



Performance ★★★★★

The Outlander comes with a VW 138bhp 2.0 turbodiesel or a Peugeot 2.2-litre diesel, both linked to a six-speed manual gearbox. At low revs the 2.0 feels a little weak, but once the turbocharger gets into its stride the engine is strong and willing. The 2.2-litre unit is a far better bet for both flexibility and pulling strength. The 2.4 petrol is linked to a continuously variable automatic transmission, but the engine's lack of pull makes it much less relaxing than the diesels.

Ride & handling ★★★★★

The Outlander handles sharply for a 4x4, thanks to firm suspension that limits body lean through corners. The steering and gearshift have a well-weighted, precise feel too and although the ride is firm, it's not uncomfortable. A switch allows you to select between front and four-wheel drive, or an automatic mode that directs power to whichever wheels need it.

Refinement ★★★★★

The VW-sourced engine isn't intrusive once settled at motorway speed, but it's gruff around town and is noisier than some rivals' when revved hard. The 2.2 has the edge for refinement and smoothness, though you're still aware it's a diesel. Some wind and road noise is present at motorway speed, but there's not enough to make long journeys tiring.

Buying & owning ★★★★★

The Outlander looks pricey compared with many of its rivals, including the highly desirable Land Rover Freelander. You won't get a huge discount on the list price, either, but we expect the Outlander to hold its value well, if not quite as strongly as a Freelander. The 2.0-litre diesel engine is competitive with its rivals' for fuel economy and CO2 emissions, but the 2.2 will put you in the top company car tax bracket.

Quality & reliability ★★★★★

The Outlander's cabin doesn't have the plush fabrics and showroom appeal of a Freelander's, but it has a sturdy feel throughout and appears to be built to stand the test of time. Mitsubishi's 4x4s are generally pretty hardy and reliable and we've no reason to believe that the Outlander will blot its copybook.

Safety & security ★★★★★

Every Outlander has stability control, so it's all the more disappointing that entry-level models only have front airbags. The top two trims both have side and window airbags. All Outlanders have an alarm, but Equippe models miss out on the alloy wheels - and therefore locking wheelnuts - of pricier versions.

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Behind the wheel ★★★★★

The Outlander’s wide, cushy seats provide fine comfort and there’s a decent range of movement for the steering wheel. The dash is sensibly laid out and puts everything within easy reach, but some of the minor switches and instruments could be easier to read. All-round visibility is good.

Space & practicality ★★★★★

The Outlander is one of the few cars in this class to offer seven seats (standard on the top two trims) The third row is cramped and very uncomfortable, however, even for kids. The Outlander is a roomy five-seater, though. Headroom isn’t overly generous, but there’s masses of legroom and a huge boot with a handy split tailgate.

Equipment ★★★★★

Entry-level Equippe models have a CD player and electric door mirrors and windows, but they miss out on desirable features such as alloy wheels and remote central locking. These, plus cruise control, Bluetooth connectivity and a host of cosmetic upgrades are standard with Warrior trim, while top-spec Elegance cars have leather upholstery, heated and powered front seats, satellite-navigation, a sunroof and upgraded stereo.



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