

## Need help deciding - Swap or Not to swap...

Posted by Cashy - 2014/10/06 12:37

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Hi All,

As some of you know I have a white GT-S which I'm 'doing up' in an attempt to get it all sorted and back to mint condition. I'm about halfway through it but a friend of mine has told me about a ep3 Type R for sale and after looking at it and driving it the owner asked about a swap deal for his.

Its a black '02 with similar mileage, taxed and tested.

What would ye advise?

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## Re: Need help deciding - Swap or Not to swap...

Posted by mike... - 2014/10/06 13:30

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## Re: Need help deciding - Swap or Not to swap...

Posted by julio - 2014/10/06 16:36

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Posted by dan\_ep82 - 2014/10/06 20:47

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My old DC5 was no slouch, there are a lot of dirt boxes out there though.

Is it a JDM EP3 or UK Cashy?

If its a UK its only worth 2.5k or so for a good clean one for the pre facelift. The JDM one has the better extra's (seats, LSD, more power etc) and is worth a good bit more.

The brother had a UK EP3 when I had the DC5. For having no LSD etc its still a great car, not as fast or as good through the bends as the DC5 but not as expensive either.

Anything else you want to know just ask

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### Re: Need help deciding - Swap or Not to swap...

Posted by julio - 2014/10/06 21:23

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Most Dc5's are stock ( due to the price of parts, 500 for the better intake! ) where as nearly every DC2 has a mani back with a filter at least.

My own was as quick as a mates 00 dc2 with a nice spec, his felt better in the bends (still handled extremely similar mind) but couldn't stand the ride.

I've had a few Honda's and only like the DC5 because of the drivability of the K20, loads of low down torque.

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**Re: Need help deciding - Swap or Not to swap...**

Posted by julio - 2014/10/06 21:41

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That I do agree k20 is a perfect engine just mods cost too much , one thing I will say the stance a a dc5 with nice alloys is sweet , I'm sorry but the ep3 don't do it for me in spec on paper its a great car and cheap money now the only thing when you pass the young lad fase it gets quite costly for tasty mods :(

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Posted by mike... - 2014/10/06 22:18

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Posted by Cashy - 2014/10/06 23:13

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Thanks all for the replies :) I did enjoy the spin and all its cubbies an holders. Tons of space!?! Deceptively big car. Its an Irish car from new. Not as torqey as the tubby which is to be expected but the noise!! Standard airbox and exhaust but it sounds great :) Id prefer an S2K too but there holding value and a similar 02 one I expect would be much dearer. I'll sleep on it

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**Re: Need help deciding - Swap or Not to swap...**

Posted by julio - 2014/10/06 23:43

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Sounds like your looking for something more practical , if that's the case go for it get your self a nice mugen twinloop exhaust lovely sound up top end and prob a nice spoon drop in filter will keep you happy for some time ;)

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**Re: Need help deciding - Swap or Not to swap...**

Posted by spla300 - 2014/10/07 01:09

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Why comment on a post like that ? There's hundreds of thousands of cars out there with rust on them Honda's are prob the least likely to rust in the ratio of cars sold

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**Re: Need help deciding - Swap or Not to swap...**

Posted by spla300 - 2014/10/07 21:31

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Were not talking about other hundred of thousands of cars out there, were talking about the mr2 and civic.

Cashy is deciding if he should swap or not so im sure he dosent mind people telling him the good and bad points about the cars so he can make up his mind.

The lad wants to know if he should swap his mr2 for the civic, im saying when that civic gets as old as his mr2 is now it will most likely have more rust on it, rust would bother me more than anything.

Hondas are reliable though and parts would be easier to get since its more common than an mr2.

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Lol there's no part of this quote that's positive other wise than the more space , if I was a newbie looking at a post like this there's no way I'd be asking a random question , as for older civics integra's hondy city's accords iv only every had experience with bolts getting rusted shut . seen a few with sill rust but they were all UK cars with no rust inhibitor sprayed on them , maybe a better way would have been to say to spray the underneath of the car if you get it with rust inhibitor to stop any future problems ;)

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**Re: Need help deciding - Swap or Not to swap...**

Posted by busy93 - 2014/10/07 23:52

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Hey buy or swap 4 a scooby 94.95. 96.jap. They were aluminium doors bonnet wings boot. And serious handling

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**Re: Need help deciding - Swap or Not to swap...**

Posted by Cashy - 2014/10/08 09:50

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Ok - Made up my mind yesterday and have no pics yet but here's pretty much what the car looks like! The body very, very good and civic has no rust anywhere, even underneath! Has white JDM wheels just like the pic too B) Thanks for all your comments  
[http://i1279.photobucket.com/albums/y523/cashy56/Honda\\_Civic\\_Type\\_R\\_JDM\\_by\\_huy\\_nguyen\\_zps906adcec.jpg](http://i1279.photobucket.com/albums/y523/cashy56/Honda_Civic_Type_R_JDM_by_huy_nguyen_zps906adcec.jpg)

Thing that made up my mind is the fact that this ep3r is a solid base to build on!  
The MR2 - I kinda rushed into buying and it wasn't a great base but looked stunning :woohoo: Bought it with my heart rather than my head. Don't be afraid to walk away. I spent a bit making it better, suspension, wheels, aerial, discs, pads, seats, ect but there was still quite a way to go unfortunately :dry:

On a brighter note the K20a is no slouch so I'm not seriously lacking power.  
I'll post actual pics asap!

Thanks again  
Cash

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Posted by busy93 - 2014/10/08 10:31

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Posted by Cashy - 2014/10/08 10:46

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Thanks - The end? The end you say?!? Is this the end of beautiful, reliable, exciting, head-turning, super fast Toyota coupe's...

[http://i1279.photobucket.com/albums/y523/cashy56/toyota-ft-1-concept\\_100476675\\_m\\_zpse9c1cb4f.jpg](http://i1279.photobucket.com/albums/y523/cashy56/toyota-ft-1-concept_100476675_m_zpse9c1cb4f.jpg)

No chance B)

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Posted by julio - 2014/10/08 11:47

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Best of luck with it , and a lot more practical lol , yup there a great base , enjoy

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**Re: Need help deciding - Swap or Not to swap...**

Posted by Quandry - 2014/10/08 12:03

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Looks like a nice Civic Cashy - enjoy it and live life.

As for coming back to an MR2 sometime in the future - never say never! :)

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Congrats on the new car, the parts for them aren't as dear as for the DC5 so don't be too put off if you want some bits.

Have a look at getting a fast road setup (FRSU) , really can make the world of difference on handling

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## Re: Need help deciding - Swap or Not to swap...

Posted by Luksander - 2014/10/08 12:57

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Best of luck. When you stop enjoy new toy - you know how to find us;) You may buy back yours MR2 after years as some people thinking to do:) keep tracking them...

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