

HOLDEN COLORADO 2012-MODEL PREVIEW



First details of the tough, new-generation 2012 Holden Colorado have been released ahead of its Australian launch mid-year.

Like the current range the 2012 Colorado range will embrace three body styles – single cab, space cab and crew cab – and offer all-new 2.5-litre, 110kW/350Nm and 2.8-litre, 132kW/470Nm DOHC, four-cylinder turbo-diesel engines.

Both engines have peak torque at a somewhat high 2000rpm, but the 2.8-litre engine is said to produce 10 percent more power and 40 percent more torque than the outgoing 3.0-litre diesel. The 2.8-litre models are rated for 3.5-tonne towing capacity.

As with the current Colorado the 2012 model has rack and pinion steering, and independent front and leaf-spring, live axle rear suspension. One 3095mm wheelbase is offered and overall length of all models is under 5.4 metres. Width is 1.9 metres and height is 1.8 metres.

Ute bodies measure 1.8 metres (Space Cab) and 1.5 metres (Crew Cab) in length and 1.5 metres in width. Distance between wheel arches is 1.2 metres.

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Safety features standard across the range include driver and front passenger airbags, side curtain airbags, ABS anti-lock brakes with electronic brake force distribution (EBD) and electronic stability control (ESC).

Colorado is equipped with lifestyle and comfort features including Bluetooth connectivity, air-conditioning, power windows, auxiliary plug and USB port, two auxiliary power outlets and iPod-compatible audio system.

Holden says that a number of new Colorados are already on Australian roads, gathering data on engine and transmission performance, and ride and handling quality. This evaluation work is scheduled to continue for the next few months.

