

This press information accompanied the UK launch of the Land Cruiser GS and revised VX in the UK in July 1995. Details of the models' history can be tracked using the Timeline feature on the Land Cruiser VX archive page. Additional assets and information about the Land Cruiser VX and GS can be obtained from the Toyota press office.

## NEW TOP AND TAIL TO LANDCRUISER RANGE

TOYOTA has completely revised the Landcruiser range with the introduction of a superbly priced 5-seater GS and significant improvements to the luxuriously-specified 8-seater VX derivatives.

And environmentally, the range has been enhanced with a refinement of the 4.2 litre turbo diesel engine to meet the European Step 2 emissions legislation scheduled for introduction in 1996.

In addition to reduced emissions, Toyota's 24 valve 4164cc turbo diesel engine available in the Landcruiser GS and VX offers improved performance with the adoption of roller rocker arms and enlargement of the turbine housing for the turbo charger.

Further environmental benefits are reduced noise and vibration thanks to a dual mode (bending and torsional) damper for the crank shaft pulley; further reliability with the adoption of an hydraulic, automatic tensioner for the timing belt; and weight reduction from a pipe type cam shaft.

Maximum power of the 4 valve per cylinder, straight-6 1HD-FT diesel engine is 168bhp at 3600rpm against a power output of 158bhp for the previous 2 valve per cylinder 1HD-T unit. Similarly maximum torque is improved to 280lbft at 2200rpm.

The premium specification Landcruiser VX is set to steal serious sales volume from other luxurious four wheel drive competitors. Offering seating for up to eight, the luxury Landcruiser is available with a choice of the new Step 2 diesel engine with manual transmission or the new 4.5 litre automatic petrol engine.

This 4477cc petrol engine (1FZ-FE) with automatic transmission is a straight-6, 4 valve per cylinder unit with a maximum output of 202bhp @ 4400rpm and maximum torque of 266 lb ft @ 3200rpm.

The exterior of the new models is differentiated by a revised radiator grill and front bumper design. In case of a puncture, a new guide makes access to the spare tyre even easier.

Inside, the instrument panel has been redesigned and includes a revised steering wheel design, door courtesy lamps and a driver's airbag as standard.

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The long-wheelbase Landcruiser GS has distinctive steel wheels, headlamp wash, and wheel arch overfenders. The interior features a tasteful grey or oak cloth upholstery, electric windows, an RDS stereo radio/cassette player and a powered sunroof.

For the driver, added refinement comes in the form of cruise control, seat height adjustment and electric lumbar support. Backseat passengers benefit from an additional rear heater and map pockets in the back of the front seats.

The ultimate off-roader, Landcruiser VX is upholstered in soft, hard-wearing leather, with the centre console, doors and fascia finished in beautiful rich Californian burr walnut. Air conditioning is also a standard feature on the VX and optional on GS.

The Landcruiser VX is further differentiated by accommodating eight rather than five passengers and the addition of alloy wheels (dealer fit accessory for GS), side steps, an electric radio aerial, plus heated and electrically adjustable front seats.

Safety is paramount in both the Landcruiser GS and VX. A driver's airbag, side impact beams, height adjustment of front seat belts, heated rear window, intermittent front and rear wash/wipe, tilt adjustable/collapsible steering wheel, tinted glass, head restraints (front and rear), halogen headlamps with internal levelling, headlamp washers, and electrical adjustment for the door mirrors all contribute to safety on and off-road.

For over 40 years, Toyota Landcruisers have been conquering every extreme of climate, every kind of road and off-road surface. Permanent 4WD with a choice of high and low ratios (plus the flexibility of front, rear and centre differential locks) gives exceptional traction.

Safe stopping is assured by ventilated disc brakes all round and refinements such as a proportioning valve that modulates the front to rear brake bias with varying loads.

Progressive power steering makes manoeuvring effortless at low speeds, yet gives accurate handling on the open road. The ABS which is standard on the Landcruiser VX models is automatically disconnected when low ratio is selected.

To give a smoother ride over rough ground, the rear suspension uses a four-link design with a lateral road and stabiliser bar. In the front, long locating arms allow plenty of wheel travel while a lateral rod and anti-roll bar increase rigidity and ensure accurate cornering. The solid axles are tough enough to cope with the most testing terrain, and the rear is fully floating.

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Performance is another asset of the Landcruiser. Both engines deliver a top speed of 106mph (where legal). With the diesel unit the Landcruiser GS and VX models return a 0-60mph time of 12.5 seconds, whilst the automatic petrol VX version is 0.1 second faster from 0 to 60mph. The Landcruiser has a 20.9 gallon (95 litre) fuel tank and economy figures with the 4.2 litre turbo diesel engine of 25.7mpg on urban cycle, 31.0mpg at a constant 56mph and 20.9mpg at a constant 75mph. Equivalent figures for the 4.5 litre Landcruiser VX are 15.4mpg, 28.5mpg and 20.5mpg.

A sophisticated remote control alarm/immobiliser system is fitted to the Landcruiser GS and VX. For ultimate refinement, air conditioning is an optional extra.

In addition to the long wheel base Landcruiser GS and VX models, Toyota offers the compact Landcruiser II. This model comfortably seats five, and has a boot capacity of 11.7 cu ft (VDA) with the seats up, increasing to 42.7 cu ft (VDA) when the rear seats are folded. The short wheel base model is 4125mm in length, 1790mm wide and 1915mm tall. Its turning circle is a neat 10.6m.

This model has generous ground clearance and a low centre of gravity. The inclinometer and altimeter gauges ensure that the most challenging of off-road terrain is a pleasure to drive.

The Landcruiser II is powered by a 3 litre (2982cc) turbo diesel engine with a high and low ratio 5 speed gearbox and limited slip differential. Maximum power is 123bhp @ 3600rpm and maximum torque is 218 lb ft @ 2000rpm. Top speed is 93mph (where legal) and 0-60mph is achieved in 16.4 seconds. Fuel economy is good with 23.7mpg achieved on urban cycle, 27.2mpg at a constant 56mph, and 17.1mpg at constant 75mph.

Internal features include velour seats, cut pile carpets, tinted glass, electric front windows, power sunroof, RDS stereo radio/cassette player, power steering, heated rear window, tilt adjustable/collapsible steering column, intermittent front and rear wash/wipers, central locking, and headlamp washers. Alloy wheels and air conditioning are optional extras.

All Landcruiser models are guaranteed by Toyota's 3 year/60,000 miles mechanical warranty, 6 year anti-corrosion perforation warranty and provide the benefits of Club Toyota which include one year's free membership of the RAC.

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**TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION**

		Landcruiser VX		Landcruiser GS
		Automatic	Manual	Manual
Engine	Type	In line, 6 cylinder, 24 valve DOHC petrol	In line, 6 cylinder, OHC diesel	
	Capacity	4477 cc	4164 cc	
	Bore and stroke	100 x 95 mm	94 x 100 mm	
	Compression ratio	9:1	18.6:1	
	Maximum horsepower	202bhp @ 4400rpm	168bhp @ 3600rpm	
	Maximum torque	266 lbft @ 3200rpm	280 lbft @ 2200rpm	
	Fuel system	Electronic fuel injection	Direct diesel fuel injection with turbo charger	
Gearbox	Transmission	4 speed automatic with ECT and high and low ratios plus front, centre and rear differential locks	5 speed manual with high and low ratios plus front centre and rear differential locks	
	4WD	Full time	Full time	
Performance	Maximum speed	106 mph		
	0-60mph	12.4 secs	12.5 secs	
Fuel consumption	Urban cycle	15.4 mpg	25.7 mpg	
	Constant 56mph	28.5 mpg	31.0 mpg	
	Constant 75mph	20.5 mpg	20.9 mpg	
	Fuel type	Unleaded petrol	Diesel	
	Tank capacity	95 litres (20.9 gallons)		
Towing capacity	Trailer with brake	3500 kg		
Dimensions	Overall length	4820 mm		
	Overall width	1930 mm		
	Overall height	1890 mm		
	Tyre size	275/70 HR16		
	Kerb weight	2220 kg	2320 kg	2220 kg
Boot capacity	Seat up	9.1 cu ft (VDA)		
	Folded seats	28.7 cu ft (VDA) with 3rd row folded	48.3 cu ft (VDA) with 2nd row folded	
Turning circle	(tyre)	12.0 m		
Brakes		Front and rear disc brakes with ABS	Front and rear disc brakes	
Price		£38,689	£39,120	£29,630

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**TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION**

		<b>Landcruiser II</b>
<b>Engine</b>	Type	In line, 4 cylinder, OHC turbo diesel
	Capacity	2982 cc
	Bore and stroke	96 x 103 mm
	Compression ratio	21.2:1
	Maximum horsepower	123bhp @ 3600rpm
	Maximum torque	218 lbft @ 2000rpm
	Fuel system	Direct diesel fuel injection with turbo charger
<b>Gearbox</b>	Transmission	5-speed manual with high and low ratios plus limited slip differential on rear axle and manual hubs
	4WD	Selectable
<b>Performance</b>	Maximum speed	93ph
	0-60mph	16.4 secs
<b>Fuel consumption</b>	Urban cycle	23.7 mpg
	Constant 56mph	27.2 mpg
	Constant 75mph	17.1 mpg
	Fuel type	Diesel
	Tank capacity	90 litres (19.8 gallons)
<b>Towing capacity</b>	Trailer with brake	2000 kg
<b>Dimensions</b>	Overall length	4125 mm
	Overall width	1790 mm
	Overall height	1915 mm
	Tyre size	265/75 R15
	Kerb weight	2000 kg
<b>Boot capacity</b>	Seat up	11.7 cu ft (VDA)
	Folded seats	42.7 cu ft (VDA)
<b>Turning circle</b>	(tyre)	10.6 m
<b>Brakes</b>		Front disc and rear drum brakes
<b>Price</b>		<b>£20,394</b>

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## LANDCRUISER FACTS

- More than 2,582,621 Landcruisers have been built since 1951.
- Landcruiser is built in 7 worldwide production centres (Japan, Colombia, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Kenya and South Africa).
- The current GS/VX series is based on the LJ80 and is the third generation Landcruiser, introduced in 1989.
- As a world leader in the manufacture of off-road vehicles, Toyota takes the leading share of the Australian market (73 per cent of large sport utility vehicle market). Arguably one of the most rugged markets, it also takes 30 per cent of the Saudi Arabian, sport utility vehicle market, one of the most competitive.
- Choice of short wheel base Landcruiser II 70 series, or long wheelbase, 80 series models.
- High and low ratios plus front, centre and rear differential locks (limited slip differential on rear axle of Landcruiser II).
- Class leading power (168bhp) and torque (280lbft) for 4.2 turbo diesel engine.
- Full time 4WD on VX, selectable on II.
- Side impact beams and power steering standard (progressive on LWB).
- Electric sunroof, electric windows, central door locking, headlamp washers and RDS stereo radio/cassette standard.
- Luxury specification on VX including 8 seats, alloy wheels, ABS, heated front seats, electric door mirrors, split/folding rear seats, alarm and immobiliser, air conditioning, leather upholstery, burr walnut fascia and electrically adjustable front seats.
- 4.5 petrol automatic VX replaces diesel automatic VX (202bhp)
- 24 valve, 4.2 turbo diesel manual continues as high grade VX and new lead in GS.
- Cruise control and driver's airbag as standard on all 3 LWB models.

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