

◆ Fuel

Our Hilux Utes are unleaded fuel.

On the instrument panel, there is a little arrow next to a fuel bowser image, this will show which side of the Ute the fuel cap is located.



The fuel cap is located about 15 cm under the side of the tray, which means you will not be able to see the fuel cap just by walking around the Ute. There should be a white sticker on the tray for easy identification.



The fuel cap is operated by the ignition key. Insert the key and turn anti-clockwise to unlock the cap, then hold the cap and twist anti-clockwise to remove.

◆ Refueling a Ute

Due to the angle of the pipe to the fuel tank, there is a lot of 'blow back' that happens which engages the fuel to stop pumping. Instead of holding the fuel nozzle straight up and down, twist it horizontally to allow the air to escape the tank.

Handy Hint – listen for the bubbling of the fuel, stop, and then refuel slowly until it clicks. This will stop the fuel from landing on your shoes.

◆ Fuel Receipts

Please don't forget to bring your fuel receipt when you return the vehicle so we can check that you have put the correct grade of fuel in the tank.

◆ Passenger Capacity

Our Utes have two doors and two bucket seats, meaning they have a maximum capacity of 2 people.

◆ Weight Capacity

The maximum ute capacity is 1000kg (1 metric tonne). This capacity includes anything that is added to our empty vehicle.

◆ Transmission

Most of our fleet have automatic transmissions. The only manual Ute we have on our fleet is in Innisfail, QLD.



To change gears, simply hold the gear lever, push left and move down into the required gear and let go.

P = Park
R = Reverse
N = Neutral
D = Drive

There is a manual gear selection if required, however is just an up and down. This is not required for regular driving as it can cause confusion and damage to the gear box if not used correctly. If you are towing or at maximum weight capacity, in slow traffic or many traffic lights, you can use this to assist with taking off with heavy loads.

Please note that Park must be engaged to turn the Ute off and remove the keys.

◆ Handbrake

The handbrake on our Utes are normal lever handbrakes.

Push the button in to drop the lever and disengage the hand brake. If it is hard to disengage the handbrake, push in the button and pull up to release the tension and then push down.

To engage the handbrake, pull the lever up until you get resistance. Please don't pull too hard as it can make it difficult to disengage the lever if pulled up to tight.

Please ensure the handbrake is engaged when the vehicle is parked, and when loading and unloading to ensure your safety and those around you.

◆ Interior Light

There is an interior light you can turn on manually if you need it to see in the cab. Simply push the little lever over to 'on'. Please remember to move it back to 'off' or 'door' once you are finished, as leaving the interior light on will flatten the battery.



◆ Ute Tray

All Utes have drop sides with the tray measuring 1800mm wide x 2500mm long. The drop sides make it easier to load and unload, and the tray can carry materials that need to be carried flat such as plasterboard sheets.

◆ Overhead Carry Loads

All of our Utes have front and rear ladder racks, with a middle support rack that is part of the tray. The distance between the front rack and rear rack is just under 6 metres, which means you can carry 6m lengths of timber, pipe, decking, etc with no problems.

Please do note that there is a weight restriction for overhead carry loads of 150kg, which is a legal road limit, however, each state has different laws, so please check your state specific restrictions.

◆ Securing Your Loads

It is road law that specifies that all loads must be secured to avoid your items from shifting or coming off the Ute during transit. There are tiedown bars along the underside of the tray, to attach the tiedowns to.

Please see our Ute loading guidelines for more information on securing your loads.
It is the hirer's responsibility to ensure that all loads are safely secured and do not exceed the capacity of the vehicle.

◆ Tie Downs / Straps

We do not supply or loan any tie down straps or ropes.

You will need to bring your own, or the team members in Bunnings can direct you to where you can buy load specific tie downs.

◆ Towing with our Ute

All of our utes have tow balls and trailer plugs. Please note that we are very strict with what is allowed and not allowed to be towed with our ute, simply due to weight restrictions.

Allowed – 6x4 trailer, 7x5 trailer, 8x5 trailer. Please note that the weight of the trailer will come off the capacity, as the combined capacity is still only 1000kg between the weight of the trailer, and any load in the trailer and ute.

Not Allowed – trailers over 8x5, car trailers, furniture trailers, boats, caravans, jetski's, etc.

Please note that trailers that are wired incorrectly can cause the fuse to blow in our vehicle, which will engage shift lock. This is the hirer's responsibility to replace the blown fuse and cover any late fees, etc due to this.

Approval to tow must be given at the time of hire, which will be documented on the hire agreement. If approval is not granted and the vehicle is used to tow, this will void the terms and conditions of hire.

◆ Adjusting your mirrors

It is highly recommended as soon as you get in a new vehicle, that you adjust your rear vision mirror as well as your side mirrors to ensure you can see what is behind and to the sides of you.

The rear vision mirror is a manual adjustment, just as most cars.

The side mirrors are electric, with a little controller just behind the ignition, as per the picture above.

Click the top button to L or R and then press the direction button below to adjust the direction of the mirror. Click the top button over to the other side and adjust the other mirror also.



◆ Power windows and locking

To wind down the windows, press the little lever down. To wind them up, pull the lever up.

The drivers side window has an auto up/down feature, so if you press until it clicks it will wind all the way down. To stop it, just pull up slightly. If you pull up too hard, it will engage auto-up and the window will go all the way up.

You can lock the windows if you have a little person who enjoys playing with the windows... simply press the window lock button.

You are also able to automatically lock and unlock all doors in the van from inside the Ute. This is a safety feature and handy if you are driving at night. Press lock to lock all doors, press unlock to unlock all doors.