

## MITSUBISHI | PAJERO SPORTS, 7-SEATER OUTLANDER LAUNCHED

Hindustan Motors (HM) launched the Pajero Sports SUV in line with its earlier announced strategy to bring in more SUVs to the Indian market. The Pajero Sports is being sold through the CBU route and has been priced at ₹ 23.5 lakh, ex-showroom, New Delhi.

Based on the Triton pick-up truck platform, the Pajero Sport features a ladder-frame chassis. The SUV is powered by a DI-D 2.5 l 4-cylinder engine producing segment-leading 178 ps and a peak torque of 400 Nm. Transmission is a five-speed manual unit and the drive system is a super-select 4WD unit. The ground clearance is 215 mm, and the suspension set-up includes double wishbone with coil spring suspension at the front and a 3-link coil spring at the rear along with stabiliser bars. The result of this combination is a departure angle of 25°, approach angle of 36°, ramp break-over angle of 23° and lateral turning angle of 45°. These numbers clearly suggest that in terms of off-roading, the Pajero Sports is right up there with the competition.

The Pajero Sports will play a key role in the automaker's strategy for India and although competitively priced, there is significant room for further reduction. If the



company can start CKD assembly for the Pajero Sports, the price could well undercut the competition, thereby giving the Indo-Japanese partnership much needed numbers. In the meantime, a seven-seat version of the Outlander SUV was also launched at ₹ 20.55 lakh, ex-showroom New Delhi.