



Simple math

10 models from \$19,995, with up to 168 hp, 31 mpg by Joe Sage

Mitsubishi, a Japanese industrial giant, has a fairly small North American vehicle operation, and that keeps things simple, if not spartan. Their sales are actually no less than Porsche and three times those of Jaguar. IHS Automotive identifies Mitsubishi as one of the top five conquest brands, those attracting new customers from other makes. This five-passenger Outlander Sport is at the core of the attraction, their number one seller.

It's not hard to see why. The total redesign and reengineering of the bigger seven-passenger Outlander brings dividends to the Outlander Sport, im-

mediately noticeable by its new Dynamic Shield grille and front fascia—arguably the best-yet combination of their signature style elements—while offering trim levels from under \$20 grand to under \$30 grand for the absolute top dog. Our sample is that top dog, but for being a front-driver: S-AWC All Wheel Control would add \$1800 to this model (every trim level offers AWD; prices vary).

All models have 18-inch wheels, power everything, and leather wheel and shifter. Even the 31-mpg, 148-hp 2.0L \$19,595 base model has a feature list 31 miles long. Keyless entry/start and backup camera kick in at \$22,495. This top GT model adds panoramic glass roof, 710-watt Rockford Fosgate audio and more. Suspension is simple, brakes are simple but very effective, and all

SPECIFICATIONS

ENGINE.....	2.4L MIVEC DOHC 16c 4-cyl
DRIVETRAIN.....	FWD (S-AWC AWD available)
HP/TORQUE.....	168 hp / 167 lb-ft
TRANSMISSION.....	INVECS-III CVT Sportronic®
SUSPENSION.....	F: MacPherson strut, stabilizer bar R: Multi-link, stabilizer bar
STEERING.....	Electric power steering
BRAKES.....	F: 11.6 vented 1-p / R: 11.9 solid 1-p
WHEELS / TIRES.....	18x7 J alum alloy / P225/55 R18
LENGTH / WHEELBASE / HEIGHT..	171.5 / 105.1 / 64.2 in
GROUND CLEARANCE.....	8.5 in
CARGO VOLUME.....	21.7 / 49.5 cu.ft
TURNING CIRCLE.....	34.8 ft
WEIGHT.....	3142 lb
MPG.....	23/28/25 (city/hwy/comb)

BASE PRICE 2.4 GT AWD.....\$25,995

DESTINATION CHARGE:.....895

TOTAL.....\$26,890

transmissions are CVTs. Tight and trim, even this top model weighs in at just over 3000 pounds and turns in just 34.8 feet—all part of the nimble nature that keeps the fuel mileage close to 30 mpg. ■

With 39.4-inch headroom, 8.5-inch ground clearance, weight just over 3000 pounds and a tight 34.8-foot turning circle, Mitsubishi Outlander Sport delivers a healthy utility package.

