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■ ACCOLADES: The all-new Rover 75 Diesel.

**RICHARD Hill puts the Rover 75 Diesel through its paces along the lanes of Taplow, Burnham, Dorney and the M4.**

THE Rover 75 has almost an aversion to speed restrictions.

It has such smooth and graceful acceleration that seems to creep imperceptibly towards the speed limit. It needs a tactful driver to keep it in check.

Rover describe the 75 as 'A picture of inspiration – created in the minds of inspired designers... that reintroduces the concept of motoring pleasure'.

This car is almost a diesel in disguise. The distinctive 'diesel sound' occurs only when stationary and then the difference is only barely perceptible.

The diesel engine uses the latest fuel injection and turbo-charger technology to combine extreme economy with petrol engine refinement.

The Rover 75 literally glides, gently inclining through country bends with an elegant ease.

On major roads it makes progress quickly, pressing on with excellent acceleration with a feeling of total control.

It's a car to be part of. 'Take the Rover 75 down a demanding road', say Rover, 'and you'll immedi-

ately be impressed by its dynamic capabilities'. We were.

The interior is exquisite, glossy and classy. There's a patina of age balanced with tasteful contemporary elegance.

It has distinctive and bespoke attention to detail – a feeling that each interior was especially crafted for each individual driver.

The Rover 75 boasts two V6 engine options in the 2.0 and the 2.5-litre.

There's a choice of manual transmission or multi-mode automatic.

And there are three specifications – Classic, Club and Connoisseur.

Models cost from between £16,495 and £24,885.

Standard features include: ABS with Electronic Brakeforce Distribution; Driver, passenger and side (front) airbags; Electric front windows; Electric operated and heated door mirrors; Leather steering wheel, hand-brake grip and gearknob; Twin halogen headlamps; Three rear lap and diagonal seat belts; Remote locking with passive immobilisation and perimeter alarm system; High mounted rear stop lamp; Burr walnut fascia trim; Height adjustable front head restraints and power-assisted steering

In April last year, Rover 75 was the UK's fifth



best-selling car.

It has already been awarded 15 accolades around the world, including Italy's 'most beautiful car in the world'.

Last month the MG Rover Group announced that it had been selected to supply cars to the

Government.

We collected our car from SMC Rover in the Bath Road in Slough.

We took it through the weaving lanes of Burnham and Taplow, the elegant streets of Windsor and Eton and the M4 to Chiswick. It loved it all.