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NISSAN DUALIS UPDATED FOR 2010

- **New front-end design**
- **LED rear lights**
- **Added refinement**

Nissan's new, small crossover hatch, the DUALIS will undergo an extensive update in mid-2010 to cement its position as the alternative to the traditional hatchback in Australia.

Since its local launch early last year, the DUALIS has built a global reputation as a hugely popular family hatch. DUALIS meets the demands of customers (over 80 percent of whom are first time Nissan customers) looking for a stylish crossover which combines the dynamic driving characteristics of a sporty hatchback with the robust, solid virtues of a compact SUV.

REFRESHED FRONTAL ASPECT

The most notable visual change to the DUALIS is at the front, where a complete makeover will take place. All new bonnet, front bumper, wings, grille and headlamps combine to give the DUALIS an air of presence and quality. The new frontal aspect will be shared with DUALIS+2 LWB 7-seater which is under consideration for Australia.

At the rear, the overall shape of the lights will remain unchanged, but will include an aerodynamic feature to reduce drag. A more transparent lens design has been adopted, with the upper portion, housing the reversing lights and turn indicators, being clear, while the lower section with the brake and night-time running lights is red. Additionally, the stop lamp and tail lights operate using 12 LEDs for maximum clarity.

As well as the changes to the front of the DUALIS, a series of other modifications around the car will improve its aerodynamic efficiency, with the coefficient of drag dropping from 0.34 to 0.33.

The new DUALIS will feature a fresh design to the main dials which give added clarity and legibility. A redesigned drive computer is positioned between the two dials. Its white LCD screen shows instantaneous and average fuel consumption, mileage, time and cruise control among others, providing the driver with an easy to understand interface with their car.

Another improvement to the interior comes with the fitment of low-level lighting around the front footwells, giving a warmer ambience and greater nighttime visibility on entering/exiting the vehicle.

Additional oddment storage has been created for added convenience, with a new cubby at the base of the central cluster which is ideal for a mobile phone or portable audio player.

IMPROVED REFINEMENT

Overall life on board has been made more comfortable for occupants thanks to improved protection against noise, vibration and harshness. This has been achieved by adding an all-new multi-layer insulation material around the front bulkhead, as well as the fitment of an 'acoustic' windscreen which reduces the transmission of noise.

A reduction in wind noise around the A-pillar has been achieved by changing the window sealing.

DUALIS customer research has shown that customers love the blend of solidity and agility, but some small but significant changes have been made to the suspension tuning to further improve ride, comfort and responsiveness.

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