

HILUX TIMELINE

1972		Hilux is introduced to the UK market.
1989	March	The fifth generation Hilux goes on sale in the UK in 2WD and 4WD versions.
	September	UK 2WD Hilux models are sourced from a new joint Toyota-Volkswagen factory in Germany.
1995	November	A Double Cab version of Hilux is launched.
1997	October	A new sixth generation Hilux is introduced, with both all-wheel and front-wheel drive versions available FWD models use a 78bhp 2.4-litre turbodiesel engine, the AWD models a 90bhp unit.
2000	February	Payloads for the Single and Double Cab models are increased and VAT becomes reclaimable on Double Cab sales.
2001	November	Hilux is restyled and equipped with a new common rail direct injection turbodiesel engine – the first common rail unit to be used in a pick-up.
2004	February	ABS and driver's airbag made standard on all Hilux models.
	July	The Invincible model is added to the range.
2005	October	All-new seventh generation Hilux launched in the UK with a revised 2.5-litre D-4D engine.
2006	November	The Extra Cab model is introduced, together with the 2.5 D-4D 120 engine.
2007	January	The 3.0 D-4D 170 is added to the range; all engines now meet Euro IV emissions standards.
	May	Hilux becomes the first car to be driven to the Magnetic North Pole, driven by Jeremy Clarkson and James May for the BBC Top Gear television programme.
2008	July	Toyota launches Hilux Invincible 200 , a limited edition model. A Toyota Motorsport diesel engine performance kit increases output to 195bhp, making the Invincible 200 Britain's most powerful production pick-up
2008	November	Introduction of first 2009 model year Hilux .
2009	January	3 Toyota Hilux driven to South Pole as ski race support vehicles

	November	2010 model year Hilux announced with increased power and torque from revised 2.5 D-4D engine.
2011	October	2012 Hilux launched with Euro 5-compliant engines. New front-end styling and revised interior, plus introduction of Toyota Touch and Go with Bluetooth and rear-view camera.
2013	December	Introduction of 2014 Hilux with Toyota Touch 2 and new grade names – Active, Icon and Invincible.
2015	May	The Eighth generation Hilux is introduced, initially for Asian and Australian markets.
2016	March	The new Hilux is presented at the Geneva motor show prior to its launch in the UK and Europe in July.