

## New Mokka X a Good All Rounder

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Today we demand a lot from our vehicles, better fuel economy, lower emissions and all round practicality.



This points in the direction of SUVs and the like at the cost of the more traditional saloon.

Not for a single minute am I signalling the end of the saloon, there will always be a market for the four door bootied, but in ever decreasing numbers.

When it comes to SUVs and Crossovers the choice is extremely wide, an area of the market where no serious carmaker can stand on the sidelines.

On this occasion I turn my attention to Vauxhall and the Mokka

X which went on sale last autumn after having being previewed at the Geneva Motor Show.

I described the original Mokka as being Tonka-like with its chubby looks and with the X it remains so, quite an attractive vehicle.

The bold, muscular exterior and elegant interior; were. designed by Brit Mark Adams' team .

Yes the interior is well appointed, I found the seating comfy, the driving position good and when a load needed to be transported the seats could be folded in a flash.

Like it or not we are in the age of connectivity and in this respect Mokka X caters very well with Vauxhall OnStar, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto giving. cutting-edge connectivity.

I was very impressed with OnStar, great to have Wi-Fi access always at hand. I can just imagine how useful this would be to someone like a pro photographer, providing the ability to transmit pictures anywhere in the world.

Think of the SUV and thoughts turn to all round drive capability and the Mokka X is well up to the task when





the going gets tough with intelligent all-wheel drive for added stability both on and off road

Vauxhall always provides a good choice of power units and you can select from the latest generation petrol and diesel engines.

The model I had on test was in Elite trim and had the less powerful of the 1.4 litre petrol units, however I found the 140PS at my control was adequate and linked to a six speed manual transmission, an enjoyable

drive experience.

In terms of safety, AFL LED headlights with nine lighting settings for greater visibility in all conditions; good lighting is a must.

The list of standard goodies also includes, Smartphone integration through R 4.0 IntelliLink and NAVI 900 IntelliLink, "Guardian angel" with Vauxhall OnStar personal connectivity and service assistant.

The Mokka X comes with service intervals of 20,000 miles or one year. Finally to the model tested and to performance, rest to 60mph takes 9.3 seconds and where legal a top speed of 122mph. Emissions 140g/km and the combined fuel figure is 47.1mpg. One nice touch, I appreciated the heated steering wheel.

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