

This press pack accompanied the UK launch of the Double Cab version of the fifth generation Hilux in 1995. Changes to the vehicle during its time on sale can be tracked using the Timeline feature on the Hilux archive web page. More information about the Hilux range can be obtained from the press office.

DOUBLE THE CHOICE FOR THE WORLD'S BEST SELLING PICK-UP

TOYOTA has launched a new Double Cab version of its highly successful Hilux pick up offering comfortable seating for five with two rows of seats and four doors.

Priced at £16,486 (including VAT), the Hilux 4WD Double Cab pick up is available in white, red and metallic green or blue.

Toyota believes that the Hilux 4WD Double Cab will appeal to any business needing to carry crews as well as those looking for an unusual family vehicle.

Toyota's Hilux is one of the world's most popular light commercial vehicles with over 7.6 million sold since its was first introduced in 1967. It is the world's most successful 4WD pick-up with worldwide sales of 39,623 for the first 8 months of 1995. The UK is a particularly important market accounting for 35 per cent of European Hilux 4WD sales last year (2,069 units from a European total of 5,880). The Hilux 4WD model accounted for 15.4 per cent of the UK 4x4 utility market in 1994.

Dimensionally, the new Hilux 4WD Double Cab is the same length (4720mm) as the standard Hilux 4WD pick-up, but 40mm higher. To accommodate the rear seats and extra rear doors, the cabin is extended by 750mm and the pick-up bed shortened by 755mm..

The new Hilux 4WD Double Cab is powered by a robust 2.4 litre (2446cc) 78bhp (at 4000rpm) diesel engine which delivers massive low-down torque - up to 128 lb/ft at 2200rpm. With a rugged 5 speed manual gearbox and transfer case with both high and low ratios in 4WD and generous ground clearance, the Hilux 4WD Double Cab is the ideal off-road vehicle easily able to carry up to 830kg of cargo in its open load area.

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Power assisted steering is standard and its sturdy ladder frame chassis carries rigid axles suspended by leaf springs and shock absorbers. Powerful front disc brakes mean safe, reliable braking, no matter how heavy the load, and there's a strong steel guard rail offering protection if a load shifts. A specially designed new Truckman top can also be fitted for extra style as well as security.

In addition to the comfortable, yet practical interior, a Sony RDS radio/cassette system is fitted as standard. With its extra passenger carrying capability, the Hilux Double Cab will particularly appeal to those involved in farming, building and construction, local and airport authorities, where there is frequently a need to carry crews.

Capable of towing 2100kg (braked), the Toyota Hilux 4WD Double Cab has a potential application in the leisure industry. Always an excellent performer on cross country runs, the greater cab capacity opens possibilities for those involved in hunting, shooting and fishing, as well as for wind surfers, motorcycle trials riders and even hot air balloon recovery teams!

Companies that already operate Hilux vehicles on their fleets include Northgate Holdings, who have purchased 27 Hilux 4WD pick-ups this year, and have confirmed an additional order for 25 Hilux 4WD double-cab models. The Hilux is also a long-standing favourite with construction companies, such as civil engineering giant, Balfour Beatty, which has bought 17 Hilux 4WD pick-ups in the last year. The vehicle's reputation for quality is further confirmed by VHE Construction who have a Hilux 4WD diesel pick-up on their fleet which has covered 500,000 miles - with its original engine - since bought in 1984.

Like all new Toyotas, the Toyota Hilux 4WD Double Cab has a 3 year or 60,000 mile warranty plus a year's free membership of Club Toyota which includes a comprehensive roadside assistance service in the UK and Europe.

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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

		Hilux 4WD	Hilux 4WD Double Cab
Engine	Type	4 cylinder, water-cooled, OHC, 5-bearing crankshaft. Diesel	
	Capacity	2446 cc	
	Bore and stroke	92 x 92 mm	
	Compression ratio	22.2:1	
	Maximum horsepower	78 bhp @ 4000rpm	
	Maximum torque	128 lbft @ 2200rpm	
	Battery	2 x 12 volt 65 Amp/hour	
	Alternator	55 Amp	
	Starter motor	2.7 kw reduction. Fuel heater	
	Fuel type	Diesel	
Gearbox	Transmission	Manual 5-speed all synchromesh	
Clutch		Single dry plate 224mm diameter	
Final drive		Front: Full-floating hypoid, ratio: 4.555:1. Rear: Semi-floating hypoid. Free wheeling front hubs (Mechanical)	
Tank capacity		65 litres (14.3 gallons)	
Wheels & tyres		Pressed steel 6J x 16 silver wheels fitted with 205 R16 radial tyres	
Brakes		302mm diameter front discs with 295mm rear drums, dual circuit servo-assisted hydraulic system with load sensitive proportioning and bypass valve	
Suspension	Front	Rigid axle, semi-elliptic leaf springs and double action hydraulic telescopic shock absorbers	
	Rear	Rigid axle semi-elliptic leaf springs and double action hydraulic telescopic shock absorbers	
Turning circle		12.8 m	

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		Hilux 4WD	Hilux 4WD Double Cab
Towing capacity	With brake	2100 kg	
	Without brake	750 kg	
	Deck length	2160 mm	1435 mm
	Deck width	1510 mm	
	Deck height	395 mm	
Cabin interior	Length	-	1765mm
	Width	-	1410mm
Dimensions	Wheelbase	2850 mm	
	Overall length	4720 mm	
	Overall width	1690 mm	
	Overall height	1760 mm	1805 mm
	Front track	1420 mm	
	Rear track	1400 mm	
	Ground clearance	220 mm	
	Tyre size	215 SR15	
	Kerb weight	1630 kg	
	Gross weight	2515 kg	
Payload	Includes driver, passenger and any equipment fitted/carried over and above standard UK specification	885 kg	
Load capacity	Maximum front axle	1180 kg	
	Maximum rear axle	1685 kg	
Turning circle	(tyre)	12.8 m	
Price		£15,152.00	£16,468.00

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