

Luxury Redefined, At a Cost

Infiniti's Flagship SUV Impresses With Tech and Comfort, Faces Stiff Competition

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At the heart of the new QX80 is a twin-turbocharged 3.5-liter V6 engine, producing a robust 450 horsepower and 516 lb-ft of torque. This powerplant, paired with a smooth-shifting nine-speed automatic transmission, provides ample thrust for such a large vehicle. The powertrain's refinement is particularly notable during highway cruising, where the QX80 settles into a quiet, composed demeanor befitting its luxury status.

Inside, Infiniti has dramatically improved the QX80's interior. The cabin is a showcase of high-quality materials and impressive technology. Dual 14.3-inch displays dominate the dashboard, offering crisp graphics and intuitive functionality.

The integration of Google built-in services enhances the user experience, providing seamless access to navigation, apps, and voice controls.



The QX80's imposing presence and distinctive design cues ensure it stands out in the crowded luxury SUV segment.

Comfort is a strong suit for the QX80, with plenty of passenger room across all three rows. The available massaging seats in the first two rows are a welcome luxury touch, while the third row offers more space than many competitors.

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The Klipsch audio system is another standout feature, delivering rich, immersive sound throughout the cabin.

However, the QX80's ride quality, while generally com-

fortable, falls short of the plush experience offered by some rivals. There's a firmness to the suspension that, while contributing to better handling, can occasionally transmit more road imperfections than expected in a vehicle of this class.

The QX80's size also can make it challenging to maneuver in tight urban environments. This is somewhat mitigated by the comprehensive camera system, including the innovative Front Wide View and Invisible Hood View features, which prove invaluable in

parking situations.

Fuel economy, at 15 mpg city and 19 mpg highway for the 4WD model, is improved over its predecessor but still thirsty by modern standards. This may give pause to environmentally conscious buyers or those facing frequent fill-ups.

At \$106,242 as tested, the QX80 Sensory 4WD represents a significant investment. While it offers a wealth of features and technologies, some of the most impressive amenities are reserved for the even pricier Autograph trim. This pricing

strategy may deter buyers who expect all the bells and whistles at this price point.

Overall, the 2025 QX80 is a bold step forward for the brand, offering a compelling blend of luxury, technology and capability.

For those seeking a technologically advanced, comfortable, and capable large SUV with distinctive styling, the new QX80 is certainly worth consideration. It's a tour de force of tech and comfort features with spaciousness that feels downright sumptuous for those fortunate enough to afford it.

AT A GLANCE

WHAT WAS TESTED?

2025 Infiniti QX80 Sensory 4WD (\$100,645). Options: ProPilot Assist 2.1 (\$3,200), cargo blocks (\$42), cargo shelf (\$360). Price as tested (including \$1,995 destination charge): \$106,242

BY THE NUMBERS

Wheelbase: 121 in.
Length: 211.2 in.
Width: 83.3 in.
Height: 77.9 in.
Engine: Twin-turbocharged 3.5-liter V6 (450 hp, 516 ft. lbs.)
Transmission: Nine-speed automatic
MPG: 15 city, 19 highway

RATINGS

Style: 8
Performance: 9
Price: 4
Handling: 5
Ride: 9
Comfort: 9
Quality: 8
Overall: 9

WHY BUY IT?

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