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## **SVELTE LOOKS, MORE EQUIPMENT FOR NISSAN DUALIS URBAN HATCH.**

### **Overview**

Nissan's successful European-designed, British-built DUALIS compact hatch is evolving with the release of a Series II range that boasts a more refined, premium look and valuable improvements in specification and efficiency.

The Nissan DUALIS has exceeded company sales expectations every year since its launch in March 2007 in Europe, carving a sizeable niche for itself among customers wishing to merge the driving dynamics of a small hatch with the practicality, versatility, and (in ALL MODE 4x4 guise) the sure-footedness of a compact SUV.

In Europe, and increasingly in Australia, the Nissan DUALIS has become the savvy alternative to both the traditional hatch and the bulkier SUV. Its five-star ANCAP rating, high level of equipment, plus the economy and handling comparable with smaller cars, gives it segment-leading performance.

The Nissan DUALIS has notched up 500,000 sales in Europe alone, a significant achievement for a segment-creating model. More than 80 percent of DUALIS customers have been new to the Nissan brand, underlining the appeal of the vehicle concept.

Available in Australia in 2WD and ALL MODE 4x4, and attractively priced and well specified, the Nissan DUALIS has seen sales escalate sharply in past months and contribute a greater share of overall Nissan Australia sales.

The arrival of the Series II range, together with the new 7-seater DUALIS+2 (separate story), brings a further refinement of the model line up, as well as some significant new additional specification as standard.

For the top-of-the-range Ti model, the equipment list bulges with new features such as standard panoramic sunroof, dual zone auto climate control, 18-inch alloy wheels, rear privacy glass and the Nissan Intelligent Key for keyless starting and entry/locking.

Aero efficiency improvements have reduced combined-cycle fuel consumption to 8.1-litres per 100km for the manual and 8.2-l/100km for the CVT auto (a 0.1litre/100km saving over the previous model).

The new aerodynamic efficiencies, combined with revised engine management, also reduce emissions on 4x4 models by 7gms/km. (4x2 models 4gms/km.)

## **Range revamp and specification additions**

The Series II Nissan DUALIS introduces even more attractive features and equipment as standard across the two existing grades, ST and Ti.

For Series II, the Nissan DUALIS 2WD is available in both ST and Ti grades, while the Nissan DUALIS ALL MODE 4x4 chassis is only available in top-of-the-range Ti grade. Both 2WD and ALL MODE 4x4 are available with either a manual or CVT auto transmission.

New features for Series II DUALIS ST grade includes: new design 16-inch alloy wheels (with a full size spare), steering wheel audio controls, Bluetooth® handsfree phone system with steering wheel controls and new exterior styling.

Carry-over standard equipment on the DUALIS 2WD ST models include: Cruise control with steering wheel controls, air conditioning, disc brakes all round, ABS/EBD with Brake Assist, Vehicle Dynamics Control (VDC) and Traction Control System (TCS), MP3 aux input, and six airbags including front to rear SRS curtain airbags.

The Series II Nissan DUALIS 2WD Ti model adds a new panoramic glass roof with power sunshade, 18-inch alloy wheels, dual zone auto climate control, Intelligent Key keyless entry and rear privacy glass.

This is in addition to the previously comprehensive standard equipment list comprising leather upholstery, 6-CD in-dash auto-changer with MP3/WMA compatibility and 6-speakers, automatic headlights, rain-sensing front wipers, front fog lights, front heated seats and front passenger under-seat storage.

In addition, the Series II Nissan DUALIS ALL MODE 4x4 Ti model gains silver roof rails.

## **Exterior changes**

The most notable Series II changes from the outside are a completely revised front end, dominated by a more sophisticated look.

The all new bonnet, front bumper, guards, grille and headlamps combine to give the DUALIS an air of added premium sophistication, presence and quality.

The two distinctive raised strakes on the bonnet are now longer, finishing closer to the front lip.

The front edge of the bonnet is shaped to more closely hug the headlamps, giving a tighter, more precise finish, reinforcing the feeling of quality.

A more dynamic and aggressive headlamp shape adds greater presence to the front by being flatter than the previous design. The visual effect makes the lamp appear to be wrapped around the front corner of the car.

The internal design of the headlamp unit is more technical, with intricate detailing for each of the three elements – low beam, high beam and the turn indicator.

The lower bumper area has been reshaped around the air intake, to optimise airflow to the radiator, but with the added benefit of giving a more purposeful appearance.

The original radiator grille is replaced by a sportier honeycomb design, which also adds to its air of premium sophistication.

The grille retains the centrally mounted Nissan logo surrounded by the three-sided chromed frame, which is Nissan's signature grille motif for Crossovers. The vertical arms of the chrome frame appear to be continuations of the strakes set into the bonnet, giving further visual cohesion and strength to the overall impression.

In addition to the new, stronger look, the revised panel work and grille designs assist an improvement in aerodynamic efficiency, which leads to a lower coefficient of drag, and a small reduction in fuel consumption.

Styling changes at the rear are limited to a new, clear lens cover for the reversing and turn indicators, and a lower red section for the brake and park lights.

New for the Series II DUALIS are 12-globe LED stop lamps to provide maximum clarity.

Eagle-eyed observers will notice a slight reprofiling of the spoiler mounted atop the tailgate to reduce aerodynamic drag still further.

Continuing the efficiency improvement theme are changes to the underfloor design to optimise airflow and reduce drag. These include a smoother floor area around the engine, additional flat panels along the length of the underbody and optimised deflectors around the front and rear wheels.

The sum of all these aerodynamic changes to the vehicle body reduces the coefficient of drag from 0.34 to 0.33.

Minor retuning of the suspension serves to improve the ride comfort and responsiveness of a vehicle that is already hailed by customers for its combination of hatch-like dynamic driving and robust compact SUV values.

Two new exterior colours have been added to the existing line-up of Blade, Flame Red, Pearl Black and Cayman Blue: These are Mineral Grey and Nightshade. Both colours complement the philosophy of added sophistication that runs through the overall restyling.

Additionally, a new 16-inch alloy wheel is fitted as standard to the DUALIS ST 2WD, and a new 18-inch light alloy wheel design is fitted to the DUALIS Ti 2WD and AWD models.

### Interior Changes

The updated Series II Nissan DUALIS will feature a new, cleaner instrument cluster design focused on delivering added clarity and legibility to the main dials.

The road and engine speed gauges feature white increments on a black background, with red needles. They are also surrounded with chrome bezels.

Within the RPM dial on the left of the binnacle, a smaller temperature gauge is mounted and mirroring that on the speed indicator on the right, is the fuel gauge.

Between the two principal dials is a redesigned drive computer with a white LCD screen showing average fuel consumption, distance travelled, elapsed time, range and cruise control settings.

New low-level lighting around the front footwells presents a warm, welcoming glow on entry.

Oddment storage has been improved to boost convenience, with a new cubby at the base of the central dash column. This is ideal for holding a portable audio player.

For 2WD models where the ALL MODE selector is not fitted, there is a new space for keys and car park tickets etc. conveniently located between the seats just behind the gear selector.

The Series II Nissan DUALIS is now quieter and more refined inside thanks to the adoption of a new, improved NVH-cancelling multi-layer insulation material affixed to the front bulkhead. In addition, an 'acoustic' windscreen reduces the transmission of noise, while wind noise from around the A-pillar has been reduced with a new window sealing solution.

### DUALIS Production

The Nissan DUALIS was designed at Nissan Design Europe based in Paddington, London. Principal engineering was undertaken at Nissan Technical Centre Europe, in Bedfordshire, UK. The Nissan DUALIS models for Australia are manufactured at Nissan's factory in Sunderland, in the northeast of England.

### New Series II Nissan DUALIS Pricing April 2010

DUALIS 2WD ST Manual	\$24,990*
DUALIS 2WD ST CVT	\$27,490*
DUALIS 2WD TI Manual	\$29,690*
DUALIS 2WD TI CVT	\$32,190*
DUALIS AWD TI Manual	\$31,890*
DUALIS AWD TI CVT	\$34,390*

\*Manufacturer's list price. Does not include dealer delivery or statutory charges.

## Quotes

“The DUALIS has played a key role in reinforcing Nissan’s position as an innovator in the European market, and the recent introduction of the 2WD version in Australia has provided a spur to sales,” said Dan Thompson, CEO of Nissan Australia.”

“The DUALIS is a highly-competitive, stylish, safe and reliable Nissan 5-door that is able to win sales from traditional small hatchback rivals in the Australian market.”

“It now accounts for almost 10 percent of our sales in Australia, and this is expected to increase with the arrival of the Series II models. We see the DUALIS cementing its position as a design and innovation leader, providing an exciting alternative to traditional hatches.”

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## Specifications

	DUALIS HATCH		DUALIS AWD
	ST	Ti	Ti
<b>Engine</b>			
All aluminium 2.0 litre MR20 engine	•	•	•
Displacement (cc)	1997		
Bore x stroke (mm)	84 x 90.1		
Compression ratio	10.1		
Max power (kW@rpm)	102@5200		
Max torque (Nm@rpm)	198@4400		
No. of cylinders, configuration	4, in line		
Valves per cylinder	4		
Induction	Multi-point injection		
Emission control	3-way catalytic converter		
Emission class	ADR 79/02 (Euro4)		

<b>Transmission</b>			
Gear ratio 1st (manual/CVT auto)	3.727/2.349		
2nd (manual)	2.043		
3rd (manual)	1.392		
4th (manual)	1.055		
5th (manual)	0.865		
6th (manual/CVT auto)	0.732/0.394		
Reverse (manual/CVT auto)	3.641/1.750		
Final drive ratio (manual/CVT auto)	4.687/6.466		
Driven wheels	Front 2WD		Front in 2WD, all wheels in AUTO and LOCK

<b>Dimensions/Weights</b>			
Overall length (mm)	4,330	4,330	4,330
Overall width excluding mirrors (mm)	1,783	1,783	1,783
Overall height (mm)	1,606	1,606	1,623
Wheelbase (mm)	2,630	2,630	2,630
Track front/rear (mm)	1,540/1,545	1,540/1,545	1,540/1,545
Min. turning circle kerb to kerb (m)	10.6	10.6	10.6
Tare mass (kg) (manual/CVT auto)	1,422/1,455	1,450/1,473	1,525/1,551
Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM)(kg)**	1,960	1,960	1,960
Ground clearance (mm)	188	188	188
Trailer with brakes (kg) (manual/CVT auto)	1,400/1,200	1,400/1,200	1,400/1,200
Trailer without brakes (kg)	685	685	740

<b>Fuel</b>			
Recommended fuel type (minimum)	RON91	RON91	RON91
Fuel tank capacity (litres)	65	65	65
Fuel consumption l/100km (combined ADR 61/02) <sup>A</sup> (manual/CVT auto)	8.1/8.2	8.1/8.2	8.3/8.4
CO <sub>2</sub> mass emission (g/km combined) (manual/CVT auto)	192/195	192/195	197/199
Aerodynamics (Cd)	0.33	0.33	0.33

<b>Mechanical</b>			
Steering	Speed sensitive power assisted rack and pinion		
Front suspension	MacPherson strut		
Rear suspension	Independent multi-link		

<b>Wheels/Tyres</b>			
16 x 6.5JJ alloy wheels	•		
18 x 6.5JJ alloy wheels		•	•
215/65R16 tyres	•		
215/55R18 tyres		•	•
Spare - 16 x 6.5JJ steel wheel	•	•	•

<b>Interior</b>			
Seating capacity	5	5	5
Cloth seat trim	•		
Leather seat trim		•	•
Front heated seats		•	•
Panoramic glass roof with power sunshade		•	•
Leather wrapped gear shift with silver finish		•	•

	DUALIS HATCH		DUALIS AWD
	ST	Ti	Ti
Tilt and telescopic steering wheel adjustment	•	•	•
Leather trimmed steering wheel		•	•
Air-conditioning	•		
Dual zone automatic climate control air-conditioning		•	•
Single CD player with AM/FM radio and 4 speakers	•		
6 CD in-dash auto-changer with 6 speakers		•	•
Auxiliary MP3 player input jack	•	•	•
Bluetooth® handsfree phone system with steering wheel controls	•	•	•
Cruise control with steering wheel controls	•	•	•
Intelligent Key with smart entry and keyless start		•	•
Height adjustable driver's seat	•	•	•
Front passenger under seat storage (drawer)		•	•
14 litre glovebox with light and air-conditioning cooler	•	•	•
Leather front centre console armrest with sliding function		•	•
Remote central locking with keyless entry	•	•	•
Front cup holders (2)	•	•	•
Rear centre armrest with integrated cup holders (2)		•	•
Sunglasses holder in glovebox	•	•	•
Interior courtesy and rear luggage room light	•	•	•
Front map lights and rear reading light with delay		•	•
Driver and passenger sunvisor with vanity mirror	•	•	•
Front and rear door pockets with integrated bottle storage	•	•	•
60/40 split fold rear seat	•	•	•
Power windows (front and rear) with one touch driver function	•	•	•
12 volt power socket	•	•	•
Rear parcel shelf	•	•	•

<b>Instrumentation</b>			
Combination meter display	Water temperature, clock, trip meter and outside temperature display		
Tachometer	•	•	•
Drive computer	Average fuel economy, range, elapsed time, distance travelled and cruise control settings		
Voltmeter, brake, fuel and oil pressure warning light	•	•	•
Door ajar warning light	•	•	•
Headlight warning light	•	•	•
Front fog lights warning light	•	•	•
Airbag warning light	•	•	•

<b>Safety/Security</b>			
Vehicle Dynamic Control (VDC)	•	•	•
Traction Control System (TCS)	•	•	•
Anti-lock Braking System (ABS)	•	•	•
Brake Assist (BA)	•	•	•
Electronic Brakeforce Distribution (EBD)	•	•	•
Active Brake Limited Slip Differential (ABLS)		•	•
Driver and front passenger front-impact SRS airbags	•	•	•
Driver and front passenger side-impact SRS airbags	•	•	•
Front to rear SRS curtain airbags	•	•	•
Front seatbelts with load limiters and pretensioners	•	•	•
Front active headrests with height adjustment	•	•	•
Front seatbelt height adjustment	•	•	•
Rear headrests (3)	•	•	•
3 point ELR front and rear seatbelts (all)	•	•	•
Rear door child locks	•	•	•
Reverse parking sensors	Opt	Opt	Opt
Hazard warning lights	•	•	•
Front fog lights	Opt	•	•
Halogen headlights with manual leveliser	•	•	•
LED rear tail lamps	•	•	•
Automatic on/off headlights		•	•
Front variable intermittent wipers	•		
Front rain sensing automatic wipers		•	•
Rear intermittent wiper	•	•	•
Rear windscreen demister	•	•	•
Child restraint anchorage points (behind rear seat)	3	3	3
Engine immobiliser	•	•	•

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	ST	Ti	Ti
<b>Exterior</b>			
Rear privacy glass		•	•
Body coloured front and rear bumpers with black protective cladding	•	•	•
Chrome accents		•	•
Silver roof rails			•
Front and rear mudflaps	•	•	•

Colours			
Nightshade*	•	•	•
Flame Red	•	•	•
Cayman Blue	•	•	•
Mineral Grey*†	•	•	•
Pearl Black*	•	•	•
Arctic White	•	•	•
Blade*	•	•	•
Bluestone*^	•	•	•

Warranty			
3 year / 100,000 kms	•	•	•
3 year 24-Hour Roadside Assistance Program	•	•	•
Genuine Nissan Extended Warranty	Opt	Opt	Opt

\*Indicates a metallic paint, which is available at extra cost.

† Available on DUALIS from June 2010.

^ Limited stock.

\*GVM = Gross Vehicle Mass. GVM includes the driver, 4 passengers, full fuel tank and luggage.

† Figures have been calculated in accordance with ADR81/02. Actual fuel consumption will vary depending on driving conditions, driver behaviour, the condition of your vehicle and the accessories fitted.

Opt   
  Optional   
  Not available   
  Standard

Interior cloth seat trim (ST).

Interior leather seat trim (Ti).



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