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MAHINDRA XYLO:

ROOMY, RUGGED AND RARING TO GO!

If there's a vehicle you're looking for luxurious space & comfort, look no further than the Mahindra Xylo - it's got the space, unprecedented leg-room, power and all it takes to keep you safe too - while making super savings on the pocket. What more could anyone ask for!



Let's face it - we Indians love to travel. And when we travel we don't move about in just pairs or trios. We tag the whole family along and where there's family, there's lots and lots of luggage too. While many automotive companies recognized this need to move about with the entire clan and started offering vehicles that had the potential to cure this itch of the Indian race - like the Tata Sumo, Chevrolet Tavera and mainly the Toyota Innova, either they were too flimsy for Indian roads and were relegated to being parts of taxi fleets or they were too expensive for the Indian buyer. Now that's exactly where the brilliant Mahindra Xylo fits in - built rugged and at the same time extremely cost effective, the Xylo stands out as awesome bang for your buck!

The secret behind the Xylo's appeal is in the balanced mix of luxury and technology that comes hidden beneath its metal skin. Powered by the 2498cc mEagle which has been developed on the NEF CRDe platform by Mahindra, the Xylo gets ahead with 114PS of power that peaks at 3800rpm and torque figures of 260Nm between 1800-2200rpm. With the turbocharger spinning into action under acceleration, you'll never feel the fatigue as you devour those miles everyday. Keeping refinement levels in check is some advanced engine damping and hydraulic lash adjusters, which means the Xylo keeps its engine bay as silent as can be. While you revel in the technicalities of the Xylo's power plant, you will most certainly be pampered the moment you set foot inside the car because what greets you is a room full of plush seating and great entertainment.

The first thing that hits you is the amount of space in the Xylo - enough for a family full of giants. The seats themselves are adjustable fore and aft and when reclined with the seat pulled fully back, it turns into a flatbed with the front passenger seat laid flat as well. Passengers in the 2nd row get aircraft style meal trays that swivel up from the backrest of the seat in front. Dual stage adjustable arm rests ensure a fatigue free journey. Move on to the third row of seats and you witness the true genius of the Xylo's packaging. Normally you'd expect the rear bench to seat a bunch of kids at the max with no room for adults. But step into the Xylo's third row

and the amount of space it offers there is phenomenal. Up to three adults can sit with adequate comfort on the third bench - a feat that even the bigger Innova fails to accomplish. And what's more - all three rows of seats get their individual air con controls and vents. Talk about pampering your occupants!

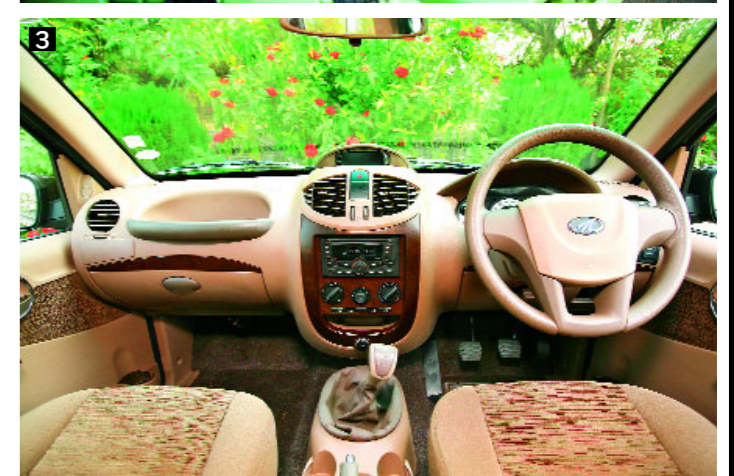
The dash is well laid out and the centre of the console houses the digital drive assist system on top that displays climate, direction, speed, fuel efficiency and real time range as well as which gear the car is currently in, all at the touch of a button. The Xylo E8 also comes factory fitted with an awesome 2 DIN audio system that has a card reader as well as USB and Aux capability built in. There are lots of small storage spaces for knick-knacks but most noteworthy is the storage under the driver's seat - big enough to store your valuables, bottle holders, map pockets and a roof mounted sunglass holder.

But you see, the Xylo isn't all about just feeling good - it is also about feeling safe and that is one thing the Xylo is better equipped to do than most of its competition. The Xylo's stylish body has been designed with crumple zones built in to absorb the energy of an impact in the case of a collision. The front occupants also get protection from dual SRS airbags while an Anti-lock Braking System is also offered. Every seat on the Xylo comes fitted with head

restraints to prevent whiplash injuries to the occupants too. That's not all - the Xylo also incorporates a rear windshield wiper to keep visibility high, anti-pinch power windows and an Intellipark reverse assist system along with a transponder based engine immobilizer that shuts off supply of fuel to the engine if the Xylo is attempted to be started by any inappropriate methods.

So there you have it - the Xylo is not only a technological marvel, but an extremely comfortable and safe vehicle for the entire family. It's got style, luxurious space & comfort, suave gadgets and a promise for endless miles of satisfaction. But that's not all - it even has super savings attached with it. At Rs 8.89 lakh (ex-showroom, Delhi) for the top of the line Xylo E8 with ABS and Airbags, it is just slightly more expensive than the base model of the Toyota Innova. Now that says a lot about the value that the Mahindra Xylo can bring to your family!

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1 Functional, yet stylish - the Mahindra Xylo grows on you. With details that are sure to make your heart skip a beat and the right amounts of chrome couples with quality paint, the Xylo is handsome indeed. 2 The mEagle 2.5 litre unit is not only refined and powerful, but is also packed with technology. The way it is packaged in the engine bay also liberates a whole lot of space for better seating inside the cabin. 3 The Xylo is functional not only on the outside, but also on the inside. Seats are extremely comfortable even before you fold them down to reveal the flat bed layout! Loads of gadgets and gizmos come standard.

QUICK FACTS table with columns for Mahindra Xylo specifications and overall ratings.



The abundance of storage space is this lockable underseat tray - a neat personified by touch indeed!



This cluster of switches on the driver's side houses the fuel lid, headlight and mirror adjustment switches.



Neatly tucked away in the roof on the front is a cute little flap that conceals your sunglasses when not in use.



The Xylo's fenders proudly display what lies in store under hood - the fabulous mEagle turbocharged diesel engine.