

# Off-Roader AT32 built by Arctic Trucks returns to Nissan Navara range

New tyres, suspension and underbody guards • On sale Feb, estimated £37,500 plus VAT

**N**issan has reintroduced the Off-Roader AT32 to its Navara line-up – with an improved and more efficient model based on the revised version of our reigning Double-Cab of the Year.

Adapted ahead of registration by Arctic Trucks, the AT32 is offered as a full showroom model – meaning it comes with the same warranty and breakdown cover as the rest of the Navara range and can be insured as a standard vehicle. Though its 32" tyres are less overwhelmingly massive than those on Arctic Trucks' AT35 conversion, we felt that the previous model's narrower track meant it was better suited to British off-road conditions – and Nissan says the new one will be better still.

Like the previous model, the AT32 features lifted suspension – now using performance springs and shocks from Bilstein. This makes space for the revised Nokian all-terrains, which are housed beneath bespoke wheelarch extensions.

Nissan says the change of tyres makes for improved emissions and fuel economy, as well as making the new AT32 more responsive on the road – without losing any of the old-model's prodigious ability in the rough. Another update is the adoption of dual-valve wheels, allowing



quicker and more accurate adjustment when airing tyre pressures up or down to suit the terrain.

As before, the AT32 has heavy-duty underbody protection. However this is now achieved using aluminium plates which are lighter in weight than the steel units of old – and Nissan says the plates themselves have been shaped to provide more comprehensive protection for com-

ponents like the sump, transmission, diffs and fuel tank.

Talking of the diffs, the Navara comes as standard with a locking unit in the back. Should you want even more traction, however, the options list includes an electronic locker for the front. Having tested the previous model on some of Britain's most technical green lanes, we did manage to find a place in which

another item which is carried over from the old model. Nissan says this 'increases the Navara's wading depth to a massive 800mm,' which doesn't sound quite right to us as it positions the engine's air intake something like a metre higher than this, but for protecting your investment from water and dust alike it's a sound item to fit. And it looks cool.

As does the AT32 itself, though if the old one is anything to go by 'investment' will certainly be the word. It's based on the range-topping N-Guard model, which comes with a wide range of safety kit, high-tech toys and no small amount of creature comforts and costs from £30,035 plus VAT.

Add on the cost of Arctic Trucks' conversion work and this is likely to leap up to around the £37,500 mark – though that's just an estimate based on the price of last year's model. Options like the snorkel and front locker will add a good chunk on top. Nissan says the vehicle will go on sale across Europe during the course of February, with prices to be announced at launch.

the front locker did make a difference, even on all-terrain tyres, however if you want to take it this far you'll surely have fitted a set of mud-terrains as your first port of call.

Also on the options list is a snorkel –

