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MAKING NEW WAVES: THE SUZUKI SPLASH MINI-MPV

- Splash is Suzuki's mini-MPV with bags of practicality and youthful, vibrant styling designed specifically for the European market.
- Spacious, practical and compact car for couples and young families.
- Highly fuel efficient 1.0 litre VVT and Dual VVT 1.2 litre models available; 1.0 litre has a combined fuel consumption figure of 60.1mpg.
- 'SZ' grading structure and five model range: 1.0 litre SZ2 and SZ3; 1.2 SZ3 and high specification 1.2 SZ4 which is also available with optional automatic transmission.
- ESP® and six airbags standard on 1.2 litre SZ4.
- VAT free offer now extended to include the whole Splash range - Prices start from £7,777.
- First launched in the UK in March 2008, Minor Change launched July 2012.

Splash blends the traditional elements of compactness, comfort and economy with the aerodynamics, handling and dynamic design demanded in the European driving environment. As a result, the Splash is a next-generation mini-MPV that meets today's needs in a uniquely effective way.

Splash delivers the desirability of fresh design, an exuberant spirit and a fun to drive nature, blending them with the practicality and spaciousness demanded by the wide-ranging interests and activities of the average couple or family. Indeed, Splash is designed to cross boundaries and offer something for all ages and driving enjoyment for every member of the family.

Launched July 2012, the minor change Splash Mini-MPV incorporates styling refreshments throughout, bringing Splash right up-to-date for 2012 and beyond.

The exterior has been modified with a new bonnet and grille design. Additionally, the front and rear bumpers have been re-designed and Sparking Blue metallic has been added to the colour palette. Inside there is a new seat design and fabric, graphite colour scheme, Piano Black finish on the centre console and black cloth trim on the front door armrests.

At just 3,775 mm long, Splash is compact enough to manoeuvre with ease through narrow streets or to slot into tight parking spots. Yet on the inside its elevated driving position means it can comfortably seat five adults with plenty of legroom and luggage space, at the same time providing a great view of the road.

The eye-catching design, packed with interesting shapes and curves, successfully pulls off that often tricky combination of sporty styling and a relatively tall body. Strongly flared wings, a bold nose and a flowing roof line are all key elements in creating Splash's friendly, endearing personality.

The high seating position makes for easy entry and exit, while folding down the 60:40 split rear seat opens up 573 litres of luggage space (VDA), including a handy waterproof compartment beneath the boot floor. Naturally there are lots of cubbies and places to stash possessions dotted about the cabin.

Two spirited but highly economical engines are offered: Suzuki's 68 PS VVT 1.0 litre (Variable Valve Timing) three cylinder unit and latest Dual VVT (inlet and exhaust camshaft) 94 PS 1.2 litre petrol engine that was first used in the all-new Swift, launched in September 2010.

Both engines are tuned and engineered with an emphasis on everyday driveability and cost-effective motoring with combined fuel consumptions of 60.1mpg for the 1.0 litre and 55.4 for the 1.2 litre (automatic 49.6). The 1.0 litre emits just 109 g/km CO₂ meaning it qualifies for £20 annual road tax, free in the first year, with manual transmission 1.2 litre models costing just £10 more in annual VED.

Five models make up the Splash range. The 1.0 litre is available in SZ2 and SZ3 trim; the 1.2 model available in either SZ3 or SZ4 grades with optional automatic transmission available on the SZ4.

All Splash models offer a high equipment list as standard including four airbags, CD tuner with MP3 player and steering wheel-mounted audio controls, leather trimmed steering wheel, remote central locking, front electric windows with driver's auto-down, electrically adjustable and heated door mirrors, height-adjustable front seats, tilt adjustable steering wheel and an information display. 1.0 litre SZ3 models upwards add air conditioning as standard.

Step up from SZ3 1.2 litre to SZ4 and the standard specification is even higher with ESP[®] (Electronic Stability Programme); curtain shield airbags, 15 inch alloys, front foglamps, keyless entry and start and privacy glass for the rear side windows and tailgate.

A mini-MPV that exudes style

Splash's chic exterior styling skillfully strikes a balance between form and function. Despite its average mini-MPV height of almost 1.6 m, Suzuki designers successfully avoided a design that appears overly tall. In the pursuit of a sporty, intrepid look, the well-planted stance is complemented by the use of sharp, angular

elements in the side window profile, in the expressive three cylinder headlamps, and in the high-mount rear combination lamps which are shaped to visually express splashes of water in keeping with the name of the car.

The Splash and the Vauxhall Agila were engineered in Japan with initial styling work, extensive chassis development and driving evaluations carried out in Europe by Suzuki. Styling of those elements unique to each model – headlamps, grille, bonnet, front wings, tailgate, taillights and rear bumper – was carried out by the two respective parties.

Both models are built by Magyar Suzuki Corporation in Esztergom, Hungary, alongside the Swift, Swift Sport and SX4.

Compact dimensions – overall length is 3,775 mm – mean the Splash remains a highly manoeuvrable proposition about town with a minimum turning circle of just 9.4 m.

The Splash is offered in seven colours, of which five are metallic or pearlescent finishes with Bright Red and Superior White available as solid colours. The cost of metallic / pearlescent paint is £399.

Matching vibrant interior

“Youthful” and “practical” were key themes adopted by the design team during the development of the interior and perfectly describe a cockpit that combines superior space utility with a bold, creative design incorporating new Piano Black details on the dashboard surround and Black cloth trim on the door pannels.

A fully integrated audio system is stylishly designed to match Splash’s youthful image. The CD tuner with MP3-compatibility and speed-sensitive volume adjustment can also be operated via remote buttons provided on the steering wheel spoke.

Ahead of the leather trimmed steering wheel, the instrument cluster is dominated by a distinctive, large speedometer whose black lettering on a white dial makes for good legibility. It also contains an LCD information display providing outside temperature, instantaneous and average fuel consumption and range, as well as a digital clock.

The tallish body makes access to the luggage compartment particularly easy. Load space with the rear seats up is 178 litres (VDA) which includes a useful 36 litre under-floor compartment suitable for storage of a first aid kit, small valuables and, with its waterproof lining, wet or soiled items can be kept tidy.

Folding the one-touch rear seats forward – split 60:40 – creates a virtually flat load floor. The headrests do not need to be removed, they are simply pushed down to their lowest level. The resulting load space is able to hold a total of 573 litres (VDA) which again includes the under floor compartment.

Easy entry

Splash SZ4 models feature keyless entry for simple door unlocking/locking and engine start-up. With this system, there is no fumbling to insert a key in the lock or press a remote, all you need to do is have the key in your pocket or bag and press the small black button on the door handle to unlock. Once inside the car, the ignition barrel can simply be twisted to start and stop the engine. When parked, press the door handle button once and the car will be locked and immobilised.

And to make life even easier, particularly when carrying shopping bags or luggage, the tailgate has an electric catch that is released with just a light touch.

A safe place to be

Suzuki has paid great attention to safety in the design of Splash and active safety features include ABS, brake assist (to boost braking effectiveness during emergency braking) and electronic brake-force distribution fitted as standard equipment.

Available as standard on Splash SZ4, ESP[®] uses selective wheel braking and controls engine output as necessary to stabilise the vehicle if it detects understeer or oversteer situations which could possibly result in total loss of control. ESP[®] also incorporates a traction control feature to prevent wheelspin during standard starts or a loss of grip during sharp acceleration.

As well as dual front airbags and side airbags incorporated into the front seats, Splash SZ4 is equipped with full length curtain airbags. Two ISOFIX child seat anchorage points are provided on the rear seats of all Splash models.

Pedestrian protection measures too have been given careful consideration, and bonnet, wings, wipers and front bumper are all designed to be crushable and to absorb impact energy more progressively, so reducing injury.

Sitting pretty

The Splash's relatively high 1,590 mm roof line allows plenty of cabin height and relatively high seat positions, thereby realising a roomy, comfortable interior environment with good visibility for safer driving. The higher rear seats give passengers a better view and a more spacious feeling, as well as making it easier to attach a child seat.

Secure, entertaining chassis dynamics

During the development programme, the chassis was subjected to extensive testing in Germany, the UK and Spain. Suspension damping, tyres and steering assistance were optimised to achieve a smooth, composed ride whether cruising on motorways, negotiating winding B-roads or merely coping with potholed city streets. A wide track and 2,360 mm wheelbase means Splash offers confidence inspiring stability and characterful handling uncompromised by the relatively tall body.

MacPherson strut suspension at the front is matched by a torsion beam and coil springs at the rear. The low unsprung weight of the torsion beam arrangement enables effective control of camber angle and toe-in to deliver accurate and predictable handling, while its space efficient layout plays a key role in achieving a low, flat boot floor.

Steering gear, suspension lower arms and rear engine mounting are mounted to a front subframe and the resulting rigid structure translates into lower road noise and more precise responses.

To round off the driving experience, the steering provides a direct and precise feel, while the braking system uses particularly rigid callipers for enhanced stopping performance.

Splash's design development

Using its experience, Suzuki has created a small MPV that blends the traditional usability with driving dynamics and looks not normally associated with the mini-MPV segment.

'Rather than a purely functional box shape, our design team have endeavoured to provide Splash with styling that lives up to its name, epitomising youthfulness, freshness and a zesty, energetic performance,' explains Toshihiro Suzuki, the project's chief engineer.

The styling team for Splash, and its sister car, the Opel/Vauxhall Agila, was headed by chief designer Akira Kamio who had also played a big part in the styling of Swift.

It soon became clear that while it should not look like a shrunken version of a full-sized MPV, it should keep all the advantages: the high seating position and resulting good all-round visibility, the pleasant feeling of space and the convenient flexibility, allowing the rear compartment to be easily turned into substantial stowage space.

Minor Change Splash Equipment	SZ2	SZ3	SZ4
Safety			
ABS with EBD & Brake Assist function	S	S	S
ESP® (Electronic Stability Program) *	-	-	S
Driver & front passenger airbags	S	S	S
Front passenger airbag deactivation system	S	S	S
Side airbags (incorporated into front seats)	S	S	S
Curtain Airbags	-	-	S
Height adjustable front 3-point ELR seatbelts with pretensioner, force limiter	S	S	S
Rear 3-point ELR seatbelts	S	S	S
Energy-absorbing trim on pillars & roof-side rails	S	S	S
Foot-protecting brake & clutch pedals	S	S	S
Side impact protection beams	S	S	S
High mounted stop lamp	S	S	S
ISOFIX child seat anchorages	S	S	S
Child seat tether anchorages	S	S	S
Childproof rear door locks	S	S	S
Temporary spare wheel / tyre	S	S	S
Security			
Remote central door locking	S	S	S
Deadlocks & Immobiliser	S	S	S
Freewheeling key cylinders	S	S	S
Visible VIN	S	S	S
Comfort & Convenience			
Keyless entry & start	-	-	S
Driver seat height adjuster	S	S	S
Front passenger seat height adjuster	S	S	S
Electric front windows with drivers side auto-down	S	S	S
Rear seat with 60:40 split	S	S	S
Front accessory socket	S	S	S
Front sun visors with vanity mirrors	S	S	S
Front passenger side assist grip	S	S	S
Rear assist grips x2, with coat hooks	S	S	S
Sunglasses holder	-	-	S
Power steering	S	S	S
Tilt-adjustable steering wheel	S	S	S
Tachometer	S	S	S
Digital clock	S	S	S
Outside temperature display	S	S	S
Fuel consumption & range display	S	S	S
Remote fuel lid opener	S	S	S
Low fuel warning lamp	S	S	S

	SZ2	SZ3	SZ4
Lights-on & key-in reminder	S	S	S
Driver's seatbelt warning lamp & alarm	S	S	S
Door ajar warning lamp	S	S	S
Front map light (3-position)	S	S	S
Luggage area lamp	S	S	S
Drivers side foot rest (auto transmission only)	-	-	S
Heating & Visibility			
Manual air conditioning	-	S	S
Pollen filter	-	S	S
Electrically adjustable, heated door mirrors	S	S	S
Front wiper with intermittent	S	S	S
Rear wiper with intermittent	S	S	S
Halogen multi-reflector headlamps	S	S	S
Headlamp levelling	S	S	S
Front fog lamps	-	-	S
Storage			
Glovebox	S	S	S
Passenger side storage pocket	S	S	S
Dash storage pocket	S	S	S
2 cup holders (front and rear)	S	S	S
2 Bottle holders (front)	S	S	S
Upper tray with coin holder	S	S	S
Storage pockets in front doors	S	S	S
Ticket holder (on driver's sun visor)	S	S	S
Luggage area underfloor compartment	S	S	S
2 Luggage area convenience hooks	S	S	S
Entertainment			
MP3 / WMA compatible CD tuner	S	S	S
4 speakers	S	S	S
Steering wheel mounted audio controls	S	S	S
Speed sensing volume control	S	S	S
Front roof mounted antenna	S	S	S
Styling			
15" Alloy wheels	-	-	S
15" Steel wheels with full wheel caps	S	S	-
Silver coloured interior accents	S	S	S
Black-coloured B pillars	S	S	S
Green-tinted glass	S	S	S
Rear privacy glass	-	-	S
Body colour door handles & mirrors	S	S	S
3-spoke leather steering wheel	S	S	S

Minor Change Splash Technical Specifications	1.0 VVT Petrol Manual	1.2 VVT Petrol Manual	1.2 VVT Petrol Auto
	SZ2	SZ2, SZ3, SZ4	SZ4
Engine			
Type	K10B	K12B	K12B
Number of cylinders	3	4	4
Number of valves	12	16	16
Displacement (cm ³)	996	1242	1242
Maximum output (PS/kW @ rpm)	68/50 @ 6000	94/69 @ 6000	94/69 @ 6000
Maximum torque (Nm/Lbft @ rpm)	90/66 @ 3400	118/87 @ 4800	118/87 @ 4800
Fuel distribution	Multi Point	Multi Point	Multi Point
EU emission standard	Euro 5	Euro 5	Euro 5
Transmission			
Type	5 speed manual	5 speed manual	4 speed automatic
Gear ratio	1st	3.454	2.875
	2nd	1.904	1.568
	3rd	1.280	1.000
	4th	1.030	0.698
	5th	0.815	-
	Reverse	3.272	2.300
Final gear ratio	4.388	4.105	4.375
Weights & Dimensions			
Tyres	185/60 R15	185/60 R15	185/60 R15
Overall length (mm)	3,775	3,775	3,775
Overall width (mm)	1,680	1,680	1,680
Overall height (mm)	1,590	1,590	1,590
Wheelbase (mm)	2,360	2,360	2,360
Minimum turning circle (m)	9.4	9.4	9.4
Ground clearance (mm)	145	145	145
Seating capacity (persons)	5	5	5
Luggage capacity (seatback folded, VDA)	573	573	573
Luggage capacity (seatback raised, VDA)	178	178	178
Kerb weight inc. full options (kg)	1,030	1,050	1,065
Gross vehicle weight (kg)	1,485	1,485	1,485
Max towing rate (braked) (kg)	0	200	0
Max towing rate (un-braked) (kg)	0	200	0
Performance & Economy			
Maximum speed (mph)	99	109	106
0-62 mph (seconds)	14.7	12.0	14.0
Fuel tank capacity (litres)	45	45	45
CO ₂ emissions (g/km)	109	118	131
Urban (mpg (l/100km))	50.4 (5.6)	46.3 (6.1)	40.9 (6.9)
Extra - urban (mpg (l/100km))	67.3 (4.2)	62.8 (4.5)	56.5 (5.0)
Combined (mpg (l/100km))	60.1 (4.7)	55.4 (5.1)	49.6 (5.7)

Note to editors:

- All Suzuki models are covered by a three-year/60,000-mile new vehicle warranty, one year AA Suzuki Assistance, providing 24-hour UK and European roadside assistance, recovery and associated services; and by a 12-year perforation warranty.
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