

INTRODUCING THE ALL NEW SUZUKI KIZASHI



The Suzuki Kizashi sedan is the first of its kind for the Japanese automaker, offering all-wheel-drive and a large passenger area. The Kizashi features bold and sporty styling inside and out, and delivers a fantastic value compared to other sedans in the class.

The track-tuned suspension has been designed to compete with more performance-oriented rivals like the Mazda Mazda6 and Subaru Legacy. Suzuki even delivered high-end Akebono-sourced brakes and optional 18-inch alloy wheels wrapped in performance rubber to really provide a sporty feel and function.

Interestingly, the all-wheel-drive system can actually be switched off to allow power to only go to the front wheels, presumably for a marginal fuel and wear-and-tear savings. Suzuki says the system is based heavily on an i-AWD System in the smaller SX4.

Inside, the Kizashi offers cloth or leather seats, as well as a 425-watt Rockford Fosgate audio



system with iPod connectivity and Bluetooth capability. Eight airbags, ABS and stability control will be standard across the lineup.

The basic "S" Kizashi starts at \$18,999, plus \$735 for destination and handling. Standard features include a six-speed manual, eight airbags, push-button start, dual-zone climate control, a nine-speaker audio system, EPS stability control, ABS, projector beam headlights, power windows, doors and mirrors, and ambient footwell lighting.

Upgrading to a CVT transmission brings the price of the S to \$20,499.

The FWD Kizashi SE will cost \$2,500 more at \$21,499 and will include the CVT as standard, P215/55R17 tires on alloy wheels, power driver's seat with 10-way adjustment and three-position memory, and a leather wrapped parking brake handle and steering wheel with cruise control.

The sporty GTS model, available in six-speed manual or performance tuned CVT with steering wheel paddle shifters, starts at \$22,499. This "hot" setup is good for a zero-to-60 sprint of just 7.4 seconds with front wheel drive. It includes a 425 watt Rockford Fosgate audio system with 10 speakers, Bluetooth streaming audio capability, hands-free calling with voice command, P235/45R18 tires, fog lights and power moon roof. If you are looking for a sporty, technology-packed sedan on a budget -- this is likely the model for you.

The comfort-oriented SLS model, which starts at \$24,399, includes leather seats, power passenger seat, heated front seats, auto dimming rear view mirror, and a universal garage door opener, heated outside mirrors, automatic rain sensing wipers, automatic headlamps and rear proximity sensors with audible warning.

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AWD is a \$1,250 option available on every trim level, but is available only with the CVT transmission. The Kizashi is good for a zero-to-60 time of 8.3 seconds with the AWD and CVT drivetrain.

Across the lineup, motivation comes courtesy of a 2.4-liter, dual overhead cam four-cylinder engine. The Kizashi's engine delivers 185 horsepower at 6,500 rpm with the manual transmission, and 180 hp at 6,000 rpm in the CVT transmission. Both the manual transmission and the CVT are good for 170 foot pound of torque at 4,000 rpm.

The Kizashi comes with a fairly wide-range of drivetrain configurations, and the EPA ratings vary accordingly. The FWD 6-speed variant returns 21 city, and 31 highway mpg with the standard wheels, and 20 City, 29 Highway with the upgraded wheel choices.

The FWD CVT variant is good for 23 City, and 31 highway mpg, but drops to 30 Highway with upgraded wheels.

Switching to the AWD, CVT variant will return 23 City, 30 Highway and 22 City, 29 Highway with upgraded wheels.



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