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## MITSUBISHI L200 4WORK - DOUBLE CAB GL



**T**he bright, brash face of the L200 is reflected in the high-specification Animal and 4Life Double Cab versions of this great-looking truck, which last year dominated UK pick-up sales with 47 per cent market share. But there is a more functional version of this popular pick-up, the GL, which does without the high-life refinements of alloy wheels and air-con, but still offers a comfortable, well-appointed five-seater cabin and a good load bay just under 1.5m long – more capacious than most double cabs. The dash and door trim plastics have a bit of a cheap 'n' cheerful look, but the interior is pleasantly styled with neatly-upholstered seats, those in the rear being particularly well-shaped. Allowing for a longer load bay means the cabin is a little less roomy than on others, but there's still enough legroom in the rear for most circumstances. Refinement is no better than average, however, since the engine is quite noisy on idle and sounds rather gruff while cruising. Though the 113-horse power output is adequate, there's little performance available below 2000rpm. Power pours on in lively fashion above that, which is fine for on-road hustling where it's simply a matter of hanging on to a lower gear until the engine takes off, but it's less effective in tricky off-road situations where easy low-rev torque is required. Decent ground clearance and acceptable axle articulation help in difficult situations, and there's the rare off-roading treat of a proper locking diff on the rear axle.

