

A little Gem from Suzuki – Jimny

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Contained within the Suzuki range is a real wee gem- the Jimny. Many may never have heard of it and many will have forgotten.

However I am informed that it continues to have a strong following and over the years it has built up its very own fan base. There has been a Jimny in one form or another for some 47 years.

I had never sat in one never mind been behind the wheel of one, so was I in for a surprise?

The answer is yes; I did discover that despite its modest dimensions it is a true

off road vehicle with push button selectable four wheel drive and high and low gear ratios.

Enough to cope with even the most difficult conditions that we may have to encounter.

I can see this small Suzuki package providing a very useful form of transport to many people.

So why is it overlooked? The answer is in my opinion style, it does not have smooth curves like most of the current generation of SUVs and Crossovers; however when the going gets really tough this member of the Suzuki family can outshine the new breed of style vehicles that might not just be as versatile.

We often hear the term in the motor industry – global vehicle- and the Jimny really is, it is sold in 188 countries and sales to date are in excess of 2.8 million.

So what is at the heart of this vehicle? A fuel efficient modest 1.3 litre petrol engine with variable valve timing. Okay it



will not produce a fast lap of a racing circuit; however performance as I discovered is perfectly acceptable and the good news, expect to get around forty miles out of every precious gallon of fuel.



I did observe that for its engine size, emission figures are a trifle on the high side – 162g/km.

When the Jimny arrived in my driveway thoughts basic immediately flashed into my mind. That was harsh; every version features front fog lamps, roof rails, heated electric door mirrors and front electric windows.

Require more, then pay the extra and move up to the SZ4 grade and you get leather look leather/cloth front seats, air con, chunky alloy wheels, a leather trim steering wheel and rear privacy glass.

This Suzuki does represent good value for money the base model, the SZ3 costs £12,999 while the better appointed SZ4 will set you back £15,784.

A little piece of news that some may already know, a new model will be launched in 2019 and take it from me it will have quite a lot to live up to.

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