

NISSAN BLUEBIRD



Eight models with Eighties' sophistication

From time to time a car emerges and is so successful that very special reasons are needed to introduce change. Such a car is the Bluebird, one of the best selling medium sized family cars in the world for the past decade.

Now Nissan have changed the Bluebird to

give it the benefits of front wheel drive and all the sophistication made possible by the latest technology.

At the same time they have deliberately retained the traditional "three-box" overall styling concept and classic lines, to maximise space available for driver, passengers, and luggage in a car of this size.

The result is a range of up-to-the-minute saloons and estates – eight in all – which combine the stability and tenacious roadholding customary with large front wheel drive cars, with maximum comfort and

an easy, relaxed travelling environment.

At the heart of the changes is Nissan's adoption of the CA series engines, already enjoying an outstanding reputation for smoothness, economy, and efficiency in the very popular Nissan Stanza range. A 2.0 litre version was designed specifically for the new Bluebird, and the 1.8 litre version is available with a turbocharger which boosts maximum power output to 135 bhp. The carburettor versions produce 90 bhp in the case of the 1.8, and 105 bhp in the 2.0 litre.

Modern, fuel-efficient engines are best



matched to equally up-to-date transmission systems with ratios chosen to provide good acceleration for town driving and overtaking, and high upper ratios which ensure miserly fuel consumption when the car is cruising on open roads. Manual versions of the new Nissan Bluebird have a five-speed transmission in which the ratios meet exactly that specification: both fourth and fifth are "overdrives", but the first three speeds are closely spaced. For those who prefer automatic transmission, Nissan offer a four-speed system on which fourth is an overdrive

ratio, and it has a lock-up mechanism which bypasses the torque converter at cruising speeds to give still greater efficiency.

Engine and transmission are mounted transversely, with the final drive incorporated in the same assembly. It is an extremely compact unit with all the ancillaries easily accessible to make servicing quick and easy.

The front suspension is independent, by MacPherson struts and coil springs, with an anti-roll bar. Steering is rack and pinion, with power assistance available on SGL

saloons. Front disc brakes are fitted on all models. The rear suspension system is by parallel links, coil springs and an anti-roll bar on all models; 1.8 and 2.0 models have drum rear brakes, while the Turbo has discs all round.

The major benefits of this system are excellent insulation of the car's occupants from any sort of road shocks, and a very stable controlled feel to the car due to the exceptionally low roll angles and the car's wide track. It's great to look at – better than ever to drive.





STYLISH BLUEBIRD SALOONS

Three versions of the Bluebird saloon provide the basis for the Bluebird range. Each is outstandingly well appointed, and they all share the same advanced automotive technology, but three levels of trim are available to suit different tastes.

As soon as you open the doors of the Nissan Bluebird saloon the advantages of the change to front wheel drive are obvious. The doors open wide to give access to large comfortable seats upholstered in high quality cloth fabric (patterns vary according to model), and there is carpeting throughout. And the Bluebird scores over many other cars in the amount of interior room. There are large uncluttered footwells, ample adjustment for the seats in the fore and aft range, as well as for rake, and on GL and SGL models, height and

lumbar support adjustment for the driver.

Seat back pockets are fitted for oddments, and rear seat passengers have generous legroom, as well as exceptionally comfortable seating. On SGL saloons parts of the rear seat back fold forward to give access to the boot.

All Bluebirds have a comprehensive heating and ventilation system, quartz clock (digital on GL and SGL models), and radio equipment. A combined three waveband radio and stereo cassette unit is fitted to Bluebird GL and SGL saloons.

Luxury equipment fitted to the Bluebird SGL includes central locking for all four doors, electrically-adjusted door mirrors, electric window lifters, and step lamps on the front doors.





SPACIOUS BLUEBIRD ESTATES

Nissan's Bluebird Estate models are proof that practicality can go hand in hand with comfort, and that Estate car owners can have the same high standards of handling and roadholding enjoyed by the saloon owner.

The Bluebird Estates come with high levels of standard equipment, cloth upholstery, and carpets throughout.

They have the same major mechanical components, including independent front and rear suspension systems, so there is no sacrificing ride comfort or cornering power.

Yet these are very practical cars, capable of carrying large or heavy objects with ease.

Bluebird Estates have large one-piece tailgates which lift on gas-filled struts to reveal

an exceptionally large load area.

The floor is low, to assist with loading, and it is fully carpeted.

The rear seat on Bluebird Estates has a split backrest so that three people and large loads can be carried, and for added convenience, the tailgate can be opened by a remote lever situated beside the driver's seat.



Photographs above are SGL models.



EXCITING BLUEBIRD TURBO ZX

Extra high performance motoring in the Bluebird range comes from the latest Turbo ZX model – a saloon with a unique blend of power and carrying capacity.

It takes the very latest in turbo technology – in which Nissan are industry leaders – and makes this very special Bluebird a real executive's express.

The ZX secret lies under the bonnet – the 1.8 litre CA engine with the same turbocharger and ancillary fittings which go to make the Silvia Turbo ZX sports coupe such an exciting car.

In this application it develops 135 bhp at 6000 rpm (DIN), and 142 lbs/ft of torque at 4000 rpm (DIN) – enough power and torque to give sparkling acceleration, and a top speed of 121 miles per hour.

The Bluebird Turbo ZX owner has this performance there at all times, guaranteed by the Nissan-patented ECCS engine management system which monitors all the different factors which can affect engine performance and automatically adjusts the fuel/air mixture and the engine timing to give optimum output.

As you would expect with such a sporty car, only manual transmission is available – the five-speed gearbox with specially selected ratios to take full advantage of the available power.

When you have performance of this nature, the driver must have confidence in the braking and handling of the car, and here the Bluebird Turbo ZX excels.

Brakes are ventilated discs at the front and discs at the rear, a set-up designed to give fade-free retardation time after time from high speeds.

The independently-sprung Bluebird Turbo ZX combines comfort with surefooted handling, and on its unique styled alloy wheels it really looks the part.





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Standard Equipment

1. Rear seat folds forward to give access to the boot (SGL saloon).
2. Controls for remote electric door mirror adjustment (SGL).
3. Lumbar control knob (GL and SGL).
4. Overdrive switch for automatic transmission (2.0 only).
5. Heater controls, radio/stereo cassette, digital quartz clock (GL and SGL).
6. Electric door mirrors (SGL).
7. Step lamp on front doors (SGL).
8. Map reading light (GL and SGL).
9. Seat back pocket.
10. Saloon models have a very large boot.
11. Rear spoiler (Turbo).
12. Heated rear window (Saloon).
13. Central locking and electric window controls (SGL).
14. Automatic transmission controls (2.0).
15. Lidded centre console box (GL and SGL).
16. Delayed fade courtesy light (GL and SGL).
17. Rear wash/wipe (Estates).



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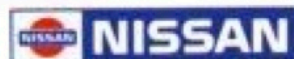
SPECIFICATIONS

	DX	GL	SGL	Turbo
ENGINE AND TRANSMISSION				
4 cyl ohc	■	■	■	■
5 speed gearbox	■	■	■	■
Automatic transmission		□	□	
EXTERIOR FEATURES				
Locking fuel lid	■	■	■	■
Bodyside moulding		■	■	■
Metallic paint	□	□	□	□
Half wheel cover		■	■	■
Alloy road wheels		□	□	■
EXTERIOR/ELECTRIC				
Tinted glass	■	■	■	■
Laminated windscreen	■	■	■	■
Driver's door mirror	■			
Two door mirrors		■		
Electrically controlled driver's door mirror			■	■
Electrically controlled passenger mirror			■	■
Dipping rear view mirror	■	■	■	■
Heated rear window	■	■	■	■
Two-speed and intermittent wipers	■			
Two-speed, variable intermittent wipers		■	■	■
Halogen headlamps	■	■	■	■
Reversing lamps	■	■	■	■
Rear fog lamps	■	■	■	■
Lights-on chime	■	■	■	■
Electric windows		■		
COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE				
Power assisted steering (Saloon only)			□	■
3 wave band radio		■	■	■
Stereo cassette (Saloon only)		■	■	■
Quartz digital clock		■	■	■
Twin trip recorders	■	■	■	■
Courtesy light	■	■	■	■
4-speed heater fan	■	■	■	■
Centre console with oddments box		■	■	■
Cigar lighter	■	■	■	■
Panel light dimmer		■	■	■
Delayed fade courtesy light		■	■	■
Rear heater duct	■	■	■	■
MW push-button radio	■			
Quartz clock	■			

	DX	GL	SGL	Turbo
INTERIOR SEATING/FEATURES				
Fold-through rear seats (Saloon)			■	
Individually folding rear seats (Estate)			■	
Reclining front seats	■	■	■	■
Front head restraints	■	■	■	■
Driver's seat height adjustment		■	■	■
Driver's seat lumbar adjustment		■	■	■
Passenger area carpet	■	■	■	■
Load area carpet	■	■	■	■
Remote boot opening	■	■	■	■
Remote fuel lid opening	■	■	■	■
Illuminated lockable glove box		■	■	■
Door map pockets	■	■	■	■
Twin sun visors	■	■	■	■
Passenger vanity mirror	■	■	■	■
Tilt adjustable steering	■	■	■	■

■ - Standard □ - Option

	1.8 Sal	2.0 Sal	2.0 Est	1.8 Turbo		
TECHNICAL						
Capacity (cc)	1809	1973	1973	1809		
Compression ratio	9.6:1	9.4:1	9.4:1	8.0:1		
Fuel system	Carb.	Carb.	Carb.	Inj.		
Choke	Auto	Auto	Auto	n/a		
Max power (bhp/DIN)/rpm	90/5200	105/5200	105/5200	135/6000		
Max torque (lb/ft DIN)/rpm	111/2800	120/3600	120/3600	142/4000		
DIMENSIONS						
Length (ins)	171.7	171.7	173.4	171.7		
Width (ins)	66.5	66.5	66.5	66.5		
Height (ins)	55.1	55.1	57.3	55.1		
Kerb weight (lbs)	2359	2403	2491	2513		
Fuel tank capacity (galls)	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.2		
Wheels	5J x 14	5J x 14	5J x 14	5J x 14		
Tyres	165/70SR	185/70SR	185/70SR	195/60HR		
GOVERNMENT FUEL CONSUMPTION TEST						
MPG L/100 KM	1.8 Sal	2.0 Sal	1.8 Turbo	2.0 Est	2.0 Sal Auto	2.0 Est Auto
Constant 56 mph (90 km/h)	44.1	44.1	42.2	42.8	42.8	39.2
Urban cycle	29.7	28.8	26.9	28.8	25.9	25.9
Constant 75 mph (120 km/h)	35.3	34.0	31.4	32.8	31.7	30.4



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