

Company Profile: Jap Performance Parts



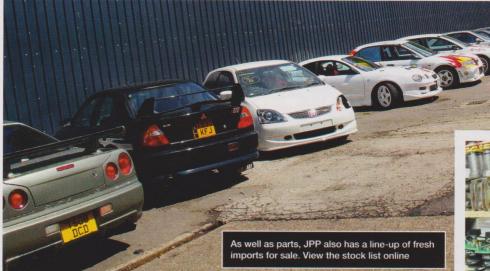
With the aftermarket becoming ever more saturated with budget tuning products we're pleased to report that Jap Performance Parts not only supplies both used and new premium components to its customers but it can now also fit them, too...

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hen it comes to tuning, the truth is that not all of us can afford new HKS suspension, CUSCO bracing, Volk Racing wheels, Apexi intake and a Blitz exhaust, especially with the cost of importing these days. Fear not, though, modifying fans as that's where Jap Performance Parts (JPP) comes in.

The business was started almost ten years ago. The Moghal family spotted a gap in the booming Japanese tuning market. Numerous car import specialists were popping up all over the country, as were countless tuning and OEM parts suppliers, but there was no one catering for used parts. Get on to any specialist car forum and you'll find club members exchanging rare, hard-to-find items in the classifieds. Whether it's JDM-spec

components or premium performance parts, enthusiasts want them and for the best price possible. So why not set up a one-stop-shop that caters for all such needs? Sajid Moghal and his family have done just that.

Now, almost ten years on, JPP employs six workshop and four office staff to keep up with demand. It also has a team member in Japan who is responsible for sourcing low-mileage, modified cars. These will often be crashdamaged, which certainly isn't a problem because the majority will never see the road again. Instead, on arrival at its headquarters in Crawley, the technicians promptly go about stripping the vehicle of every conceivable component. Body panels, strut braces, driveshafts, you name it, if it's in good condition, JPP will remove it and make it available to its customers. "Japanese cars are always more honest," Sajid explained.

"They're rust-free and all the cars we buy have warranted mileages. They only ever have premium parts fitted, too, so all genuine HKS, Tein, Work parts, that kind of thing. None of them come with cheap or replica parts."

Each item is removed, inspected and given a quick wipe down before being tagged and logged, so the team always knows exactly what's in stock. To give you more of an idea, on the day we visited to take these photos, JPP had over 100 engines in stock covering everything from STI Spec C engines to RB26DETTs. Considering an Evo IX MR 4G63 Mivec unit for your early Evo? No problem. And JPP will likely have the gearbox, ECU, clocks, wiring loom and driveshafts (over 1000 in stock) on shelf to complete your conversion, too. Don't forget, all these engines come with warranted mileages, not something you can often rely on when buying a used



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engine here in the UK.

Or how about some STI seats for your Impreza? And if you're going to do that, you may as well go for some matching blue doorcards, carpets and an STI steering wheel to complete the internal makeover. JPP has got you covered for these, too. Or maybe you've been looking into brake upgrades? As you can see from the photos, JPP has rows upon rows of OEM and aftermarket Brembo kits on the shelf ready for delivery.

At any one time, JPP has over 3000 items listed on its online shop. But if you can't immediately see what you're searching for, don't panic because the outfit also has tens of thousands of other components in stock. So, just give one of the helpful team a buzz and they'll have what you need in the post to you before you know it. And if on the rare occasion JPP doesn't have the desired part in stock, it'll do its best to source it for you. The team really does offer an excellent and unique service.

If you're building a car on a budget (and let's be honest, most of us are), then you may wonder why you'd want to spend £800 on a used set of CUSCO Zero-2 coilovers when there are plenty of new options open to you

for the same price. Well, take into account that a new set of CUSCO units retail at around £1200 and you have your answer. You're buying quality that you may not otherwise be able to afford. Spend some time cleaning and reconditioning them and you'll certainly be pleased with your decision. That said, JPP is currently expanding its new parts range, too, with the latest HKS, Whiteline, Exedy, CUSCO and BC Racing products already listed with much more to come.

Aside from parts sales, you've no doubt noticed that JPP has not just been dipping its toe into other avenues in recent years but fully immersing itself in them! The company's RWD RB25-powered Impreza (pictured), for example, burst on to the scene back in 2010 and caused such a stir in the drift scene with its perfect fusion of OEM and aftermarket components from a number of different manufacturers' parts bins, that JPP has since been commissioned to build similarly wild creations for customers. The majority of these commissions have so far emanated from India, but JPP is certainly open to ideas, should you be looking for a unique build for the road or track. One thing's for sure, the team certainly

has all the right components at its disposal to create something truly special for you. And judging by the stunning JPP S13 and S15 drift cars that we featured back in the November 2013 issue, we can certainly vouch for the quality of work leaving these workshops.

Which leads us on to JPP's latest offering to the scene. Thanks to a new fully-kitted workshop, the company now has a parts fitting service as well as general maintenance bays. JPP has therefore become a complete one-stop-shop for car tuning. Not only can you purchase both used and new parts from here, but you can also have them fitted. What's more, on selected items, the fitting service is completely free! Just call one of the friendly team for more information.

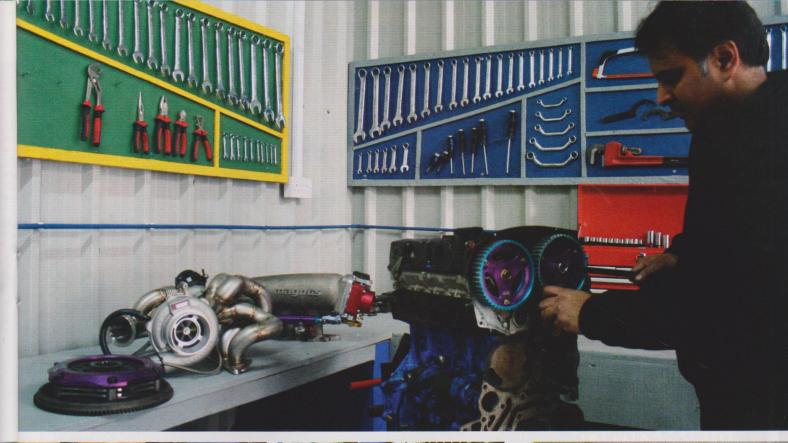
Having worked closely with JPP for the last ten years, we're pleased to see this UK specialist diversifying and doing so well. It comprises a team of genuine enthusiasts who are determined to offer the market an excellent and unique service. So, if you're currently getting a project car ready for the 2014 show season, we strongly recommend getting in touch to see if JPP can help out in any way **























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