

Vauxhall Mokka 1.6CDTI Eco flex Tec-Line

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Fancy a Mokka? I am more of a Latte man!!

The Mokka looks good, is fairly practical, and some versions are reasonably priced - it just doesn't excite me inside or out. I get what they are trying to do, but have they done enough?

The Mokka enters the competitive and rapidly expanding compact crossover segment, so it has its work cut out to stand tall among well-established rivals such as the Nissan Juke and Skoda Yeti.

Fortunately, it has several factors in its favour. It's offered with both two and four-wheel drive, with either petrol or diesel engines, and there are automatic versions of the two-wheel drive models for those who don't want to select your own gears.

Its relatively low price should also help attract buyers, particularly when you account for its decent kit levels and 'Lifetime' warranty, which covers the car over a limitless period of time up to 100,000 miles.

Vauxhall has opted for a stiff suspension set-up, which has the advantage of keeping the Mokka upright through twists and turns. Don't expect to have much fun, though, because the steering is light and nervous. That wouldn't be such a problem if the payoff was a comfortable ride, but the Mokka



fidgets around at low speeds on poor surfaces, while larger bumps and expansion joints send jolts through the cabin.

The Mokka's dashboard layout is very similar to the Astra hatchbacks, which isn't a good thing because it means there are too many poorly marked buttons. On the plus side, forward visibility isn't bad thanks to a lofty driving position. Rear visibility isn't as impressive, because the thick rear pillars restrict over-the-shoulder vision.

I think the Tech Line model is the one to go for with its sat nav, parking sensors, and other luxuries, and its great value to lease. Overall only a 5/10.



MPG = 65.8
 Top speed = 110 MPH
 0-62 = 10
 CO2 = 120
 On the road price £16,800
 (Lease price £169+vat over 3 years with 6 payments up front based on 10k miles a year)

