

**COMMERCIAL
4x4
OF THE YEAR**



MITSUBISHI - PININ VAN



If ever there was a perfect commercial for someone running a chic florist or a classy bric-a-brac business, it's the Pinin. In its natural form the Pinin was styled (by Italian design house Pininfarina, of course) to be something smart in the city, and it happily keeps the cheeky, smart external appearance in its commercial guise. Equipping the Pinin for work has necessitated replacing the rear windows with panels and removing the rear seats. Rugged protection for the floor and sides enhance practicality, but the car's passenger vehicle origins are given away by poorly-disguised rear seat-belt housings and there's no barrier or bulkhead at the front of the load floor to prevent items sliding through under the front seats, so whatever cargo it's likely to carry needs to be properly packaged and secured. That this is a commercial conceived with no compromise on style is reinforced inside, where the dinky dash is highlighted by metallic inserts, and the four-spoke steering wheel adds a sporty touch, an interior ambience helped by the well-shaped, comfortable seats. Even the base model three-door Classic has air conditioning, remote central locking, electric door mirrors and a stereo. More expensive versions, including the five-door Pinin with a lustier and more refined 2.0-litre engine, get additional refinements such as alloy wheels and a CD system. Off-road ability is minimal in the 1.8-litre Pinins, because although these have permanent 4WD they lack low range gearing so excursions off tarmac need to be limited to easy going – not true for the 2.0-litre Pinins, which get a selectable 4WD with low range.

PININ VAN 1.8 CLASSIC 3DR

Price ex-VAT:	£10,995/
Inc VAT & o-t-r:	£12,887
Engine cc/bhp:	1834/113 (petrol)
Transmission:	Five-speed manual, permanent 4WD
Payload:	425kg
Towing weight:	1500kg
GVW:	1840kg

RATINGS (0-10)

Comfort:	5
Refinement:	5
Off-road:	3
On-road:	5
Value:	5
Style:	7
TOTAL:	30

WE LIKED: Kinky styling
WE DISLIKED: Lack of low range gearing



PININ VAN 1.8 CLASSIC 5DR

Price ex-VAT:	£12,495/
Inc VAT & o-t-r:	£14,649
Engine cc/bhp:	1834/113 (petrol)
Transmission:	Five-speed manual, permanent 4WD
Payload:	500kg
Towing weight:	1500kg
GVW:	1840kg

PININ VAN 2.0 CLASSIC 5DR

Price ex-VAT:	£16,495/
Inc VAT & o-t-r:	£19,349
Engine cc/bhp:	1999/127 (petrol)
Transmission:	Five-speed manual, selectable 4WD
Payload:	670kg
Towing weight:	2800kg
GVW:	2510kg

SHOGUN 3.2 TD CLASSIC 3DR

Price ex-VAT:	£17,995/
Inc VAT & o-t-r:	£21,112
Engine cc/bhp:	3200/158
Transmission:	Five-speed manual, selectable 4WD
Payload:	530kg
Towing weight:	2800kg
GVW:	2510kg

SHOGUN 3.2 TD CLASSIC 5DR

Price ex-VAT:	£23,495/
Inc VAT & o-t-r:	£27,574
Engine cc/bhp:	3200/158
Transmission:	Five-speed manual, selectable 4WD
Payload:	685kg
Towing weight:	3300kg
GVW:	2810kg