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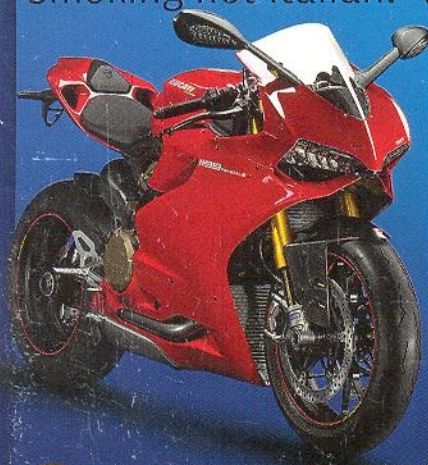
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# Mitsubishi's Fortune(r) cha

The Pajero Sport is like a typical off-roader with muscular lines and a high ground clearance. But it has only one thing on its mind... how to lead the pack in its segment



**T**he Mitsubishi Pajero has become synonymous with off-roading to such an extent that many have crowned it the ultimate off-roader capable of taming any terrain thrown its way. In school days we would envy anyone driving this beast and being one of the most successful SUVs in the Paris-Dakar rally (now only known as

the Dakar), only adds to its rugged macho image. Now, however, the old Pajero's life cycle in India has come to an end and in its place comes in a fresh new avatar of this legendary mud slinger.

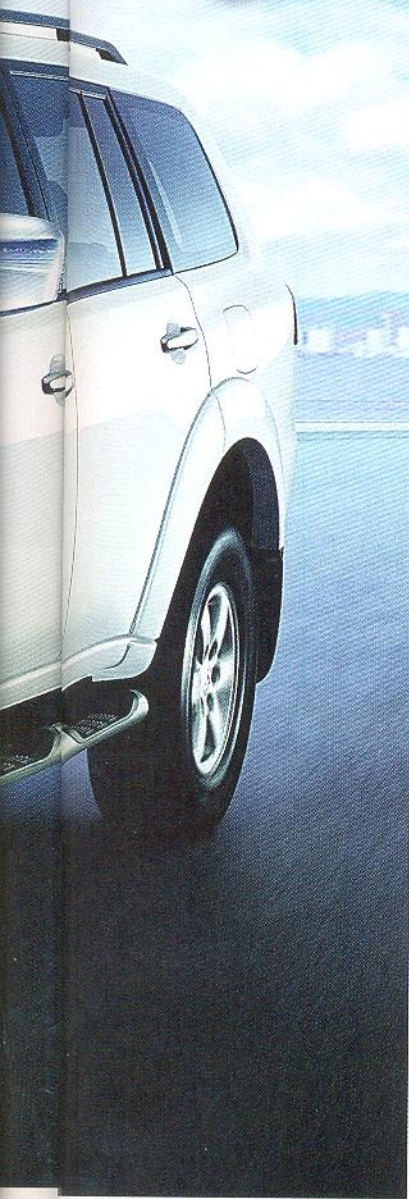
Just so that there isn't any confusion the new Pajero Sport is completely different from the Pajero or the Montero sold here. The Sport is based on the Triton

pick-up truck platform making it a ladder-frame rugged SUV born to conquer the off-roading world. To make sure that the Sport does not suffer from a wallowy ride, the Triton's leaf springs at the rear have made way for a 3-link setup with a stabiliser bar. As the Pajero Sport has an old school chassis it can take a lot of punishment when it goes adven-

turing off into the badlands.

There's also Mitsubishi's rally proven Super Select four wheel drive technology for added on and off-roading prowess. The system allows you to shift between rear wheel drive and four wheel drive at speeds of up to 100kmph. The two wheel drive mode is ideally suited for highways and to drive you to work everyday, while the

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The Pajero is a proper seven seater and with flexible seats it frees up good room for carrying odd sized luggage as well. Interiors look plush and the Mitsubishi has decent equipment too (left)

Mitsubishi Pajero Sport	
Engine	2.5-litre diesel
Max power	178bhp@4000rpm
Max torque	400Nm@2500rpm
Gearbox	5-speed manual
Wheelbase (mm)	2800
LxWxH (mm)	4695x1815x1840
Top Speed	175kmph
0-100kmph	14s
Price	Rs 23.5 lakhs (ex-showroom Delhi)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Imposing looks, flexible cabin space</li> <li>Service and dealer network</li> </ul>	

which for the Indian buyer is an important consideration. The seven-seater's interiors though are luxurious rather than just being solely functional. The dual-tone beige and brown combination upholstery gives it an upmarket feel particularly the elegant wooden trims on the

central console and doors. The equipment list isn't bad either and with plenty of stowage spaces and cup and bottle holders, it also has a practical cabin. It comes with safety aids like dual airbags and ABS as well.

The only powerplant for the Pajero Sport is a 2.5-litre com-

mon rail diesel engine that makes 178bhp and a gutsy 400Nm of torque. It is coupled to a five-speed manual gearbox. We don't expect it to be lightning quick off the line, but driveability and high cruising speeds should come easily to the Sport.



The Pajero Sport might not look very rugged from the rear but with a ladder frame chassis and decent approach and departure angles it is very capable off road

four high (4H) splits the power 50:50 between the front and rear axles improving grip in slippery conditions. When switched to 4LLc or low range with locked center differential it can crawl out of almost anything and simply dust the dirt off its shoulders and continue driving.

The Pajero Sport looks like a serious and imposing 4x4

## First opinion

■ The Pajero Sport aims to be an everyday vehicle that can also take you to infinity and beyond. The 4WD high range and low range with lockable center differential gives it some serious off-roading capability. At Rs 23.5 lakh it isn't exactly cheap but for being a fully capable off-roader, a practical seven seater and a comfortable drive, the Pajero Sport sure seems like a good buy.

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