

New Tivoli from Ssangyong

The new Tivoli from Ssangyong is a fashionable compact SUV which rings all the bells at an extremely competitive price and is set to challenge competitors such as Renault and Nissan.



The emphasis is simply not on pricing, but the styling is modern and appealing with great attention to the interiors, a vehicle which should appeal to a wide band of customers.

I had the opportunity to take the wheel of this welcome new model from Korea, by the way Ssangyong is the longest established motor manufacturer from that part of the world, and it delivers a very satisfying drive.

With the arrival of the Tivoli comes a new dawn for Ssangyong and is a firm pointer of things to come.

In order to provide power choice, you can choose from petrol or diesel and I suspect that here in Northern Ireland, diesel could well out number the petrol versions, for that answer it is a case of wait and see. The engines both of 1.6litre capacity are brand new.

The e-XDi160 diesel engine produces 115PS, 3,400 - 4,000rpm max power with 300Nm 1,500 - 2,500rpm, and delivers a smooth, progressive and powerful driving experience, while the e-XGi160 petrol engine delivers up to 128PS 6,000rpm max power with 160Nm/4,600 rpm max torque, and both engines comply with the Euro 6 emission standard.

The diesel engine achieves a CO² emission level of just 113g/km (two wheel drive, manual transmission), and the 1.6 litre petrol engine with two wheel drive, manual transmission and Stop/go a level of 149g/km.

Two transmissions are offered, a six speed manual and an Aisin six speed automatic, with the latter changes are smooth and would be my choice.

Despite fuel being low in price currently we still like our economy and the diesel powered Tivoli can reward with as much as 65.7mpg (manual) and 51.4mpg (automatic).



The surprise continues the newcomer is well equipped and there are three trim levels to suit your taste and budget, SE, EX and the range topping ELX.



Desire to make your Tivoli more personal then there is the My Tivoli programme which offers further choice. This includes the Styling pack which gives a choice of five two-tone colour roof combinations, the Red leather pack, two further colours, metallic Jazz brown and Icecap blue, as well as further engine and drive train options.

You can enter the Tivoli world for just £12,950 in SE trim; even 16 inch alloy wheels and cruise control are included. Step up a grade to EX and you get 18 inch alloys, dual climate control, a seven

inch touch screen audio system with rear view camera and there are heated front seats.

Added luxury comes with the ELX, full choice of power units and transmissions, a smart instrument cluster, keyless starting, front and rear parking sensors, full TomTom sat nav and the option of the Styling pack and Red leather pack with My Tivoli.

Colour choice for the range is comprehensive a total of six and with two additional colours through My Tivoli.

Summing up, one of the motoring surprise packages of the years and a vehicle that is going to bring new customers to the Ssangyong brand.

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