

Built Ford Ranger Tough - by Angie le Roux

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The all-new Ford Ranger boasts all the toughness and rugged capabilities of a bakkie, along with smart technology, good safety, superior fuel economy and high standards of quality and comfort.

The model line-up is comprehensive: 23 derivatives, three engine choices, three body configurations, three transmissions, a choice of two or all-wheel drive and a number of trim levels to fill the gaps in the previous Ranger range.

The engine range comprises a 2.2 Duratorq TDCi four-cylinder available in two states of tune (88 kW/285 Nm or 110 kW/375 Nm), a 3.2 Duratorq TDCi five-cylinder with 147 kW/470 Nm on tap and a 2.5 Duratec four-cylinder capable of 122 kW/226 Nm. For the first time, selected new Ranger diesel models will be available with either a six-speed manual or six-speed automatic transmission.



New from the ground up, the new Ranger was designed and developed to appeal to customers who use it for both work and leisure purposes. The Ranger delivers more payload and towing capability than its predecessor. At the same time, three adults can easily fit in the second row of the Double Cab while two six-foot sized adults can comfortably sit one behind the other.

Making full use of the spacious interior, the new Ranger double cab offers 23 storage spaces in the cabin. It can keep up to six beverage cans cool in models with a duct from the air-conditioner. The glove box is large enough to accommodate a 16-inch laptop computer, while door pockets can comfortably fit 1,5-litre water bottles.

The new Ranger comes with smart technologies that make the bakkie easier, safer and more fun to drive. On selected models with Bluetooth, USB and iPod connectivity, there is voice control over the radio, CD, iPod, USB, electronic air-conditioning and mobile phone. Dual-zone climate control and cruise control are available on the high series.

New to Ranger, selected models are equipped with an Electronic Stability Program (ESP). The new Ranger also offers new passive safety technologies, with an array of airbags dependent on the model, side and curtain airbags are available as standard on the 3.2 TDCi Super and XLS / XLT Double Cab styles. All new frontal impact airbags are available for the driver and passenger, along with seatbelt pretensioners and load limiters. Also available are newly designed side thorax airbags which deploy from the driver and front passenger seat, further cushioning the impact and reducing the crash forces experienced by occupants in the front seats.

The all-new Ranger comes with a five-year/90 000 kilometre service plan and a comprehensive four-year/120 000 kilometre warranty. Prices for the Ford Ranger ranges from R174 000 for the entry level 2.5 Base single cab to R402 600 for the top-of-the-range 3.2 TDCi Wildtrak double cab.

