



# Crouching

# TIGER

**ZX GRANDTIGER IMPRESSES  
WITH A HIGH SPEC LEVEL  
AND DECENT BUILD QUALITY**

A BAKKIE INSIGHT IN ASSOCIATION WITH ZX AUTO SA



centre dial by the handbrake to activate the low-range gearbox and the Grandtiger will easily pull itself out of trouble.

The interior is well appointed and comfortable. ZX Auto claims that the Grandtiger can seat five adults comfortably. In terms of build quality, this vehicle feels solid and well built. Gearshift action is simple and the controls fall easily to hand. The clutch is light yet firm which makes it simple to drive in bumper-to-bumper traffic. Headroom is impressive for a pick up vehicle and the cabin is spacious with the driver and passengers enjoying a high seating position. The Grandtiger offers fantastic value for money as there is almost zero competition in this segment with this sort of specification.

One would be hard pressed to find a bakkie with Park Distance Control, air con, leather seats, central locking, low-range gearbox and a modern sound system to name but a few of the features.

Chinese bakkies have an unfortunate reputation when it comes to quality control and this is where the Grandtiger comes into its own and shines. This is definitely a step in the right direction and there is a marked improvement overall in interior and build quality compared with other bakkies from the Grandtiger's home country. The load bay, in particular, has been given a full rubberising, in an effort to reduce damage to the vehicle by cargo. The Grandtiger is available in six colours and the paint jobs are of a high standard. All vehicles are homologated to South African specification and have met the SABS standards.

It's all very well having a decent product but what if there is a problem? Many motor manufacturers trying to make inroads into the South African market have suffered dire consequences after not taking the issue of aftersales seriously. Well to that end, the Grandtiger is offered with a three-

year/100 000km warranty and is available with an optional service plan. ZX Auto has six dealerships in South Africa so far and this network is set to expand even further.

Parts back-up is provided by a huge professional parts distributor to ensure that vehicles are back on the road without delay in the rare event of a break down. ZX Auto has aftersales high on its list of priorities and has set up a call centre and even has an accessories department that will deal with tow bars and canopies. In terms of pricing, ZX Auto is going to be ultra competitive.

The base model 2.4 Petrol Double Cab 4x2 for instance, retails at only R179 900. The Double Cab 4x4 goes for R194 900 while the 3.2 turbodiesel is on sale at R210 000. For the money, one would be hard pressed to find competition for the Grandtiger that offers the same level of specification, performance and ability.