

NEWS - MITSUBISHI 2010 CHALLENGER

Like its 1998-2006 predecessor the 2010 Challenger is built on the Triton ute platform, powered by the same 2.5-litre common rail intercooled turbo diesel engine, but in place of the ute's rear leaf springs is a set of coils.

The new Challenger fits neatly into Mitsubishi's four-wheel drive range, positioned between the softroader Outlander wagon and the Pajero.

The 4D56HP diesel uses a variable geometry turbocharger and intercooler to achieve 131kW at 4000 rpm and 400Nm of torque at 2000 rpm when paired with a five-speed manual transmission and 350Nm at 1800 rpm with the five-speed automatic transmission.

The NVECS II Smart Logic automatic transmission has Sports Mode as an option on the LS and as standard on XLS. Claimed combined fuel consumption figures are 8.3L/100km (manual) and 9.8L/100km (automatic).

Front suspension is double wishbone type and the rear suspension is a three-link design with coil springs. Stabiliser bars front and rear control body roll and four-wheel disc brakes provide ample stopping power.



Towing capacity for the Challenger is 2500kg with up to 10 percent ball load.

The Challenger features MATT (Mitsubishi's All Terrain Technology system) which includes stability and traction control (ASTC), multi-mode ABS with EBD and a rear axle diff lock.

Driver and passenger front and side SRS airbags and curtain SRS airbags are standard equipment. The Challenger entry level five-seat LS has 17-inch aluminium wheels, side steps, chrome exterior door handles and mirrors and roof rails. The LS has air-conditioning, steering wheel mounted cruise control and audio controls, power windows, remote keyless entry and central locking, single CD player with six speaker system, leather bound steering wheel, gear shift, park brake and transfer lever, colour centre display and an audio jack for MP3 player connection.

The LS Challenger with manual transmission is priced at \$44,490 RRP and the automatic transmission model is \$46,990.

The Challenger is covered by Mitsubishi's comprehensive five year/130,000km entire vehicle warranty, with roadside assistance, backed up by a 10 year/160,000km powertrain warranty.

The \$48,890 seven seat variant of the Challenger LS features third row seating with 50/50 split rear seat, manual rear seat air conditioning controls, under-floor storage area and standard automatic transmission.

The \$56,990 five-seat, automatic transmission Challenger XLS adds leather seat trim, power driver's seat with slide, dual height and recline movement, colour keyed side protection mouldings, privacy glass, wood-trim console and centre panel, cargo blind and cargo room net, eight speakers, satellite navigation, video jack, Bluetooth connectivity, fog lamps, headlamp washers, reverse camera and reversing sensors.

The Challenger XLS with seven-seat option is priced at \$58,890.

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