

# New Nissan Qashqai N-Tec+ 1.2 dig-t

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### Small engine on a big car...

We did look at a new Qashqai last year and liked it but this is the new 1.2 dig-t engine which sounds tiny in such a big car but actually goes really well and its more brake horse power than the 1.5 HDI.

The new car also records improved fuel economy and CO2 emissions than the model it replaces: 50.4mpg and 129g/km plays 45.6mpg and 144g/km.

As with the rest of the range, the Qashqai 1.2 DIG-T features start-stop as standard as well as a regenerative



alternator, but is only offered with a six-speed manual gearbox. Those seeking automatic or four-wheel-drive versions will be fulfilled only by variants of the 1.6-litre diesel.

Boot space grows by 20 litres to 430 litres, and is accompanied by a bewildering number of positions for the adjustable boot floor to be located in. The cabin feels decidedly more upmarket than before, and our range-topping test car in Tekna trim wants for few optional extras, justifying its £23k price tag.



You do need to work the engine hard to keep up with traffic on faster roads. Visia trim misses out on alloy wheels, automatic light and wipers, and an adjustable boot floor but the N-Tec+ model with had was a fantastic spec loads of cool toys.

All versions have six airbags, stability control and emergency brake assist, while a Smart Vision Pack (optional on Visia and Acenta trims, and standard on more expensive models) adds lane-departure and collision-warning systems. The Qashqai also got a maximum five-star crash test rating from Euro NCAP. An engine immobiliser helps protect against thieves and it really does feel like a solid family car.

MPG = 50.4mpg  
Top speed = 115 MPH  
0-62 = 9.5  
CO2 = 129  
On the road price £22,600  
(Lease price £199+vat over 3 years  
with 6 payments up front based on 10k  
miles a year)

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