



JUDGE'S OPINION



This 4x4 is a belter – no argument. Okay, the Mercedes ML is more powerful, the Land Rover Discovery corners better, the Toyota Land Cruiser has more off-roading heritage and only the Mitsubishi Shogun Sport comes anywhere near it for price, but the Koreans have given us a package. This is a real 4x4, with low range and a specification list that, for the price, is unbeatable – with comparable equipment you could buy two Kia Sorentos to one ML270 CDI. Now that's value for money. Kia is no fool – it knows that badge snobs will turn their nose up at this car, but are you wealthy enough to pay a £15,000 premium just to wear a Land Rover or Mercedes symbol on the grille of your 4x4?