



# Mitsubishi Evolution X RS

**“The Mitsubishi requires a different technique, but it rewards at the same high level as the BMW...”** Roger Green, *EVO* magazine, February issue, 2011

MITSUBISHI EVO X RS V

They're both hardcore road racers, but while they share similar power-to-weight ratios, their approaches are very different. Roger Green discovers which is faster round the West Circuit

BMW M3 CSL



There were only over 422 right-hand-drive 340 M3 CSLs in the UK, which is a shame because on the road it is without doubt one of the very best of the breed, right up there with the various iterations of the original iconic EVO M3. As a track-day machine, however, the CSL is arguably perfect, for despite the 340hp, exceptionally fluid and fast, its four-pot motor is, well, a bit sluggish in a circuit by today's standards. Yet while the 2003 CSL is hardly current either, it can keep a 2010 M3 GTFS honest – the newer car is only two seconds quicker around the Northcliffe.

Don't expect to pay a 300k CSL at a bargain price, though. You'll need around £22,000 for one today, which is about what it costs to buy a brand new Mitsubishi Evo X RS. The RS is a true homologation special – the interior

is, clearly, there's no air-con and the central diff is a straightforward mechanical unit – and on the road it changes direction with the hunger that's been missing for a while now in the Evo range. Best of all, the official UK supplier of the RS, the JRM Group, also offers the car with 160hp (top from 210), and that gives it a power-to-weight ratio that's almost identical to the CSL's (210hp/ton versus 200). There's no doubt about it, this is a pair of road racers from the top drawer, yet until now neither has been put through its paces at Bedford.

First up at the CSL, and it doesn't take long to understand the huge following this car has.

**SPECIFICATIONS**

**MITSUBISHI EVO X RS 340**  
 Engine 340hp @ 6000rpm  
 Torque 240lb @ 4700rpm  
 Weight 1420kg  
 0-60mph 5.9sec  
 Top speed 153mph (limited)  
 Price £27,000

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The hood from its straight-aways would be you believe you're in a junior support category that reaches a menacing crescendo in the upper reaches of the and you'll need to be exchanging it for only truly get going above 5000rpm, down a couple in it's the CSL's forward wouldn't matter one track, if the pace is short enough to keep it right in the. Unfortunately, it doesn't quite

**Lap time EVO X RS: 1.26.1 Lap time BMW M3 CSL: 1.27.8**  
 Bedford Autodrome 1.8 mile west circuit

**UPGRADE: The easy way to extra performance**

## Mitsubishi Evo X RS – by JRM

Official importer dishes up the rawest Evo yet, at a fraction of the cost of an FQ400. By Ben Barry

**THE MAKEOVER**

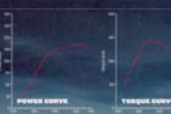
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**MUSCLE:**  
3000 cc  
JRM Evo RS  
3200 cc

**COST:** £27,995 (inc. VAT and on the road)

**WARRANTY:** Contact JRM

**FITTING TIME:** 2-3 hrs



**POWER CURVE**      **TORQUE CURVE**

**UPGRADE IN LETTERS** The ultimate Evo is the 'GALLOP', a 3000cc turbocharged engine with 300hp and 260lb ft of torque, available from three other JRM Evo RS kits. Upgrade: 2000 cc, a one-off of £1000 for £1000.

But there's another way. The Evo RS is a 3000cc turbocharged engine, but it's not enough for the ultimate Evo. The official Mitsubishi dealer provides, but it's not enough for the ultimate Evo. The official Mitsubishi dealer provides, but it's not enough for the ultimate Evo.

**HOW FAST?**

Model	0-100 (sec)	0-60 (sec)	Top Speed (mph)
JRM Evo RS	6.5	3.5	140
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**On the road, it's the RS that wins out. Its even better to drive than the ultimate FQ. Its the best EVO you can buy and one of the cheapest. A bargain.** Ben Barry, CAR Magazine, November issue, 2010

**"It's the best Evo I've driven in many, many years..."** Chris Harris, EVO magazine, June issue, 2010

**"The best Group N Rally car I have ever driven"** Gwyndaf Evans, Bulldog Rally, 2010

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