

Third generation Chevrolet Utility introduced

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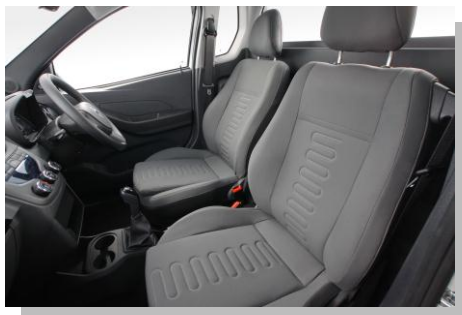
The new Chevrolet Utility is every bit as capable and appealing as the popular Corsa Utility ever was. Initially, buyers will have a choice of seven models. Base, Club and Sport specification levels will be offered together with either a 1,4-litre or a 1,8-litre petrol engine. A diesel model is scheduled for introduction during 2012.



The two petrol engines are the same 1,4- and 1,8-litre units that were used in the outgoing model, but with revisions to hardware and electronics that improve driveability and efficiency. Both are single overhead camshaft, eight-valve powerplants that produce 68 kW at 6 000 r/min and 77 kW at 5 400 r/min respectively, with maximum torque of 120 Nm at 3 200 r/min for the 1,4-litre engine and 161 Nm at 3 000 r/min for the 1,8-litre unit. Both are mated to a five-speed manual transmission.

At first glance, this latest offering from Chevrolet doesn't seem all that different from its predecessor. It is, however, a fundamentally different vehicle, built on a new platform and with up-to-date styling.

The styling team created an altogether sharper look for this latest generation model in keeping with current styling trends. At the same time they introduced the Chevrolet family image with the strong frontal view and its familiar dual-port grille split by a cross member that carries the Chevrolet bow-tie emblem. Strong headlamp and front bumper styling treatments compliment the contemporary Chevrolet family identity.



As was the case with the two earlier generations, it also benefits from a host of new and unique features.

Driver and passenger airbags are standard, as is a height adjustable steering wheel. The driver's seat is also height adjustable on all models, while height adjustment is now also provided for the three point seat belts. Remote central locking and anti-theft alarm arming are standard on all but the base models. Where air-conditioning is included in the specification, this is linked to a digital ventilation control panel. On the Club and Sport trim levels the audio system features integrated Bluetooth, a USB port and iPod connectivity.

Of prime importance is the functionality of the load box, which, although it differs marginally in length, width and depth, retains the same load volume and load area. Payload capacity is targeted at between 733 and 763 kilograms, essentially the same range as the previous model.

Service intervals for the Chevrolet Utility are set at 15 000 kilometres or 12 months. A service plan is available as an option.

Pricing for the new Chevrolet Utility range is as follows:

1.4 Base	R115 600
1.4 Base AC	R123 600
1.4 Club	R136 000
1.4 Sport	R161 000
1.8 Club	R148 500
1.8 Sport	R173 500

