

**COMMERCIAL
4x4
OF THE YEAR**



ISUZU TF - 4 SPORT



Apart from an attempt to add a little style around the grille area, this is a very ordinary and workmanlike vehicle, just as was its predecessor, the Vauxhall Brava. Even though it has a little more power than the old Brava, the Isuzu is still a slow and unrefined truck, its only redeeming feature from a performance point of view being reasonably good fuel economy. The 4 Sport cabin is particularly roomy – it's bigger than all the other double cab bodies, and the rear doors are two inches wider than, say, the L200's, the only downside being that the rear doors don't open fully so access, though easy enough for passengers, is far from perfect if you're using the back seats to carry awkward-shaped items of cargo. In spite of the long cabin the Isuzu's longer wheelbase means the load bay is still a reasonable size, almost 1.5 metres long and 1.4 metres wide. It rides and handles well on the road, but the long wheelbase and mediocre ride height, allied to restricted axle articulation, can prove problematic when driving off road. The four-wheel drive system is straightforward, a refinement being a shift-on-the-fly system with automatic engagement and disengagement of the front drive shafts, but manoeuvrability is limited by the unusually wide 40ft turning circle. Though it lacks style and pace the Isuzu 4 Sport has the right proportions to serve as a family recreational vehicle, and the CD player and air conditioning are good selling points for this role.

4 SPORT

Price ex-VAT:	£16,495/
Inc VAT & o-t-r:	£19,349
Engine cc/bhp:	2499/109
Transmission:	Five-speed manual, selectable 4WD
Payload:	1018kg
Towing weight:	2000kg
GVW:	2750kg

RATINGS (0-10)

Comfort:	7
Refinement:	4
Off-road:	5
On-road:	4
Value:	5
Style:	4
TOTAL:	29

WE LIKED: Big cabin, sensible price
WE DISLIKED: Poor refinement, soft engine

SINGLE CAB

Price ex-VAT:	£13,495/
Inc VAT & o-t-r:	£15,824
Engine cc/bhp:	2499/109
Transmission:	Five-speed manual, selectable 4WD
Payload:	1075kg
Towing weight:	2000kg
GVW:	2550kg

CREW CAB

Price ex-VAT:	£14,995/
Inc VAT & o-t-r:	£16,587
Engine cc/bhp:	2499/99
Transmission:	Five-speed manual, selectable 4WD
Payload:	1015kg
Towing weight:	2000kg
GVW:	2750kg

