

Room for all in the new Chevrolet Orlando – by Liana Reiners

Chevrolet has introduced its seven-seat, compact multipurpose vehicle, the Orlando to the local market. Besides its practical seating configuration, it boasts good looks, a comprehensive specification list and a host of safety features that should see it find favour with family oriented South African buyers.

The Orlando has all the characteristics one would associate with a contemporary family car, but combines these in a package that offers more seats, a generous load area and interior flexibility that allows it to be configured in a wide range of passenger and load variations. In addition, the three rows of seats are placed in a raised tier format, which means that the second and third rows of seats are raised to give occupants of these seats enhanced forward and sideways views. Good news is that this was done without compromising on headroom in the rear.

As far as load flexibility is concerned, the second and third rows of seats can be folded down independently to allow for a multitude of interior layouts with a completely flat load area. With both the second and third rows of seats folded down, the load capacity of the Orlando is 1 499 litres. Loaded to the window line the capacity is 856 litres.



Two specification levels are available, LS and LT. Both offer a comprehensive list of standard features, with standard items on the including alloy wheels, power steering, height and depth adjustable steering wheel, air-conditioning, power side mirrors, rear park assist, cruise control and a full suite of electronic driver aids such as ABS, an electronic stability programme, traction control and brake assist.

Both Orlando derivatives are powered by a 1,8 litre, 16-valve petrol engine with multipoint fuel injection. This powerplant produces maximum power of 104 kW at 6 200 r/min and peak torque of 176 Nm at 3800 r/min. Drive is via a five-speed manual transmission to the front wheels. Fuel consumption is quoted to be 7,2 litres/100 km in the combined cycle, with emissions of 171g/km.

Model line-up and pricing:

Orlando 1.8 LS MT	R254,400
Orlando 1.8 LT MT	R295,000

