



WHEN CFAO Motors introduced the all-new Mitsubishi Pajero at the Abuja Motor Show earlier in the year, the SUV stole the show for one simple reason: It was the latest Sports Utility Vehicle at the fair ground.

Visitors to the fair ground trooped to the CFAO stand to catch a glimpse of the car which was making its first public appearance.

Ever since then, the Pajero has never ceased to be the most sought-after Sports Utility Vehicle in town.

So many things stood the Pajero out in its segment. Apart from its competitive pricing, the Pajero comes in variety of versions and engines which makes it affordable than most of its competitors.

Available in 3.8 litre and 3.0 litre 24-valve V6 petrol engines as well as 3.2 litre and 2.8 litre diesel engines, the Pajero has all the power you need to take on any terrain on road or off-road.

The 3.8 litre 24 valve V6 SOHC MIVEC is the flagship of the family and it puts an incredible 250 PS at the drivers command. The MIVEC system varies the inlet valve timing and lift to optimise engine output across more of the rev range.

The Pajero's All wheel Control (AWC) which has enabled Pajero to dominate the Dakar Rally in the past is one of unique feature of the SUV.

Also Pajero's rally proven all wheel independent suspension give drivers confident, predictable handling in even the most unpredictable road conditions. The front double-wishbone and rear multi-link suspension systems use coil springs to provide quick and natural response, especially when cornering.

The independent suspension, coil spring and mono-coque body all work together to provide greater degree of suspension travel than other SUVs are capable of. The result however is impressive road handling and greater stability even over the roughest off-road conditions.

The Pajero is not all about on-road and off-road performance, it is a pure luxury sports utility vehicle. Starting from the dashboard to the seats, steering etc you will have a feeling of luxury all



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about you. Comfortable and inviting you will notice that the interior of the Pajero is a far cry from the terrain it was designed to face. Illuminated meters and leather wrapped controls are all ergonomically arranged and awaiting your command while the soft leather seats and luxury appointments throughout tempt you to continue with your driving.

The Pajero sits seven pas-

sengers in comfort. You can settle for either beige leather interior or the black leather interior if you love quality leather. The Pajero provides you an interior as versatile as it is roomy with plenty of seating and storage options for work, fun or daily life, while its powerful new sound system and new DVD player and video screen make the trip quite enjoyable.

Mitsubishi has built quite a lot of safety features to prevent accidents and protect you in case accident occurs. Monocoque body with built-in ladder frame, airbags, rise body, safety design fuel tank, active stability and track control system, multi-mode anti-lock braking system, electronic brake-force distribution etc are some of the safety features in the Pajero.

Ride-On puncture protection solution for tyre burst

TYRE puncture and tyre burst account for highest number of road traffic accidents on our roads according to the Federal Road Safety Commission statistics, yet a product which costs so less can easily eliminate this number one killer on the road. It is Ride-On ultimate puncture protection which was introduced into the Nigerian market less than a year ago by Bauer Investments Limited.

Ride-On tyre puncture protection is just a sealant which, when injected into the tyre through the valve prevents the tyre from losing air even when it picks nails. And because the sealant cools the tyre, it prevents tyre burst on the highway.

This product was demonstrated to the Motoring Journalists by the country representative and country manager of Ride-On tyre protection system, Mr.

Kayode Thomas whose company Bauer Investments represents Ride-On Tyre Protection System in Nigeria.

Already, the company has established array of credible installation centres in most reputable automobile related companies like Elizade Motors, Skymit Motors, Lanre Shittu Motors, Motor Plus, Tyre Junction, Filment Company to mention but a few.

Apart from this, the country manager of Ride-On Tyre Protection System disclosed that some of their customers at the moment include Central Bank, Zenith Bank, Crusader Insurance, British Council, Coastair West Africa, Koda Transport.

Others are shoreline and Bankers Warehouse, Harbury Nigeria Limited, and Milano Generators.

Regretting the high rate of deaths resulting from tyre puncture and tyre burst, Mr. Tho-

mas said his company embarked on a campaign to create awareness for the product and advised on the danger of not caring for ones tyre.

Mazda eyes more customers with new BT-50 pickup

THERE is no doubt that Mazda's strength in the Nigerian market lies on the commercial vehicle segment, especially the light pick-up vehicle segment.

The Japanese automaker, represented in Nigeria by Nuel Ojei Autos Distribution Ltd has added yet another powerful vehicle to its line-up to strengthen its position in this light pickup segment — Mazda BT-50.

The BT-50 pickup which is a replacement to the previous Mazda light pickup van is stylishly designed with rich appointments and car-comfort. It comes both in single and double cabins with array of convenient features. Powered by a newly developed 2.5 litre turbo diesel engine which produces plenty of torque, the new BT-50 delivers sedan-like comfort on the road.

The Mazda BT-50 engine is paired with a new five-speed manual transmission that features sure shifting with smooth action and light touch.

Remote electric front wheel hub locks on all four wheel Drive (4WD) models help reduce drive train wear and improve fuel economy. The 4WD transfer system features smart easy shift operation and exhibits tough performance on rough or muddy surfaces.

Mazda BT-50 sure-footed handling comes from its refined suspension system. The double wishbone front suspension adopts large-diameter shock absorbers that improve ride quality and handling stability. A new rear leaf design helps ensure precise and stable handling while the longest leaf springs in the class deliver mild, reassuring ride comfort. Sure stopping performance is provided by ventilated front disc brakes and trailing rear drum brakes tuned along with the feel of brake pedal operation to make the pickup an even greater pleasure to drive.

Mazda says that the new BT-50 is just complete comfort at play or work, because it features a bright spacious interi-

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or environment that brings a new level of sedan-like comfort and convenience to every occupant. It is quiet, with array of amenities that are only found in top class sedans. The state-of-the-art modular audio system includes an AM/FM radio and either a CD player that supports MP3 playback or an in-dash six-disc CD changer. A new full-air mix climate-control system with dual air intake ducts boasts greater overall cabin comfort and quieter operation.

As a pickup truck intended for a wide variety of applications, the Mazda BT 50 is designed to demonstrate excellent load characteristics. Its deep cargo box increases carrying efficiency, while instilling greater flexibilities.

As a typical Mazda, the BT-50 has been designed to the highest safety level in its segment.

Starting from active safety, large door mirrors and optimal hip-point height enhance the drivers field of view for added safety. High performance brakes with advanced vehicle control technologies, including 4-wheel antilock braking system (4w-ABS) with electronic brake-force distribution (EBD) and local sensing proportioning valve provide assured braking even on slippery surfaces or under various local conditions.

For passive safety, a highly rigid overlapped and cross-braced ladder frame combines with Mazdas unique Triple - H cabin structure and built-in door impact bars to satisfy stringent European collision-safety standards. This include dual front air bags and optional side airbags, seat belts etc.

You can make your Mazda BT-50 more funky by using genuine Mazda accessories such as bug deflector, side step, foglamp etc.

