

Sporty and Trendy the new Suzuki Vitara S



Sporty Performance and trendy styling meet with the S the latest addition to the new Suzuki Vitara range which was launched less than one year ago.

This welcome newcomer to the line-up is powered by a brand new 1.4 litre petrol engine and with this comes the first application of the company's BOOSTERJET technology which delivers a 17 percent increase in power and four percent improvement in fuel economy over the 1.6 litre petrol unit.

With 140PS another plus for the new engine is a wider spread of torque, it really feels and performs like a much larger engine as I discovered.

A part of the exercise was to take the new Vitara S for three laps around Croft circuit. I had a professional racing driver by my side making sure that I made as few mistakes as possible and he was surprised to learn of the modest capacity of the new engine.

Choosing the new Vitara S and you can opt for a six speed manual transmission or a six speed automatic. Both work perfectly well and emission figures are relatively low, 127g/km for the manual and just one gram higher for the automatic.

Looking at performance and rest to 62mph takes around ten seconds while top speed is 127 and 128mph respectively.

Economy is a key factor for most buyers and in Northern Ireland we tend to major in diesel power, so refreshing to learn that this new petrol engine from Suzuki can deliver a round 50mpg on the combined cycle.

The Vitara S is the ideal choice for urban and country driving as it features the well proven ALLGRIP intelligent four wheel drive system, so when the going gets tough and rough you have a set of wheels to keep you free of trouble.

The new model stands out from the rest of the recently introduced new Vitara range with a number of key exterior styling features. Gloss black 17 inch alloy wheels are fitted, a vertical grille design, a rear upper spoiler and silver door mirrors. Four colours to select from, but I feel the black just disguises most of the features which distinguishes it as the S model.



The sporty theme continues to the interior with a wide use of red, for example the stitching.

The trend with most new models today is to feature connectivity to a high degree and in this respect this latest offering from Suzuki does not disappoint.

You get Bluetooth and DAB radio and the seven inch touch panel display features a three dimensional map and the system permits you to use certain smartphone apps. You can always keep in touch behind the wheel of the new Suzuki.



Keeping all onboard safe, a raft of safety aids including seven airbags, Radar Brake Support, Adaptive Cruise Control and ESP etc.

Behind the wheel road holding is good and the high driving position is very welcome as is the excellent all round vision for all onboard.

The arrival of the S model now completes a four strong model line-up, the SZ4, SZ-T and SZ5.

Currently Suzuki is enjoying sales success and is in the top ten of car manufacturers worldwide.

My time with Suzuki also allowed me to try the latest addition to the S-Cross range, TCSS (Twin Clutch System by Suzuki). It is available on SZ5 models as a 1.6 litre petrol or a 1.6 litre DDiS and across grades SZ3, SZ-T and SZ5.

Benefits class leading emissions as low as 108g/km and 68.9mpg on the combined fuel cycle and as an option, £1,350.



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