



New Toyota Picnic SE Model Launched

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KEY POINTS

- Limited edition high specification six seater Picnic MPV
- Air conditioning
- Suede effect upholstery
- Chrome grille
- Leather steering wheel
- Alloy wheels
- 2.0 16v petrol engine with automatic transmission
- Colour coded roof rails
- £17,700 on the road
- On sale now

Toyota is unveiling a new high specification version of its Picnic MPV at the London Motor Show from 20 October 1999. The Picnic SE will be a limited edition run of just 300 vehicles and will go on sale immediately after the Show.

Priced at £17,700 on the road, the Picnic SE takes the already complete specification of the Picnic GS model and adds a host of extra equipment to make a highly attractive package at the extra cost of less than £1000.

EXTRA EQUIPMENT

The Picnic SE can be distinguished by a chrome front grille and colour coded roof rails and comes in two exterior colours: Pacific Blue metallic and Lucerne Silver metallic. The SE's body cladding is also colour keyed to match the paintwork.

Inside, the SE's six individual seats are trimmed in a new suede effect grey trim while the driver and passenger seats now have arm rests. SE specification adds air conditioning, 14 inch alloy wheels, a Sony RDS radio/CD player and a leather steering wheel over and above the Picnic GS's specification.

The SE also features remote central locking, electric windows and door mirrors and an engine immobiliser.

PUNCHY ENGINE WITH AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION

The Picnic SE comes with a 2.0-litre 16v petrol engine mated to a four speed automatic transmission as standard. This refined engine produces 126bhp and 131lb.ft of torque to produce ample overtaking performance, 0-62mph in 11.7secs and a top speed of 109mph. The Picnic SE will also return 29.1mpg on the combined fuel cycle.

ONE OF THE SAFEST MPVs

In June this year the Picnic was evaluated for crash safety by the European New Car Assessment Programme (Euro NCAP). It was awarded an excellent four star rating with the Euro NCAP officials commenting that the Picnic was 'one of the best (MPVs) in a serious crash'.

The Picnic SE comes equipped with driver and passenger airbags, side impact beams and front seatbelt pretensioners with force limiters. All six seats have full lap and diagonal, emergency locking retractor (ELR) seatbelts and adjustable headrests. There are also impact absorbing pads in the back of both front seats. Seatbelts in the second row of seats are also fitted with automatic locking retractor (ALR) mechanisms to enable child seats to be fitted in either forward or rear facing positions.

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