



MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER



DEXTERITY BY DESIGN

Mitsubishi's Outlander resets the SUV bar



Cycling has become more extreme these days. Cyclists can go pretty much anywhere: all they have to do is choose the right machine.

Versatility via good design means that one bike will do it all.

It's the same with telecomms. A phone used to be something you shouted into. With luck, somebody might answer. Now, talking to someone is the least of a smartphone's talents. Versatility through good design again.

Nobody's come up with a 'smart vehicle' class yet, but based on this concept of designed-in versatility, Mitsubishi's Outlander Diesel will go straight into the top echelon when they do.

The Outlander Diesel is an SUV that can seat up to seven people – but that's just the start. In the latest version, every Outlander virtue has been magnified and focused to create a depth of versatility that only a few owners will ever fully exploit.

The new Outlanders 'Dynamic Shield' front-end styling neatly expresses the form-follows-function design heritage first established by the legendary Shogun. Inside, a redesigned spacious cabin adds a fresh new layer of relaxation and comfort to the Outlander's hard core of practicality. Soft fabrics and materials work with ash wood, precision stitching, gloss black and chrome details¹ to create a premium fuss-free ambience.

An auto-dimming rear view mirror, dual-zone air conditioning, LED daytime running lights and cruise control are standard equipment on all four trim levels, starting with the business-friendly GX1 4Work and the GX2, an ideal entry-level model for private buyers. Both the GX1 and GX2 come with Active Stability and

Traction Control, Auto Stop & Go, Hill Start Assist and an adjustable speed limiter.

Move up to the GX3 to add (among lots of other stuff) 18-inch alloys, front fog lamps, an easy-action third row of split/fold seating to go with the sliding second row, privacy glass, keyless stop-start, a new leather-covered steering wheel with Bluetooth controls and a high-contrast colour LCD display.

In the GX4, Mitsubishi's Multi Communication System has had a major refresh with bigger buttons, a classier look and feel and an intuitive new menu to operate its many functions, including sat-nav, Bluetooth streaming and rear-view camera. The GX4 also has DAB digital radio, leather throughout, headlamp washing, powered tailgate and heated electric front seats.

A lot of effort has gone into refinement, both mechanically – with modifications to the steering and suspension settings – and structurally with 31 noise, vibration and harshness enhancements, including thicker glass and improved insulation around the 2.2-litre direct injection diesel engine.

This smooth aluminium unit generates its 380Nm peak torque exactly where you need it, between 1750 and 2500rpm. It operates through a six-speed manual gearbox that's been re-engineered for greater efficiency and enhanced shifting, or an intelligent six-speed automatic.

Mitsubishi's famed four-wheel drive system now has a smarter '4WD ECO' mode that does away with the need for 2WD entirely by automatically apportioning power to the front or all four wheels as conditions dictate. The Outlander is safe, too: five-star Euro NCAP safe, thanks to Mitsubishi's patented RISE impact-absorbing body construction system.

ANYTHING ELSE?

You can use an Outlander to move bikes. Not just the two that it will swallow whole when both rear seating rows are dropped: we're talking a lot of bikes. In fact, with a braked towing capacity of 2000kg, you could transport the entire entry list² of a certain well known French bike race – and still have enough capacity left over to carry a video motorcycle.

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¹ GX4 model ² Based on an average bike weight of 6.8kg



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