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The Vauxhall Frontera was introduced into the UK at the end of 1991. At its launch, the Frontera range consisted of a 2.0 litre (1998 cc) petrol engine 3-door model, and a 2.4 litre (2410 cc) petrol engine or 2.3 litre (2260 cc) diesel engine 5-door model. The engines are all well-proven units which have appeared in many Vauxhall vehicles. All engines are of four-cylinder overhead camshaft design, mounted at the front of vehicle with the transmission mounted on its rear.

All models have fully-independent front suspension incorporating upper and lower arms, shock absorbers and torsion bars were originally fitted with a leaf spring rear axle.

A wide range of standard and optional equipment is available within the range to suit most tastes, including central locking, electric windows and an electric sunroof. An air conditioning system was available as an option on certain models.

In early 1994 a soft-top 3-door model was introduced and in early 1995 the model range was completely revised. A new 2.2 litre (2198 cc) 16-valve petrol engine was bought in to replace the 2.4 litre engine and the 2.3 litre Diesel engine was replaced with a new 2.8 litre (2771 cc) engine. At the same time, the body underwent a major overhaul and the leaf spring rear axle was replaced with a new coil spring rear axle arrangement to improve road-holding and handling. The only other change to the Frontera models range was the introduction of a new 2.5 litre (2499 cc) diesel engine in the middle of 1996.

Provided that regular servicing is carried out in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, the vehicle should prove reliable and very economical. The engine compartment is well-designed, and most of the items requiring frequent attention are easily accessible.



Vauxhall Frontera 5-door



Vauxhall Frontera Sport

Your Vauxhall Frontera manual

The aim of this manual is to help you get the best value from your vehicle. It can do so in several ways. It can help you decide what work must be done (even should you choose to get it done by a garage). It will also provide information on routine maintenance and servicing, and give a logical course of action and diagnosis when random faults occur. However, it is hoped that you will use the manual by tackling the work yourself. On simpler jobs it may even be quicker than booking the vehicle into a garage and going there twice, to leave and collect it. Perhaps

most important, a lot of money can be saved by avoiding the costs a garage must charge to cover its labour and overheads.

The manual has drawings and descriptions to show the function of the various components so that their layout can be understood. Tasks are described and photographed in a clear step-by-step sequence.

References to 'left' and 'right' of the vehicle are in the sense of a person in the driver's seat facing forwards.

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