



NISSAN - KING CAB



Direct injection that blasts a hefty 133 horsepower out of the 2.5-litre intercooled turbodiesel gives the Nissan pick-up a distinct edge over its direct rivals. Not only does this engine, by some margin the most powerful in its class, give the Nissan impressively lively on-road performance, it also enhances the truck's off-road agility. What makes the Nissan even better as an off-road worker is the above-average ground clearance and particularly its impressive axle articulation, which is considerably better than any other pick-up, except the Land Rover. The four-wheel drive system is selectable, shift-on-the-fly with automatic freewheeling front hubs, a limited slip rear differential helping to retain control in difficult conditions. Significantly, the powerful engine also supplies the Nissan with its extraordinary towing ability – the truck is rated to haul up to three tonnes. Equipment is sensible rather than extravagant, a factor reflected in the similarly sensible pricing. The King Cab gets a stereo but little else in the way of convenience equipment, though it does boast electric demisting for the rear windscreen. It looks smart with its high-rise rear side windows, but as in any King Cab design it's very much a compromise with a pair of tiny jump seats that fold up against the side of the cabin providing extremely occasional seating for two in a cramped area – more suitable for kids than adults. It does, however, boast a usefully long 1.86-metre load bed.



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Price ex-VAT:	£13,035/
Inc VAT & o-t-r:	£15,284
Engine cc/bhp:	2488/133
Transmission:	Five-speed manual, selectable 4WD
Payload:	1095kg
Towing weight:	3000kg
GVW:	2860kg

RATINGS (0-10)

Comfort:	5
Refinement:	5
Off-road:	7
On-road:	6
Value:	6
Style:	6
TOTAL:	35

WE LIKED: Lusty performance, good off-road agility
WE DISLIKED: Tiny rear seats, awkward rear access