

New models: Mitsubishi Pajero 3.2 Di-DC

# The Power Game



Now in its fourth generation, Mitsubishi Motors has introduced several changes to the Pajero, the most significant of these being more power and torque from its 3.2-litre Di-DC diesel engine. The new figures are 140 kW and 441 Nm, compared to 121 kW and 373 Nm from the outgoing motor. The new motor is coupled to a 5-speed auto box (INVEC-II) with enhanced gear ratios, which should lead to a better ride, both on- and off-road.

The engine has seen several changes to achieve this increase in power. The pump impeller in the water pump has been upgraded,



the opening temperature on the thermostat has been changed and the port form in the intake manifold has been modified. Lastly, there've

been changes to the cylinder head, injectors and turbo-charger, all of which have led to the 2010 Pajero being a quieter drive than the

previous model. The greenies will be delighted to hear that it runs more economically and cleaner too; CO<sup>2</sup> emissions are down to 245 g / km from 274 g / km.

The four-wheel-drive system remains unchanged with the now familiar Super Select 4WD-II transfer case with both ASTC (Active Stability Traction Control) and the rear differential lock (available on GLX LWB only).

Mitsubishi have had to implement upgrades in the nice-to-have department to try and keep up with Toyota's Prado and Land Rover's Discovery 4. Parking the Pajero is a whole lot easier with the optional rearview camera which engages automatically when you select reverse gear; all you have to do is watch the central screen to see what is behind you. You can also turn on the rear camera (and display) at will.

The other big change is the introduction of the Mitsubishi Integrated Communication System (MICS). In everyday speak this means that the Pajero has a navigation system, the vehicle can now work with your Bluetooth phone, plus you have several options to play and store music.

The most up-to-date GARMAP navigation system is a standard feature across the range – the route mapping is displayed on the 6.5" digital touch-screen monitor. Of interest to current Pajero owners is that this navigation system is compatible with previous generation models and can be retrofitted through Mitsubishi dealerships.

The superb Rockford Fosgate sound system, available on the GLS models can handle the following formats: CD, DVD, CD-R, VCD, MP3, JPEG and MPEG4.

A tyre pressure monitoring system is optional and displays not only the tyre pressure but also the temperature.

It's interesting to note that the maintenance plan on GLS and GLX models differs by two years. Our guess is that this saving is used to subsidise the GLX's price to some extent. ■

### PRICES AND WARRANTIES

3.2 GLS Di-DC LWB	R624 200
3.8 GLS LWB	R605 900
3.2 GLX Di-DC LWB	R533 900
3.2 GLS Di-DC SWB	R523 200
3.8 GLS SWB	R481 900
Warranty	3-year / 100 000 km
Maintenance plan (GLS)	5-year / 100 000 km
Maintenance plan (GLX)	3-year / 100 000 km

