

Split Personality With Style

QX55 Blends Comfort and Sportiness, Struggles to Fully Commit to Either

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After a week with the top-tier Sensory AWD trim, it's clear that Infiniti has created a vehicle with broad appeal, even if it occasionally feels caught between two worlds.

At the heart of the QX55 is Infiniti's innovative 2.0-liter variable compression turbo-charged four-cylinder engine, producing a capable 268 horsepower and 280 lb-ft of torque.

This powerplant features an impressive variable compression ratio ranging from 8:1 to 14:1, with peak torque available from 4,400-4,800 rpm.

While the continuously variable transmission (CVT) prioritizes efficiency, it can sometimes detract from the engaging driving experience the QX55's sporty styling suggests.

The QX55's ride and handling characteristics showcase its dual nature. The firmly tuned suspension and precise, well-weighted steering hint at sporty aspirations, while exceptionally comfortable seats and smooth power delivery lean towards luxury cruiser territory.



With its swooping roofline and bold grille, the QX55 cuts a striking figure that sets it apart from more conventionally styled luxury crossovers.

This duality creates a versatile vehicle that can adapt to various driving situations.

Visually, the QX55 is a standout. Its flowing lines and bold grille make a strong statement, successfully differentiating it from more conventional crossovers.

The interior continues this theme with high-quality materials and attractive design elements. The standard dual-screen infotainment system, featuring an 8-inch upper and 7-inch lower screen, is functional and includes wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto compatibility.

Standard all-wheel drive adds all-weather confidence, and the QX55 comes well-equipped even in its base form, which starts at a competitive \$50,150.

Our Sensory trim tester, with a base price of \$58,650 and an as-tested price of \$62,725, included luxury touches like semi-aniline leather seating, open-pore wood trim and a 16-speaker Bose audio system.

Fuel economy, rated at 22 mpg city and 28 mpg highway, is respectable for the class. With a 16-gallon fuel tank, the QX55 offers a decent range between fill-

ups.

Safety features are comprehensive, with Infiniti's ProPilot Assist semi-autonomous driving system standard across the range. The QX55 also includes the Infiniti Advanced Air Bag System with front and side-impact airbags, as well as available rear seat-mounted side-impact supplemental air bags.

The QX55's swooping roofline does impact rear headroom and cargo space, with 26.9 cubic feet behind the rear seats, expanding to 54.1 cubic feet with seats folded. While this may not match

more traditionally shaped competitors, it should be sufficient for most users.

Ultimately, the 2024 Infiniti QX55 is a stylish and comfortable luxury crossover that offers a unique blend of sportiness and comfort. Its striking design and luxurious interior will appeal to buyers seeking to stand out from the crowd.

While a more decisive commitment to either sportiness or comfort could enhance its appeal, the QX55's versatility makes it a solid choice for those who appreciate its distinctive styling and well-rounded nature.

AT A GLANCE

WHAT WAS TESTED?

2024 Infiniti QX55 Sensory AWD (\$58,500). Options: Lighting package (\$1,085), accent package (\$695), cargo package (\$350), exclusive paint (\$900). Price as tested (including \$1,195 destination charge): \$62,725

BY THE NUMBERS

Wheelbase: 110.2 in.
Length: 186.3 in.
Width: 74.9 in.
Height: 63.8 in.
Engine: 2.0-liter variable compression turbo four cylinder (268 hp, 280 ft. lbs.)
Transmission: Continuously variable
MPG: 22 city, 28 highway

RATINGS

Style: 9
Performance: 6
Price: 5
Handling: 7
Ride: 7
Comfort: 7
Quality: 7
Overall: 7

WHY BUY IT?

It offers eye-catching style, a luxurious interior and a comprehensive list of standard features including all-wheel drive and advanced safety technology, at a relatively attainable price point.

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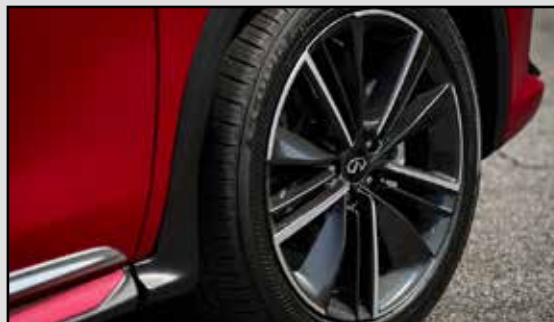
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