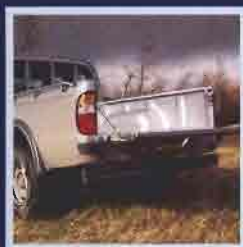




FORD RANGER - SUPER CAB (DEC 2002-)



Attractive new styling and a clever "rear access system" on the Super Cab which effectively gives it a four-door cabin are highlights of the new generation of Ranger, made even more appealing by the pricing which in some cases is lower than the outgoing model. Ford claim their new pick-up will be one of the best-equipped in class, with all 4x4 versions now featuring anti-lock brakes while remote central locking is fitted to Super Cab and Double Cab versions, a good-value policy which should ensure that the Ranger remains far and away Britain's favourite one-tonne pick-up. While the Super Cab looks like a two-door, king-cab type, the rear cabin sections are in fact doors, the handles appearing when the front doors are opened, allowing easy access to the dicky seats in the rear, which easily fold out of the way if the rear cabin is to be used for cargo. Big improvements have been wrought in the chassis, so the Ford holds the road exceptionally well, with very little tendency to skip or twitch when hustled through a quick corner, whether laden or unladen. Cruising refinement is also greatly improved. The engine, already impressively smooth, is quieter than before and less road roar and suspension noise is transmitted into the cab. Though the basic mechanical layout is unchanged from the previous model, the new Ranger has the refinement of an electrically-engaged freewheeling front differential in place of laborious manual freewheeling hubs in the form of a dash-mounted switch.

REGULAR CAB	
Price ex-VAT:	£14,227/
Inc VAT & o-t-r:	£16,717
Engine cc/bhp:	2499/109
Transmission:	Five-speed manual, selectable 4WD
Payload:	1090kg
Towing weight:	2800kg
GVW:	2855kg

DOUBLE CAB	
Price ex-VAT:	£14,227/
Inc VAT & o-t-r:	£18,779
Engine cc/bhp:	2499/109
Transmission:	Five-speed manual, selectable 4WD
Payload:	1145kg
Towing weight:	2800kg
GVW:	2950kg

DOUBLE CAB KLT	
Price ex-VAT:	£16,982/
Inc VAT & o-t-r:	£19,954
Engine cc/bhp:	2499/109
Transmission:	Five-speed manual, selectable 4WD
Payload:	1145kg
Towing weight:	2800kg
GVW:	2950kg

SUPER CAB

Price ex-VAT:	£14,227/
Inc VAT & o-t-r:	£16,717
Engine cc/bhp:	2499/109
Transmission:	Five-speed manual, selectable 4WD
Payload:	1145kg
Towing weight:	2800kg
GVW:	2950kg

RATINGS (0-10)

Comfort:	6
Refinement:	8
Off-road:	5
On-road:	6
Value:	8
Style:	6
TOTAL:	39

WE LIKED: Cruising refinement, clever rear doors
WE DISLIKED: Minimalist rear seats