final drive ratio.....	4.46:1

CHASSIS & BODY

Layout.....	front engine/front drive
Body/frame.....	unit steel
Brake system.....	9.4-in. (239-mm) discs front, 7.9 x 1.2-in. (200 x 30-mm) drums rear; vacuum asst
Wheels.....	cast alloy, 14 x 6J
Tires.....	Firestone S-660, 185/60HR-14
Steering type.....	rack & pinion; power assisted
Turns, lock-to-lock.....	3.4
Suspension, front/rear.....	MacPherson struts, lower A-arms, coil springs, tube shocks, anti-roll bar/beall axle with integral anti-roll bar on trailing arms, Panhard rod, coil springs, tube shocks

CALCULATED DATA

Lb/bhp (test weight).....	27.0
Mph/1000 rpm (5th gear).....	26.7
Engine revs/mi (60 mph).....	2250
R&T steering index.....	1.10
Brake swept area, sq in./ton.....	.177

ROAD TEST RESULTS

ACCELERATION

Time to distance, see:	
0-100 ft.....	3.6
0-500 ft.....	9.6
0-1320 ft (JA mil).....	18.1
Speed at end of JA mi, mph.....	75.5
Time to speed, see:	
0-30 mph.....	3.4
0-50 mph.....	7.8
0-60 mph.....	11.2
0-70 mph.....	15.5
0-80 mph.....	20.4

SPEEDS IN GEARS

5th gear (4100 rpm).....	111
4th (5400).....	111
3rd (6500).....	97
2nd (6500).....	63
1st (6500).....	34

FUEL ECONOMY

Normal driving, mpg.....	22.5
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BRAKES

Minimum stopping distances, ft:	
From 60 mph.....	151
From 80 mph.....	253
Control in panic stop.....	excellent
Pedal effort for 0.5g stop, lb.....	27
Fade: percent increase in pedal effort to maintain 0.5g deceleration in 6 stops from 60 mph.....	22
Overall brake rating.....	excellent

HANDLING

Lateral accel, 100-ft radius, g.....	0.800
Speed thru 700-ft slalom, mph.....	60.7

INTERIOR NOISE

Constant 30 mph, dBA.....	67
50 mph.....	69
70 mph.....	75

~PEEDOMETER ERROR

30 mph indicated is actually.....	30.0
60 mph.....	58.0

ACCELERATION

