



Mitsubishi Lancer EVO X : Test Drive & Review

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Mitsubishi has been talking about bringing in the EVO X for a few years now, and enthusiasts have been listening intently. The halo effect of the EVO is something that Mitsubishi is leveraging. The launch has been so long awaited that they've actually got the coverage and press stretched out over a few years. 25 lakhs - wow. 30 lakhs - I want one! 35 - not bad. 3 years later, 49.95 lakhs, and it's here. Ex-showroom of course. I'm not sure how many enthusiasts are still listening.

The EVO X is a fairly large car, inside and out. Noticeably larger than the Lancers we're used to seeing on Indian roads. It has a 30mm wider track compared to the EVO IX, and a 25mm longer wheelbase. No surprise that its also 114 kgs heavier than its predecessor. Its kerb weight (+fuel) tips the scales at a fairly substantial 1605 kgs, mostly due to the center differential and other components of the AWD system.

With a 140 mm ground clearance, we had no issues of scraping on speed-breakers. I think the average speed-breaker height in the metros has gone down significantly in the last 5 years! The front overhang is fairly significant and in combination with the front lip is something you need to watch out for only when getting in and out of a steep driveway (or onto a car-wash ramp). I faced some difficulties with the latter – though doing the same ramp in reverse was not an issue.

The EVO gets just the right amount of attention on the streets. Only the enthusiasts drool and stare. Others just give it a passing glance, dismissing it for your average kitted up sedan. If it wasn't for the deep burble of the exhaust and the glowing red, they probably wouldn't notice it at all. That's the beauty of the EVO. A wolf in sheep's clothing. On the down-side though, you'll have unknowing Accord drivers thinking that they have a fair chance at out-gunning you during an overtaking move on the highway. Add to that, expect your mother or wife to ask you if you just brought home a new Civic! Whatever. At least *you* know that the DNA of 9 earlier generations of EVOs and years of international rallying have filtered down into the car you're driving.

I'll let the pictures do the rest of the talking.

The evolution....of the Evolution

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