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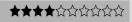
Suzuki Vitara V6 5d

Welcome

To possibly the most useful car report on the planet. If you've used Parker's pricing, then you'll already know what we are about; easily digested information that you can trust. This isn't a report about your car's shady history, or which part of the engine to tap before buying.

Rather than a little information on a lot of cars, this report contains absolutely everything we know about one exact car; some aspects, such and our review and the images, cover all of the engines in the range. The usefulness of this profile is to be found in the specific data, for the exact engine/trim combination that you are interested in. We hope that you find everything you need....

SUMMARY



Vitara is best viewed as a road car rather than an off-road workhorse. The five-door estates are fairly refined, especially V6 versions. Three-door cars are often 'loaded' with extras to mark them out as urban fashion statements.

- O Nice V6 engines
- Poor ride; tinny

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BEHIND THE WHEEL

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Driving position is upright and gives a good view of the road ahead. Scattered layout of the buttons and switches is typical of designs from the late 1908s/early nineties sometimes oddly placed and tricky to reach. Higher mile age steering wheels may have been worn smooth.



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COMFORT

There are only two seats in the back of the three-door and they're guite difficult to access, as they're high up. However, passengers have plenty of head and shoulder room, though legroom is a bit tight. The five-door is better for families and seats three kids in some comfort.

| Length: | 4125 mm |
|---------|---------|
| Width: | 1695 mm |
| Height: | 1695 mm |
| Weight: | 1330 Kg |

PERFORMANCE

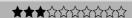
Only a 1.6 8v unit was available when the Vitara was launched in 1988. Performance from this unit isn't fast: 0-60 comes in 16 seconds and it has a top speed of 93mph. The five-door, launched in 1991, benefited from a 1.6 with 16 valves, bringing the O-60 time down to 14.5 seconds; this unit didn't make it into the three-door or softtop as standard until 1994. The smooth 2.0 V6 with 134bhp arrived in 1995 and had more urge than the 1.6 models. A (Mazda-powered) turbo diesel went on sale in

> BHP: Engine capacity: 1998 сс Cylinders:

Fuel delivery: Multi point fuel injection

Gears: 5 Speed 126 lb/ft Torque: Torque: 172 Nm Transmission: Manual Valves: 24

HANDLING



Handling is how you'd expect from a 4x4 dating from the 1980s. Steering is slow and it can be hard work to park - especially on early models without power steering. Four-wheel-drive is switchable, which means that it's two-wheel-drive on the road; four-wheel-drive is selected through a separate gearbox when needed. The ride is exceptionally harsh, especially at lower speeds, which is only made worse with bigger wheels.

> Wheelbase: 2480 mm



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PRACTICALITY



Three door has very limited luggage space and is really only suitable for couples, who can use the back seats for shopping. The five-door is better and with the seats down becomes a practical family holdall. A large glovebox and side door pockets about it on the inside.

> 1875 ka Braked towing weight: Turning circle: 11 m 645 Kg Unbraked towing weight:

RELIABILITY



Generally reliable but can give problems if neglected; interiors wear badly.

Car check body: Damage from off-roading

Car check engine: Worn camshaft and valves; noisy gearbox; check history -

especially 16-valve, V6 and 2.0D.

Car check other: Differential whine: worn brake callipers.

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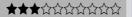




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SAFETY



Vitara is an old design and this shows on the safety and security front. No Euro NCAP crash test rating, but driver and passenger airbags were added in the late 1990s, as was an immobiliser.

Click here for more NCAP info

RUNNING COSTS

Relatively cheap to run and insure; parts can be expensive.

Insurance group: Click here for an insurance quote Miles per gallon: 70 litres Fuel capacity: Euro emissions standard: 207 g/km CO2 emissions:

Vehicle excise duty for cars registered on or after 1st March 2001, is now based on the fuel type and carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions levels of individual vehicles. Vehicle excise duty for cars registered before this date is calculated as follows.

> 6mths Engine sizes up to 1549cc £60.50 £110.00 Engine sizes over 1549cc £90.75 £165.00

Company car tax for the year 2005/2006; for tax purposes the list price of a car includes delivery charges but not road tax and new car registration fee.

> Annual tax at 22%: £971 Annual tax at 40%: £1766

For a full explanation of company car tax rules see the Inland Revenue website

BUYING USED



Although it's an elderly design, it does have with simple, fairly robust engineering; fully loaded cars can be pricey; estates preferred for family use.

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| Registration Year/Plate | Average Mileage | New List Price | Franchise | Independent | Private | Part Exchange |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| 1995/M | 90 | 15640 | 2385 | 2215 | 1875 | 1490 |
| 1995/N | 90 | 15650 | 2580 | 2395 | 2025 | 1610 |
| 1996/N | 80 | 15650 | 2645 | 2465 | 2155 | 1735 |
| 1996/P | 80 | 15950 | 2825 | 2630 | 2300 | 1850 |
| 1997/P | 70 | 15950 | 2940 | 2730 | 2415 | 1995 |
| 1997/R | 70 | 15950 | 3150 | 2925 | 2585 | 2135 |
| 1998/R | 60 | 15950 | 3415 | 3170 | 2820 | 2375 |

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Mileage: The standard average mileage in ,000 miles for the year. See the mileage adjustment tables for higher or lower values.

Franchise: The typical price paid at a franchised dealer for a car in a 'Used Approved' scheme. Lower than the 'sticker price' on the screen because we've allowed for sensible haggling.

Independent: Typical price paid for the car at an independent dealer or car supermarket. Prices are slightly lower than main dealers because you don't get all of the 'Used Approved'

Private: Typical private sale value of a car in good condition with full MoT and service history, needing no work.

Part Exchange: The typical 'bottom-book' price that a dealer offers for your car in partexchange. The actual value can vary from deal to deal, depending on the price and desirability of your car, but this is a good indication of what to expect.

MILEAGE ADJUSTMENT

The used prices shown above are valued at a standard mileage of 10,000 miles per year. This table allows you to add or deduct an amount for mileages that are lesser or greater than this standard mileage.

| Year/Plate | 10k | 20k | 30k | 40k | 50k | 60k | 80k | 100k | 120k | 150k |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|-------|
| 1995/M | - | 650 | 560 | 460 | 370 | 280 | 90 | -90 | -280 | -500 |
| 1995/N | - | 700 | 600 | 500 | 400 | 300 | 100 | -100 | -300 | -550 |
| 1996/N | - | 650 | 540 | 430 | 330 | 220 | - | -220 | -420 | -660 |
| 1996/P | - | 700 | 580 | 470 | 350 | 230 | - | -230 | -450 | -710 |
| 1997/P | 750 | 630 | 500 | 380 | 250 | 130 | -130 | -380 | -580 | -810 |
| 1997/R | 830 | 690 | 550 | 410 | 280 | 140 | -130 | -400 | -620 | -860 |
| 1998/R | 730 | 580 | 440 | 290 | 150 | - | -300 | -580 | -830 | -1050 |

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MODEL HISTORY

01/07/1992 Special Mustique (£9899); values as JLX Soft Top or Estate.

01/05/1993 Sport 2-seater Soft Top: removable hood; optional rear seats. JX 5-door Estate launched, mechanically similar to JLX SE but without central locking, electric windows, etc. JLX Soft Top and Estate now have standard PAS. Special 'X-EC' 5-door Estate (£13950); values approx. 8% higher than 5-door JLX SE.

01/01/1994 Special Verdi and Rossini 4-seater Soft Tops (£9990). Used values approx. 10% higher than Sport Soft Top. JX Soft Top 2- and 4-seater models launched.

01/02/1995 Sport 2 Soft Top and JX 3 door estate launched. Special edition X-EC 5 door reintroduced - used values 10% higher than JLX SE 5 door. 2.0 V6 Estate. PAS, central locking, elec windows and mirrors, two tone metallic paint, auto free-wheel front hubs, twin airbags,

01/01/1996 2.0 Diesel. PAS, two tone metallic paint, chrome grille, central locking, elec windows and mirrors. 1.6 JX Soft Top and 3 door estate reintroduced. Revisions to 3 door models: new bumpers and grille, twin rear fog lamps, restyled fascia, improved trim.

01/01/1997 Revisions to JX Sport: new bumpers and grill, restyled rear lamps and fascia. JLX Soft Top Special Edition - values as JLX.

01/07/1999 New range; JX and special '4U2' Soft Top and estate.

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SELLING

There should be no problems, providing it has been well looked after and it is well priced.

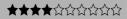
Warranty: Mechanical 3 years, bodywork 6 years

Servicing: Every 6,000 miles



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EQUIPMENT



All models have switchable 4WD, tinted glass, electric mirrors, split rear seats. Power Pack SE models add PAS, central locking, electric windows and alloy wheels; 2.0 D and V6 models have electric mirrors, two-tone metallic paintwork, chrome mirrors and grille surround, lower body wheel arch mouldings.

Options include spare wheel covers, side steps, bull bars, roof racks, coloured hoods, targa sunroof, wheel arch mouldings, exhaust endpieces, auto free-wheeling hubs, driving lamps, alloy wheels. Special editions include: JLX SE 16v 'X-EC' 5-door (July 93): blue metallic, body colour spare wheel cover, remote central locking; 'Rossini' 4-seater Soft Top (Jan 94): red metallic, white hood, white vinyl seat trim; 'Verdi' Soft Top (Jan 94): green metallic, white hood, white vinyl seat trim; JLX 'Special Edition' Soft Top (July 97): mercury silver paint, red soft top, red spare wheel cover. 4U(July 98), two-tone paintwork, alloy wheels, rear spoiler, silver exterior detailing. 4U2 metallic black or solid yellow, alloy wheels, rear spoiler, special graphics and '4U2' spare wheel cover.

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