



If you're tired of feeling like you've been taken to the cleaners by mechanics who claim your car needs far more work than sounds reasonable then there's a fantastic Canadian-made solution to let you stay on top of your vehicular needs: the Lemur Monitors BlueDriver.

It's rare to find a device so specialized that actually appeals to those knowledgeable in the field and complete newcomers, but that's what Lemur Monitors have managed here.

The BlueDriver is an unassuming little piece of kit that plugs into your car's data port and relays a whole bunch of detailed diagnostics information to the accompanying app via Bluetooth.

Although a little worried that I was in way above my pay grade when assigned this review, the truth is that the BlueDriver couldn't possibly be any easier to use. Once it's connected up, you simply open the app and pair it to the sensor. When a connection has been made you'll be able to select from a wide range of different diagnostics for up-to-date, real-time information about your car's health.

My first port of call was to check out how accurate the Vehicle Info section was. Given that I've got no experience

with this kind of thing, I was surprised to see the wealth of information available at my fingertips. Everything from your VIN and Vehicle ID to the make, model, transmission type and even production sequence number pop up instantaneously. And while that information is all available in the documentation that came with your vehicle, it's a good idea to tap the Share button and email yourself a copy of the PDF report for extra safe keeping.

The next thing I ran was the Smog Check. Here you'll get a breakdown of how your car's emissions measure up, potentially saving you some surprise results (and expense) when it's time for the real thing.

For the full low-down on pretty much everything you could possibly need to know about your car, the star of the show here is the Mode 6 diagnosis, which will identify existing problems, or flag some future issues thanks to the easy-to-understand colour-coded display system.

For a device like this your mileage may vary, but as a general guide to overall car health it's an incredibly useful piece of kit that'll easily repay its \$99 cost in no time at all - and if you're planning on buying a used car in the future, it'll prove invaluable!



LEMUR MONITORS BLUEDRIVER

KEY SPECIFICATIONS

- Bluetooth connectivity
- Free app for iOS and Android
- Works with all vehicles sold in or after 1996
- MSRP \$99.95

THE GOOD

- Extremely easy to use
- Reports offer concise insights about your vehicle's health
- Affordable

THE BAD

- Payment required to generate more than 5 repair reports from the app
- Lacks explanations for various results

IN SUMMARY

Whether you're planning on buying a second hand vehicle or simply want to keep track of your current one, BlueDriver is a must-have device

VERDICT

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