

## Now There are Two Yetis

They say there are two sides to every story; very true with the latest generation Yeti. Now there are two distinctive versions of this impressive vehicle from Skoda.

The Yeti has been designed to cope with the urban jungle while the Outdoor is geared for adventure and the difficult conditions that we often encounter.

Success has followed success with this vehicle which first took to our roads and rough terrain back in 2009. During this period it has proved to be amongst the most popular in its class.

The second generation models feature a number of design enhancements with a host of new features. The Yeti is now available only with two wheel drive while the Outdoor offers the choice of two or four wheel drive.

I asked a Skoda spokesperson why choose a two wheel drive version and the response, price, security and the high driving position.

Quite honestly I see very few taking the Outdoor off the road in extreme conditions. After having sampled the

Outdoor in very muddy and wet conditions on an off road course in the Cotswolds the vehicle is very impressive when the going gets rough with its fifth generation Haldex four wheel drive system which is manufactured in Sweden.

The aids which make off road driving are all in place, including uphill start assist, downhill assist, ABS off road, ASR off road and EDS off road.

With the new model comes four trim levels, S, SE, Elegance and the range topping



luxurious Laurin & Klement and worth pointing out there is a Greenline II version with a CO2 rating of just 119g/km.

You will not fail to recognise the two versions of the new Skoda, the styling of the Yeti is smooth with clean lines while the Outdoor is decidedly rugged.

Common to both is the design changes which align it to the rest of the Skoda family.

The new Yeti scores well regards versatility and packaging, boot space is 510 litres and a maximum of 1,760 litres.

New technology abounds, a new rear view parking camera, the latest generation park assist, especially useful in urban situations.

Skoda refers to Simply Clever features and highlights are, an optional double sided boot floor, a detachable LED torch in the boot and a high vez vest holder under the front seat.

Providing the power, a choice of six engines, ranging in power from 105-170PS. All engines feature turbocharging aiding economy and performance. Worth noting that all four engines available with four wheel drive have lower emissions.

Transmission choice, five and six speed manuals with the option of a seven speed DSG gearbox on the 1.2 TSI models and a six speed DSG on the 2.0 TDI versions.

No doubt here in Northern Ireland the bulk of sales will be to diesel versions and when it comes to economy the Greenline II can return over 60mpg on the combined fuel cycle.

Summing up a very impressive vehicle and prices start at £16,600 (2WD) and £19,580 (4WD).

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