

## Lada 1200

The Fiat 124 was not quite a silk purse, but was pretty close and up at the top of its class. Nevertheless Lada well and truly turned it into a sow's ear. I went to try one at the Stoke-on-Trent showroom. I had heard that it was sturdy and reliable. I found that it was crude, noisy and heavy to drive. What I did admire were the comprehensive tool kit and the fact that the driver's handbook handily told you how to change the crankshaft at the roadside. It was clearly a car for Stoke-on-Trent, but I gave it a miss.

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