

## VAUXHALL FRONTERA 2.2 DTI SPORT RS

This tidy family 4x4 has improved with age, suffering only from being a Vauxhall and therefore common, and stories of rattly, smoky, oil-dripping early versions. The modern Frontera Sport is a much better-made vehicle, with an impressively refined turbodiesel engine, neat and comfortable interior and near-classic styling that might not be as brash as the RAV4 but still hints at recreational off-roading fun. In fact, the Frontera Sport is a fine off-roader, its somewhat old-fashioned drivetrain no disadvantage when the terrain gets rugged. Four-wheel



### SPECIFICATIONS

Price:	£17,995
Engine cc/bhp:	1995/114
Transmission:	5-speed manual, dual range, selectable 4WD

### RATINGS (0-10)

Comfort:	6
Refinement:	6
Off-road:	7
Value:	7
Style:	5
TOTAL:	31

**WE LIKED:** Much-improved off-road ability  
**WE DISLIKED:** Dated styling, reputation

drive is a selectable system with low range, engaged at the flick of a switch, and axle articulation isn't as bad as some, and the engine has enough punchy low-down torque to cope in the rough. Good fuel consumption and enough luggage space for all earn it extra points.

## ISUZU TROOPER 3.0 DT DUTY SWB

Like a comfortable old suit, there's a pleasing familiarity about the Trooper that marks it as an old favourite, but old favourites are rarely winners. The Isuzu is a thoroughly conventional off-roader with the standard Japanese set-up: independent front suspension by torsion bars and live rear axle hung on coils, with a perfectly effective four-wheel-drive system, low-range gearing, limited-slip differential in Duty versions, roomy and reasonably comfortable cabin and sensible luggage space. It does everything competently, but with little flair, being



### SPECIFICATIONS

Price:	£19,950
Engine cc/bhp:	2999/157
Transmission:	5-speed manual, dual range, selectable 4WD

### RATINGS (0-10)

Comfort:	6
Refinement:	5
Off-road:	7
Value:	5
Style:	5
TOTAL:	28

**WE LIKED:** Nearest to God off-road vehicle  
**WE DISLIKED:** Overfired, interior, handling

unrefined on the road and ponderous off it. The bland styling and uninspiring interior don't help. The Trooper's best feature is the lusty 3.0-litre turbodiesel engine, though even this is surpassed in terms of refinement and efficiency by smarter rivals.