

NISSAN X-TRAIL 2.0-LITRE DIESEL: BIGGER ENGINE, BIGGER ADVENTURES

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Nissan has launched a powerful new larger-capacity diesel engine for its flagship X-Trail crossover. The 2.0-litre unit is available to order now, and first deliveries are due to arrive with customers early in the new year.

The new engine has an output of 177PS, with 380Nm of torque providing excellent pulling power throughout the rev range. It's a significant step up in power from the existing 1.6-litre 130PS diesel, and clearly meets the needs of consumers who require a higher-output powertrain.

New to the range is the choice of Nissan's Xtronic automatic gearbox, linked to a four-wheel drive transmission. Added to the options of a six-speed manual and two-wheel drive, this will further broaden Nissan's presence in the large SUV sector, and enhance the appeal of the much-loved X-Trail.

With the new 2.0-litre engine, the X-Trail is the perfect partner for families seeking even bigger adventures. There are five or seven seats, excellent luggage space, clever storage solutions and enough towing capacity to meet customers' needs.

The X-Trail is a model in demand. Across Europe, sales are up 50% in the year to October 2016 when compared to the previous 12 months. Sales are expected to grow further with the arrival of this new model; industry data reveals high-powered models account for 46% of the medium SUV segment, and by launching the 2.0-litre diesel the X-Trail's market coverage increases by 41%.

Guillaume Cartier, Senior Vice President for Sales and Marketing, Nissan Europe, commented: "The new flagship Nissan X-Trail is a crossover that's focused on delivering what consumers need. Offering 4WD linked to an automatic transmission for the first time, it's a significant enhancement to the already strong X-Trail range. It's also a compelling upgrade to our already successful 1.6-litre diesel model."

The highlight of the new 2.0-litre diesel engine is its refined and comfortable driving experience, ideal for covering longer distances. The engine meets Euro 6 emissions standards, and three versions are available:

Model	CO ₂	Fuel economy (Combined Cycle)
• 2.0 4WD six-speed manual	149 g/km	50.5 mpg
• 2.0 2WD Xtronic CVT auto	148 g/km	50.5 mpg
• 2.0 4WD Xtronic CVT auto	158 g/km	47.1 mpg

The design of the Nissan X-Trail remains unchanged. The sculpted, muscular lines of the exterior make a strong impression from any angle, distinctive yet obviously part of the wider Nissan crossover range thanks to familiar styling cues such as the 'V-motion' grille.

The interior offers premium comfort and space to meet the needs of the modern family. Available as a five or seven-seater, its versatile seating system means exceptional room for passengers and their luggage.

The second row splits and folds 60/40 for additional luggage space, reclines for passenger comfort and slides forward for easy access to the optional third row. This splits 50/50 and folds completely flat to create maximum load space.

A powered tailgate is available, operated at the tap of a button on the boot, via the Nissan Intelligent Key or with a switch mounted by the driver. Opening the tailgate reveals Nissan's innovative Luggage Board System, which allows for shelves and dividers to be adjusted in any of 18 configurations. These include a hidden compartment to keep valuables out of sight.

Boot capacity is 550 litres (445 litres on the seven-seat version, and 135 litres when the third row of seats is upright). Total space with all seats folded is 1,982 litres.

Premium features to add that extra touch of comfort and convenience include a power-opening panoramic roof, double stitched leather upholstery, LED interior lighting and gloss black trim with metallic accents. Quick-heat front seats will help on wintry mornings, while heated/cooled cupholders keep drinks at the preferred temperature. The Nissan X-Trail is available with a 7-inch NissanConnect

touch-screen infotainment system, which includes DAB digital radio, Bluetooth connectivity and audio streaming.

A range of genuine Nissan accessories is available, including a rear dog guard, removable tow bar, chrome door mirror caps, door sill guards and external finishers for the front, rear and sides of the car.

At the heart of the X-Trail's position as the ideal car for family expeditions is the optional All-Mode 4x4-i system. When fitted, drivers can select from full-time 2WD for maximum efficiency; Auto Mode, which constantly monitors conditions and adjusts the balance of torque between the front and rear wheels for the best traction; and 4WD Lock Mode for the most challenging conditions. It provides the ultimate peace-of-mind motoring whatever the surface.

All-Mode 4x4-i means that for drivers who require a towing vehicle, the Nissan X-Trail 2.0-litre diesel is a capable performer. Braked towing capacity is 2,000kg on the manual model and 1,650kg on the two Xtronic, making the car suitable for those who need to move caravans, horseboxes, boats and trailers.

As with all Nissan crossovers, the X-Trail 2.0-litre diesel provides a safe and secure on-the-road experience thanks to a comprehensive range of advanced intelligent driving systems. These include Nissan Safety Shield technologies, such as a Intelligent Emergency Braking, Driver Attention Alert, Traffic Sign Recognition, High-Beam Assist, Blind Spot Warning and Lane Departure Warning.

The car is also available with Vehicle Dynamic Control, Brake Assist, Active Ride Control, Active Trace Control, Active Engine Brake, Intelligent Park Assist, Hill Start Assist and Intelligent Around View Monitor with Moving Object Detection.

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