

## The New Chevrolet Trax

CHEVROLET has launched a value for money compact SUV and Trax is certainly a catchy name and the newcomer embodies the latest example of the company's expressive design vocabulary.

Striking looks courtesy of a dual port grille with the iconic Chevrolet bowtie, pronounced wheel arches and muscular rear haunches, and a fast, rearward-swept roofline that flows into the integrated spoiler are key elements that define Trax' exterior appearance.

The interior is well appointed with modern design cues and a well-organised cabin



and there are useful touches such as the rear seat row which incorporates a regular 230V socket that can be used for recharging laptops and other electronic devices without the need for an adapter.

The loading space can be extended to accommodate a maximum of 1370 litres with further space available under the cargo floor. I see this vehicle appealing to those with young families who may have had a hatchback and want something that little bit different.

Lots of storage compartments which includes an available under-seat storage tray and two glove boxes, one of which contains outlets for USB and auxiliary devices that enable discrete connectivity

for iPods, smart phones, and other electronic devices.

Additional cargo can be carried externally; for example for a weekend break or the annual holiday this new Chevy features standard roof rails with a roof load capacity of 75 kg and it can tow trailers weighing up to 1200kg.

On the higher trim levels you get the Chevrolet MyLink connected radio; a system at your fingertips that is easy to use and allows access to media including specialist apps from compatible portable devices. There is easy access to phone books, personal playlists, photo galleries (through USB key or iPhone) and videos (through USB key or aux-in) and other stored media and the system can store the pairing information of up to 5 smart phones at one time.

In addition to featuring 3D maps, lane guidance and live traffic updates, which require an active network connection through the smartphone, BringGo has the ability to store maps



Powering the new Trax a choice of engines, a 1.4 turbocharged petrol unit, a 1.6 petrol engine and 1.7 turbo-diesel. All manual transmission variants come with Stop/Start functionality. Both the 1.7 turbo-diesel and the 1.4 turbo petrol engine can also be offered with a six-speed automatic gearbox.

The turbo-diesel engine can return 62.7 mpg when mated to a manual transmission (FWD), while fuel consumption of the 1.4 turbo with the manual transmission can average 44.1 mpg. CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are 120 and 149 g/km, respectively.

The AWD system is available on variants equipped with the 1.4 turbo petrol or the 1.7 turbo-diesel engine automatically adapts to the prevalent road conditions and significantly improves traction on slippery or graveled roads.

I had the opportunity to try the smaller petrol engine which impressed and the diesel which was on the noisy side. They have one winning advantage on price; you can get behind the wheel of a Trax for as little as £15,495.

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