

The revamped Opel Corsa Sport is bound to astound

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Designed to impress, with power and features beyond what is to be expected from a vehicle in this segment and at this price, the Opel Corsa Sport 1.4MT is bound to astound with its sporty, funky good looks, connectivity and power sunroof as standard.

The exterior body kit, sport suspension and 17" dark Titanium alloy wheels enhance its good looks and ensure a steady, comfortable drive in the city and on the open road. Speaking of power, the 1.4 turbo, 6-speed manual gearbox, realises 110kW of power and 220Nm of torque setting it aside from its popular competitors in this highly contested passenger B-segment market.



A host of features

The Corsa Sport boasts a host of safety features including daytime running lights, side blind zone alert, advance park and hill start assist 2, ABS and ESP. Six strategically placed airbags enhance driver and passengers' safety. For driving convenience, cruise control, Bi-Xenon lights with cornering light control and front fog lamps, auto headlights and rain sensing wipers compliment the stylish, yet functional Corsa Sport.

Once in the cabin, you are within easy reach of all the functions of the hatch. The one-touch sunroof is standard in the 1.4 MT Sport Turbo and is a pleasure to have and operates. One-touch operation is always welcome. Nothing is complicated in the cabin, including the air-conditioning controls, which boasts a pollen filter.



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Boot space

Quite expectedly, boot space is limited to just 265l but then again this is a 'hatch'. But the rear seats are foldable into a 60/40 split, creating that extra space if u don't have more than two passengers.

Road test

It's zippy. I reached a speed of 120kmph very quickly. But I felt that the gears were very close to each other and it's easy to select the wrong gear in the initial phases of driving the hatch. By the time I handed the vehicle back, I was a pro at shifting around the 6-speed box. Other handy features noticeable in the drive were:

- Stop/Start Engine Control
- Shift-Up Indicator
- Rain Sensor wipers
- Hill Start assist
- 7-inch touchscreen Intel iLink System, which makes pairing your phone a 'breeze'.

But perhaps the most noticeable feature was the fuel consumption indicator and after travelling some 200kms, then and only then did the indicator drop one notch.....I was achieving an impressive 5.1litres/100km on the national highways.

Impressive, especially in these times when the price of fuel is reaching new heights.



The Corsa Sport is covered by an Opel 3 year/60,000km Service Plan and 5 year/120,000km warranty ensuring confidence in product purchase. The zippy Corsa Sport has a combined consumption of 5.8 litres/100km, this hatch is a great deal for anyone seeking an affordable, economical and sporty fun-to-drive vehicle.

So, grab the comfortable flat-bottom leather steering wheel, turn the 7" touchscreen Intel iLink system with BT and USB availability on, release the leather handbrake lever, and confidently hit the road in the 5-door Opel Corsa Sport.

Prices: (Including Vat and Emissions Tax)

- Opel Corsa 1.4 Enjoy Auto: R246,443
- Opel Corsa 1.0 Turbo Enjoy: R256,429
- Opel Corsa 1.4 MT Turbo Sport: R289,316

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