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Mitsubishi Upgrades Outlander With Refined Interior and Improved Dynamics

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This mid-cycle refresh focuses on subtle but meaningful improvements to what was already a competent family vehicle, enhancing refinement without disrupting the Outlander's practical nature.

Mitsubishi has concentrated on improving the driving experience through retuned steering and suspension components. The more precise power steering system and recalibrated springs, shock absorbers and stabilizer bars deliver better ride quality and more confident handling.

Though these changes won't transform the Outlander into a sporty SUV, they do make everyday driving more pleasant.

The most noticeable interior improvement comes from the new Yamaha audio system. Our SEL tester featured the Ultimate 12-speaker premium audio setup that delivers impressive sound quality. Mitsubishi has re-engineered the cabin specifically for these audio systems, adding sound insulation that reduces road noise by 0.5dB and overall sound isolation by nearly 6dB compared to the 2024



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These acoustic enhancements contribute to the Outlander's comfortable highway manners, where it cruises quietly and efficiently.

The 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine, paired with a continuously variable transmission, prioritizes economy over excitement with its modest 181 horsepower and 181 lb-ft of torque.

While acceleration feels merely adequate for merging and passing, the payoff comes at the pump with an impressive 30 mpg highway rating, which is excellent for a vehicle offering three rows of seating.

The dash is dominated by

a 12.3-inch touchscreen with wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto compatibility. The navigation system includes HD Traffic Information, and the Outlander now offers USB-C power ports to keep modern devices charged.

The center console has been redesigned with larger armrests, more storage space and an updated wireless phone charging area.

Material quality impresses for this price point, particularly in our SEL test vehicle with its quilted leather seating surfaces. The Premium Package added semi-aniline leather in Brick Brown, a two-tone roof and a digital rearview

mirror.

Ventilated front seats, new for 2025, provided welcome cooling during warm-weather testing.

The Outlander's third row remains best suited for children or occasional adult use, but the second row offers good space with 38.3 inches of legroom.

At \$45,930 as tested, our fully loaded Outlander SEL with the Premium Package, black roof and various accessory packages represents the upper end of the model range.

More value-conscious shoppers might consider the SE with S-AWC all-wheel drive at \$34,195, which retains many key features

while saving over \$10,000.

The Outlander's starting price of \$29,645 for the front-wheel-drive ES model undercuts many competitors.

The 2025 Outlander doesn't try to be the most exciting or luxurious option in its segment. Instead, it focuses on practical family transportation with a touch of refinement, solid fuel economy and an impressive warranty.

While it may lack the engaging driving dynamics or cutting-edge powertrains of some competitors, it delivers exactly what many families need at a price point that represents genuine value.

AT A GLANCE

WHAT WAS TESTED?

2025 Mitsubishi Outlander SEL 2.5 S-AWC (\$38,795). Options: Black roof (\$795), premium package (\$3,050), tonneau cover (\$210), welcome package (\$185), launch package (\$1,400). Price as tested (including \$1,495 destination charge): \$45,930

BY THE NUMBERS

Wheelbase: 106.5 in.
Length: 185.8 in.
Width: 74.7 in.
Height: 68.8 in.
Engine: 2.5-liter inline four cylinder (181 hp, 181 lbs. ft.)
Transmission: Continuously variable
Fuel Economy: 24 city, 30 highway

RATINGS

Style: 8
Performance: 6
Price: 7
Handling: 7
Ride: 8
Comfort: 8
Quality: 7
Overall: 7

WHY BUY IT?

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