

VAUXHALL

- Model: Vauxhall Mokka
- Engine: 1.4 petrol turbo
- Drivetrain: six speed manual
- Power: 140PS
- Top speed: 118mph
- 0-60mph: 9.4secs
- Miles per gallon (combined): 44.1
- CO2 (g/km): 149



A perfect blend of motoring

by Ian Lamming

IF EVER there was a car that was going to be your cup of Joe, it's got to be the Mokka.

Trendy looks, terrific interior and tasty dynamics, no wonder prospective customers are queuing round the block for one.

Someone very clever at Vauxhall has been studying the market and come up with a design that appeals to young and old, men, women and children.

It's got the look, the perfect proportions, the cheeky but macho lines to appeal to all. But it remains manageable, far from intimidating and a must-have buy.

It's also a nifty blend of familiar and new.

Vauxhalls sell by the ship-load in all manifestations and the

interior could be no other marque.

Existing customers are going to feel at home while new ones, attracted by its delectable exterior, will wonder why they hadn't considered the Griffin badge before.

Mokka is incredibly well equipped and I actually took time out to discover what the myriad buttons did. It boasts all the toys you would expect in a modern SUV; satnav, Bluetooth, trip computer, cruise, voice commands, you name it and it is there.

There is also a good mix of colours, textures and materials which make the cheerful interior a feast for the eyes.

So it looks great inside and out but the Mokka goes way

beyond the gilt and glitz. This thing works brilliantly well as a vehicle.

Ride and handling are excellent melding comfort with control; Mokka is agile and fun to drive while remaining safe and secure on the road.

This particular variant comes with 4x4 which will help grip on and off the road in our all-year-

round inclement weather.

The six speed gearbox and light clutch feel Vauxhall-slick and boost the driving experience even further. But the real revelation is the motor – this one is a 1.4 litre petrol engine which comes complete with a turbocharger.

I love turbos; there's nothing like them. If

you want the push in the back which creates the impression of power and speed then you have to go down the blower line. Now Mokka is fairly solid and you would not expect a 1.4 litre to have enough oomph.

But it has thanks to the big bang turbo effect; it's fabulous.

You get serious acceleration, great mid-range for safe

overtaking but stay off the booster and you also get creditable fuel economy. Now that is a great combination.

Mokka is hot by any standard with the design appeal and driving dynamics to make it everyone's cup of tea; sorry coffee.

