

TOYOTA HILUX

NEW LOOK HILUX GETS A PRICE CUT

Faced with increasingly keen competition from its rivals Toyota has given the HiLux a freshen-up and narrowed the RRP gap to more realistic levels.

Toyota has updated the HiLux range and improved value by as much as \$8300 in the case of the 4x4 SR5 turbo-diesel Xtra Cab. Face-lifted styling and added features across the range, plus reduced prices on many of the 35 HiLux variants may keep Australia's top-selling workhorse in its accustomed position.



HiLux improvements begin with a new bonnet, radiator grille, headlamps and front bumper. SR5 models also score newly designed fenders, new door mirrors with integrated turn signals and 4x4 Xtra and Double Cabs get redesigned wheels.

Across the range, ABS brakes are now standard and cruise control is standard on all SR and SR5 variants, as well as automatic WorkMate 4x4s. A limited-slip differential has been included in all 4x4 WorkMates. Vehicle stability control is now standard on SR5 Double Cabs and optional on SR Double Cab pick-ups.

Side seat and curtain-shield airbags and sports-style front seats have been fitted to all 4x4 SR5 and SR variants.

HiLux interiors have been updated with new seat fabrics on selected variants and a new upper dashboard design. The centre stack features new controls for the heating and ventilation system and, for SR5 variants, automatic climate control operates the air-conditioning.

A major improvement is advanced audio systems on all variants and some models have voice recognition, touch-screen, radio text, 3D graphics for the satellite navigation and safety warnings for school zones and speed and red-light cameras. All SR5 models come with satellite navigation as standard, viewed on a 6.1-inch LCD touch-screen.

The entry price for a 4x4 turbo-diesel HiLux has come down \$6150 to \$31,990 with the introduction of a WorkMate Single Cab with manual transmission. Its feature list includes ABS, driver and passenger airbags, tachometer, limited-slip differential, 16-inch wheels and protective covers for the engine and fuel tank.

HiLux 4x4 Xtra and Double Cabs are priced from under \$40,000. The 4x4 Xtra Cabs start at \$38,490 for the SR turbo-diesel cab/chassis and there's a new SR Xtra Cab pick-up at \$39,990.