

Mitsubishi Pajero Sport starts at Rs 23.53 lakh, exshowroom, New Delhi - BS Motoring, March 12

Mitsubishi-HM have launched their latest-generation Pajero Sport here in New Delhi and it seems, at least for the moment, the company is content with a single variant for now. However, this is quite against the fabric, given how Toyota recently reset its Fortuner positioning by launching not one, but two additional variants; even an automatic.

For starters, the new Mitsubishi Pajero Sport comes priced at Rs 23.53 lakh, ex-showroom, New Delhi. What do you get for all that effort? Well, a 2477cc, inline, four-cylinder commonrail diesel motor that produces not 135 bhp, but a healthy 175 bhp at 4000 rpm and an equally impressive 40.4 kgm@2000-2500 rpm. And it's nearly as well equipped as its fellow-Japanese rival. You get Mitsubishi's renowned Super Select 4WD and a 5-speed manual gearbox to help you tackle most on and off-road situations.



The Pajero Sport rides on 17-inch alloys, wrapped by 265/65 R17 rubber. On the inside, the car comes loaded with driver and passenger-side airbags, leather seats, leather wrapped steering with audio controls and leather wrapped gear knob and four-wheel drive selector, an MP3 player with a USB slot, a multi-trip function that displays the altimeter, barometer, outside temperature, fuel information and audio display, automatic climate control for the fron passengers and manually operable blower controls at the rear, a 60:40 split central row and 50:50 split third row.

Additionally, the kit also includes projector headlamps with self-levelling, chrome door handles, rear parking sensors, ABS & EBD with brake boosters, rear wash wiper and

defogger and a choice of six body colours. The Pajero Sport follows the tradition of the outgoing Pajero of being a capable off-roader, thanks to its 36 degree approach angle, 23 degree break-over and 25 degree departure angles.

ALERT: The Pajero Sport is currently available as a CBU and will co-exist with the current Pajero SFX until September 2012, when the SFX will be phased out. By then, the Pajero Sport's local assembly operations will begin. We expect prices of the Pajero Sport to drop even further then. Keep watching this space for more updates.

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