

The Mighty Isuzu Yukon

Require a pick-up with an added touch of luxury? Then Isuzu have the answer with their Yukon.

With Tonka-like styling the Yukon is not only practical but as I discovered quite an enjoyable vehicle to drive assisted in no small way by the various creature comforts which come as standard.

Providing the power a 2.5 litre diesel engine with 163bhp on tap. Fairly sluggish in the low gears but an effortless cruiser on the motorway and I managed to average

30mpg. According to official figures issued by Isuzu that figure can be quite a lot higher.

This is not the sort of vehicle with which you are aiming to sprint away from the traffic lights, but I was surprised to learn that it can top 112mph and I suspect the person who buys the Yukon will be much more interested in economy and the practical side.

The maximum braked towing weight is 3,500kg, unbraked 750kg, payload varies from 1,067-1,072 depending on automatic or manual transmission. My

test vehicle was equipped with a six speed manual transmission.

Like the rest of the Isuzu family the Yukon can tackle tough terrain thanks to its four wheel drive ability and the approach angle is 30 degrees and the departure angle is 23 degrees.

Changing to four wheel drive is a relatively easy task courtesy of a knob which you simply turn to select.

Earlier I mentioned creature comforts and on stepping onboard the Yukon I was met with all the goodies that we have come to expect in a saloon or hatchback.

The quality of finish is good and all of the controls fall easily to hand.

Most of us like entertainment on the move; well with the Yukon you again have the same standard of equipment as in a passenger car. RDS radio with single CD, six speakers, two of which are roof mounted.

There is iPod/USB/Bluetooth connectivity and I must point out linking in a mobile phone takes some time, but it does work and that is important.

Safety and security are clearly priority items with Isuzu and again this pick-up has a comprehensive list. Highlights include, remote central locking, factory fitted alarm, and for surefooted driving with security, ABS, ESC and TCS.

A very comprehensive package from Isuzu, a vehicle which will be popular with the construction industry and the farming community.



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