

## SUZUKI JIMNY

- Model: Suzuki Jimny
- Engine: 1.3 litre
- Drivetrain: five speed manual
- Power: 85PS
- Top speed: 87mph
- 0-62mph: 14.1secs
- Insurance group: 14
- Miles per gallon 39.8 (combined):
- CO2 (g/km): 162



**I**F the Jimny was a person he would be a surfer with tousled hair bleached blond by sun and seawater; he would be a sandaled boho with a shell choker, genuine tan and a laid back attitude to life; in short he would be a dude.

The little Suzuki "jeep" is just so chilled it becomes the antidote to the toil of modern day life. Our lives are increasingly and ridiculously frenetic to the detriment of everything else, particularly your health. Jimny could be on prescription instead of the normal chemicals too many of us have running through our veins.

It will knock 20mph off your average

speed, which is always a good thing, your honour. It will increase tenfold your levels of observation on any journey as you suddenly take notice of your surroundings; the sounds, sights and smells of our glorious country.

For the maximum impact forgo the straights in favour of the narrows. Jimny is sooooo much better if it is allowed to pootle at its own speed. It is also great fun on country roads or even better, off them.

You see this is a proper off roader with beefy suspension, decent axle articulation and press-of-the-button

high and low ratio all-wheel drive.

There is also something wonderfully retro about the Jimny.

Many cars are so smooth and sophisticated nowadays that they make driving as much fun as a computer game.

The Suzuki has an old style transmission, bouncy ride and degree of composure akin to cars of yesteryear and the real rewards come from the skill of the driver in getting the most out of the package. Drive it harshly and passengers will suffer the indignities of a learner driver. But

take your time, use your natural roadcraft and smooth operations will reward you with a self-satisfied smile.

New-look Jimny is cute and attractive; it is well proportioned and put together. It has the making of a cult car and to drive one is to join a small family of nodding and

waving fellow fans, which adds to the overall pride of ownership.

It's all fairly snug inside but it errs on the side of cosy not cramped. The boot is limited, but space can be increased by dropping the back seats and it is likely to be a second car so it

doesn't have to be that practical.

The Jimny is the ideal companion, the antidote to the rigours of modern life and the right vehicle in which to hang loose. All we need now is some sun, surf and a sense of adventure.

# Get a sense of adventure

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