

## Citroën Berlingo

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The Berlingo has been taken to the next level with the launch of an all-new model range. For a start there are two lengths available (L1 and L2), although they are based on the same wheelbase. It is bigger dimensionally in every department, but one thing that remains the same is the choice of two diesel engines. Both are 1.6-litre, the maximum power outputs are 75hp and 90hp, and they are capable of running on 30 per cent biodiesel. The alternative is a 16-valve 1.6-litre, 90hp petrol unit for those looking to convert to LPG.

The front wheels are driven via a fivespeed manual transmission and the gearstick is dash-mounted. Disc brakes are fitted all-round and ABS is standard, as is power steering. With a load bed 1,800mm long the Berlingo L1 comes with a 3.3m<sup>3</sup> load area. Opt for an L2 with its 248mm longer rear overhang and 2,050mm cargo bed and the figure increases to 3.7m<sup>3</sup>. Load capacity can be increased by specifying the folding Extenso front passenger seating. Load capacity is increased to 3.7m<sup>3</sup> and 4.1m<sup>3</sup> for the L1 and L2 respectively.

Gross payload capacities are 625kg (L1), 750kg (L2) and a heavy-duty 850kg option for the L1 models. Access to the load area is via twin asymmetrical rear doors and there's the option of single or twin sliding side doors.

The all-new cab boasts a host of storage areas and the standard equipment on all models includes central locking, a trip computer, electric front windows and internally adjustable door mirrors. LX trim adds remote locking and electric mirrors. The Extenso seating option includes a centre 'occasional' seat with a large storage cubby underneath.

New Berlingo has the same warranty as the First and the HDi engines require an oil change every 12,500 miles.

### VERDICT

The latest generation Berlingo is a well designed and put together van with a wide model choice.