## THE 1983 TRUCKS



Our company is known around the world for its achievements.

At Mitsubishi, our commitment to engineering perfection flows from the philosophy that the most efficient automobile not only uses less fuel,\* but works better, lasts longer and is pleasing to the human eye.

This quest for excellence began in 1917 with the Mitsubishi

Model A, Japan's first seriesproduced car. Later, Mitsubishi developed Japan's first diesel truck.

Today, Mitsubishi is at the leading edge of automotive technology...pioneering the development and application of the fuel-efficient\* MCA-Jet engine;

Dual Engine Stabilizers; ECI electronically controlled fuel injection; the ELC Automatic and 4+4 Transmission; the use of LCD technology in the world's first Liquid Crystal Display instrument panel; an advanced U-shaped independent rear suspension system; highly-refined, aerodynamic,

flush-fitted bodies; and a level of interior comfort you must experience to appreciate.

And we're shaping tomorrow. Introducing the world's first turbo diesel small pickup and Starion, the most exciting new member of our world family of turbo-charged passenger cars.

Isn't it time you experience the automotive achievements that have made the name Mitsubishi synonymous with engineering excellence in over 135 countries around the world?

\*See EPA mileage statement on specifications page. Shown with optional equipment. See features chart for details.



Misubishis
Mighty Max.

Mighty Max is the most affordable truck in our line, yet it comes with the same toughness and inspired engineering you'll find on every Mitsubishi truck. For instance...

The MCA-Jet engine is a tough 2.0 liters big. It features Mitsubishi Motors' patented Dual Engine Stabilizers that reduce engine vibra-

tion, even when the truck's working its hardest.

There is no compromise on quality when it comes to the suspension system, either. You'll find an independent front suspension with unequal-length A-arms for improved handling. And in the rear, a live axle on semi-elliptical

leaf springs for rugged performance and road stability.

There are plenty of other standard features; like adjustable steering column, and tubular tiedown bars on all models. And behind the big roomy, man-sized cab, there's nearly seven feet of cargo box that'll haul a big 1,630 pounds

of payload.\* Plus a welded, double-walled, one-touch tailgate that locks it all in.

When you consider all the value that you get in Mitsubishi Motors' most affordable truck, you'll know it's a bargain nobody else can touch.

\*Available on Mighty Max and S 4-speed 2WD models.

### 1983 Truck Engines And Transmissions.

Mighty Max 2.0 Liter Gasoline	4-Speed Manual	NA
S Truck 2.0 Liter Gasoline	4-Speed Manual 5-Speed Manual† 3-Speed Automatic	4-Speed Manual
SP Truck 2.6 Liter Gasoline 2.3 Liter Turbo Diesel	5-Speed Manual	5-Speed Manual
SPX Truck 2.6 Liter Gasoline	5-Speed Manual	5-Speed Manual 3-Speed Automatic

†Not available in California

MODEL



The first
furbodiesel
pickup.

The achievement of the year is here: America's first turbo diesel pickups. And only Mitsubishi Motors builds them.

These two-wheel and fourwheel drive Mitsubishi trucks give you all the practical advantages of a diesel: great fuel economy,\* low maintenance and long range.

Plus all the performance advantages of a turbo: swift acceleration and ready power.

Nor is slow starting in cold weather a problem. Mitsubishi Motors' Quick Glow Plug System starts the engine in about 1.3 seconds at 32°F and in about 3 seconds at -4°F. And Mitsubishi turbo diesels come with an automatic fuel heater that reduces wax and sludge build-up to help keep fuel flowing freely during cold weather.

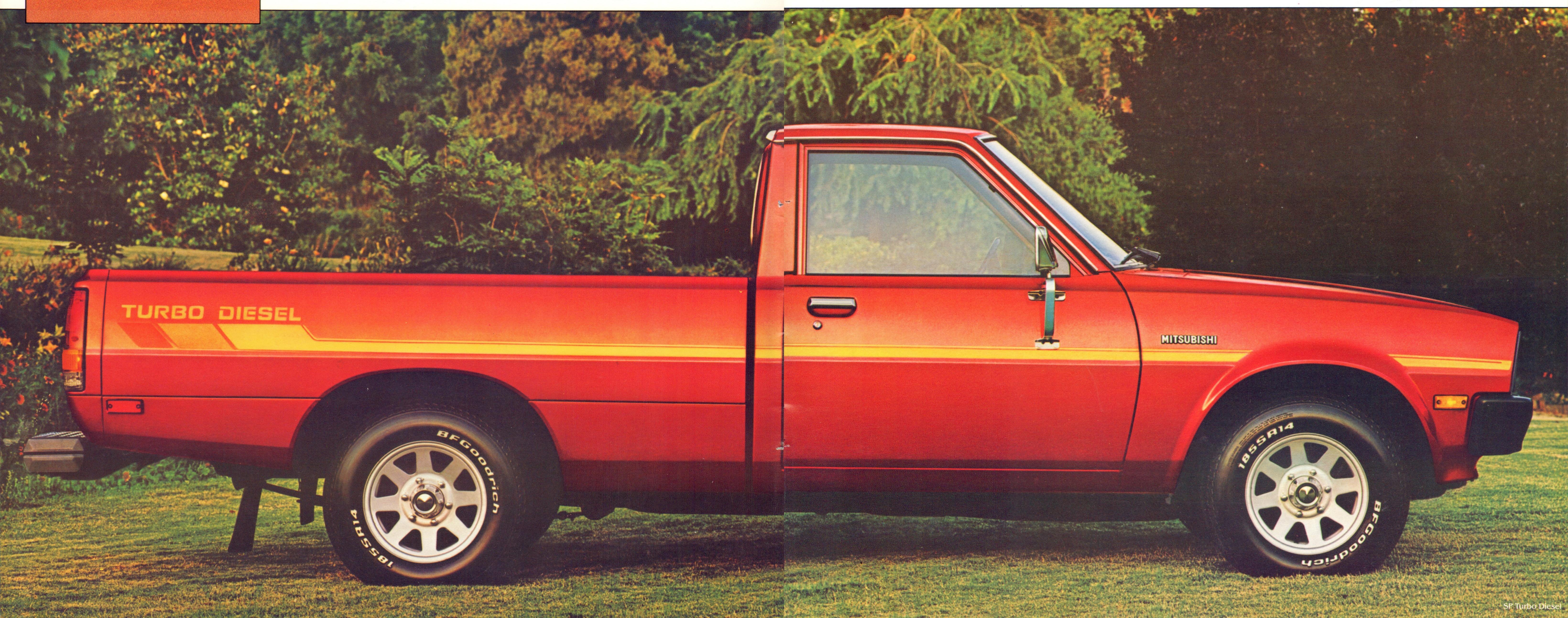
Noise, the nemesis of the ordinary diesel, is minimized by

Mitsubishi Motors' patented Dual Engine Stabilizers that reduce engine vibration.

Add to this an 18-gallon fuel tank that's the largest in its standard bed class, 5-speed manual transmission; rugged, wide 'A' front independent suspension (4WD) and you've got the turbo

diesel that just could make every other diesel pickup on the road obsolete.

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Make
your power feit.

Among the imports, none come bigger than the 2.6 liter, overhead cam, MCA-Jet engine that powers our SP and SPX trucks.

This engine features a third valve, the "jet valve", which injects additional air into the combustion chamber, agitating the air-fuel mixture. The result: a more effi-

cient combustion stroke that gives you improved mileage\* and power.

The evidence can be seen in its 105 horsepower rating at 5,000 rpm and 139 ft-lbs of torque at 2,500 rpm which simply outmuscles every import in its class.

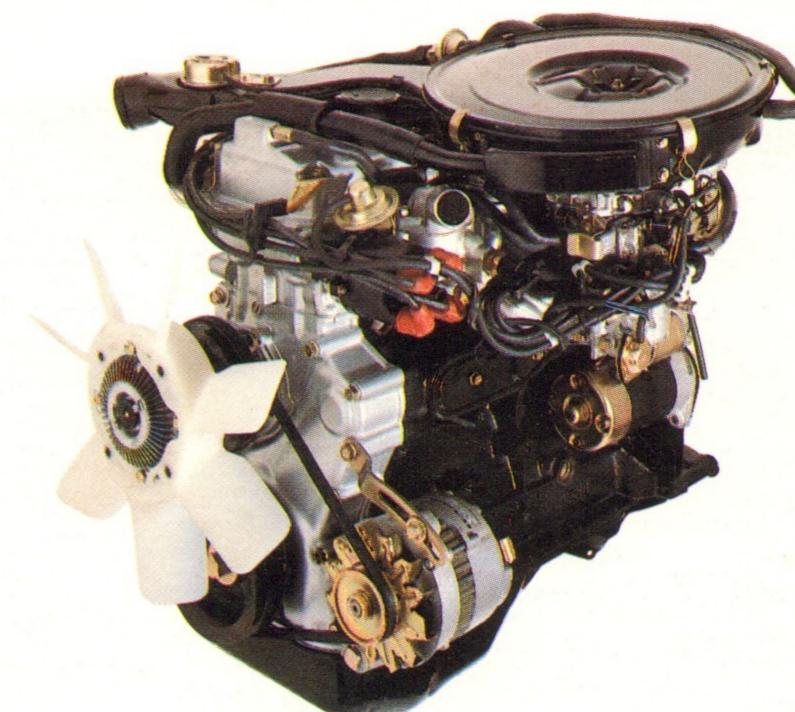
Yet, it's a smooth-running

engine. Thanks to Mitsubishi's Dual Engine Stabilizers that reduce engine vibration.

Power like this deserves more than ordinary brakes. So Mitsubishi installed powerassisted front discs and selfadjusting drums in the rear. A Blend Proportioning Valve helps reduce rear brake lock-up under light loads while assuring the same braking control under full loads.

Whether you go 2WD or 4WD, nothing makes your power felt like Mitsubishi's 2.6 liter engine.

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# "Quite simply the absolute best off-road truck in the business"

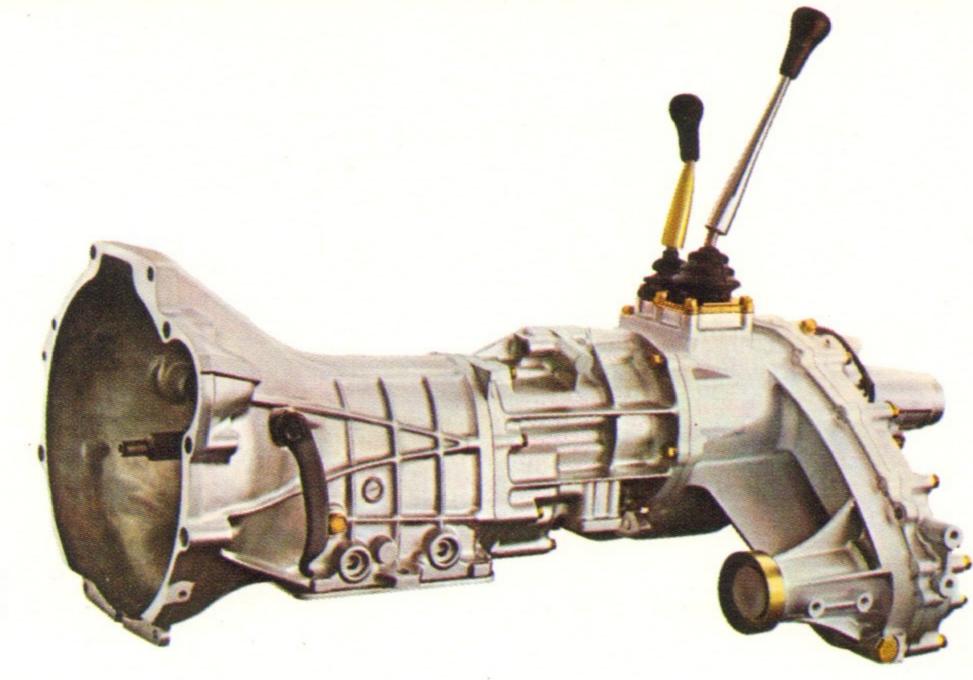
John Baker, two-time Baja 1000 racing champion. What does it take to achieve this kind of rave review? Simple. A truck with possibly the best four-wheel drive system.

To be this good, a Mitsubishi 4WD has to be built like no other: with wide 'A' independent front suspension that uses torsion bars instead of coil springs for extra

traction and resistance to sideways stress. A front differential that is chassis-mounted for a low center of gravity and optimal ground clearance. Plus steel skid plates to protect the engine/ transfer case.

Unlike most of the competition, Mitsubishi Motors' trans-

mission/transfer case delivers its drive through a "silent" chain instead of a gear-driven case, for smooth, quiet operation. And for off-road driving convenience, the SPX has an available three-speed automatic transmission. On all models, you can shift from 2-wheel to 4-wheel drive without stopping.



There's also an optional Off-Road Package that includes sports bar, double tubular bumper, and a grille and brush guard.

If all of this leads you to believe that this 4WD is the best off-road truck, we'd say you're in pretty good company.

Shown with accessories and optional equipment. See features chart for details.



# Escape to the wide open spaces.

In a Mitsubishi truck, you can escape to wide open spaces long before you hit the backroads of civilization.

The inescapable fact is, Mitsubishi Mighty Max, S, SP and SPX models all have more leg and head room than any other imported, standard-cab, mini-truck in America.

But making them the roomiest wasn't enough. There's extra sound insulation in the cab to make them among the quietest in their class. And two noiseinsulating boots over the shift levers, instead of the usual one.

Inside the Mighty Max, those wide open spaces come equipped with a vinyltrimmed bench seat that'll carry three, an adjustable steering column, a 3-speed



assisted steering on all 4WDs. SP models feature standards like tachometer on the turbo diesels; variable intermittent wipers that you can set at intervals from 3 to 12 seconds; large arm rests and full carpeting. And if you really want

to travel in comfort, the SPX models come loaded with standard features like AM/FM stereo, high back bucket seats, quartz clock and deep plush carpeting.

Why rough it in a truck when Mitsubishi can take you to the wide open spaces in comfort?

Shown with optional equipment. See features chart for details.

Our Heavyeight Chanpions.

If you judge how tough a truck is by how much it'll handle, meet our heavyweight champions: Mitsubishi S and Mighty Max. No other half-ton, standard-bed truck even comes close to their 1,630 pound payload.\*

The fact is, not one single standard-bed, half-ton, mini truck

in the market can outhaul these Mitsubishi trucks.

Not far behind are the 2.6 liter gasoline powered SP and SPX trucks that'll haul over 1,500 pounds of cargo.

Which means that Mitsubishi trucks are big and tough enough to handle almost any job.

Mitsubishi has other advantages like a double-walled cargo box (standard on SPX, optional on other models); plus double-walled, one-touch tailgates; rust-proofed and sealed front-bed floor panels; water drains; and an electro-deposited coating inside the chassis frame members

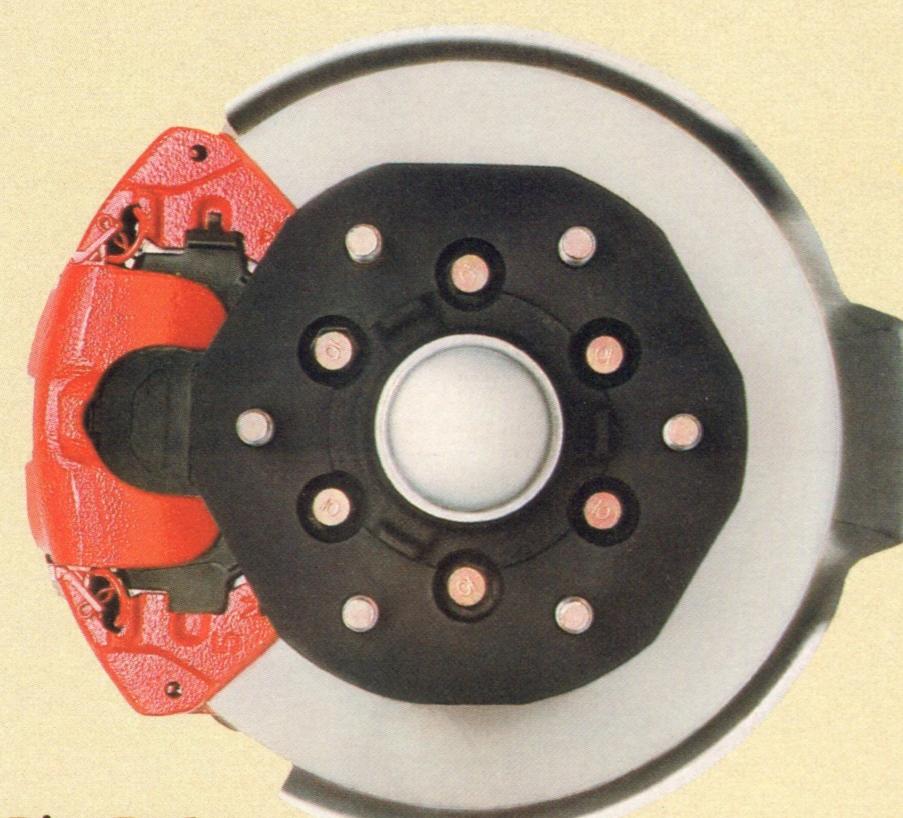
to help fight corrosion. So no matter how you judge trucks, Mitsubishi Motors has one tough truck to beat.

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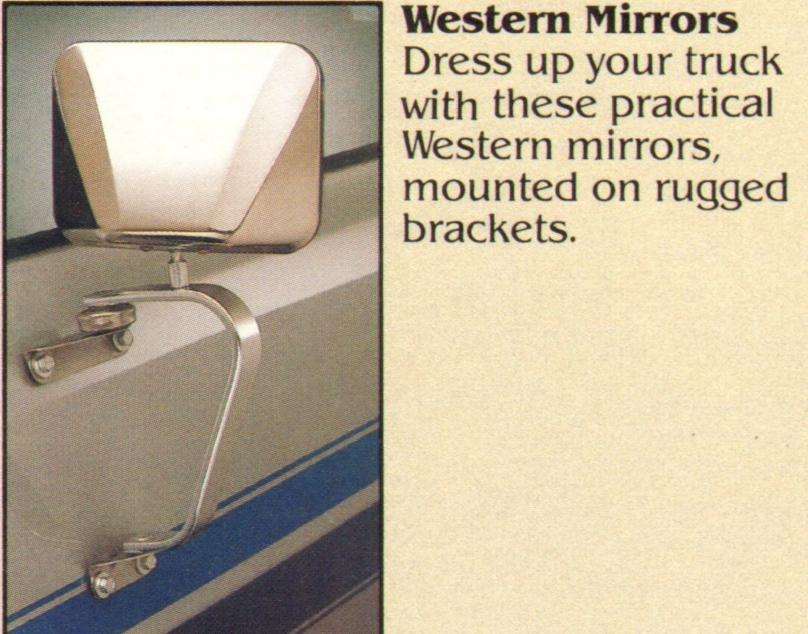


# Features

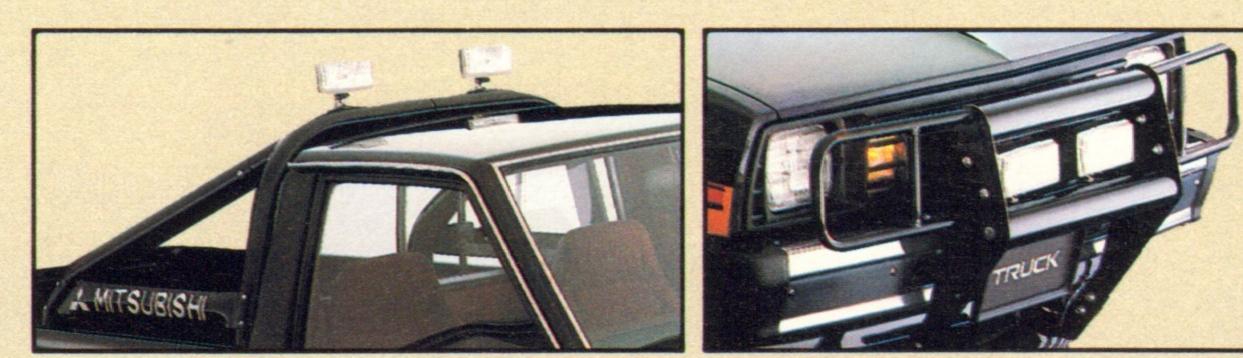


### Disc Brakes

All Mitsubishi Motors trucks are equipped with large, 10-inch power-assisted, front disc brakes that are automatically self-adjusting.



### **Western Mirrors** Dress up your truck with these practical

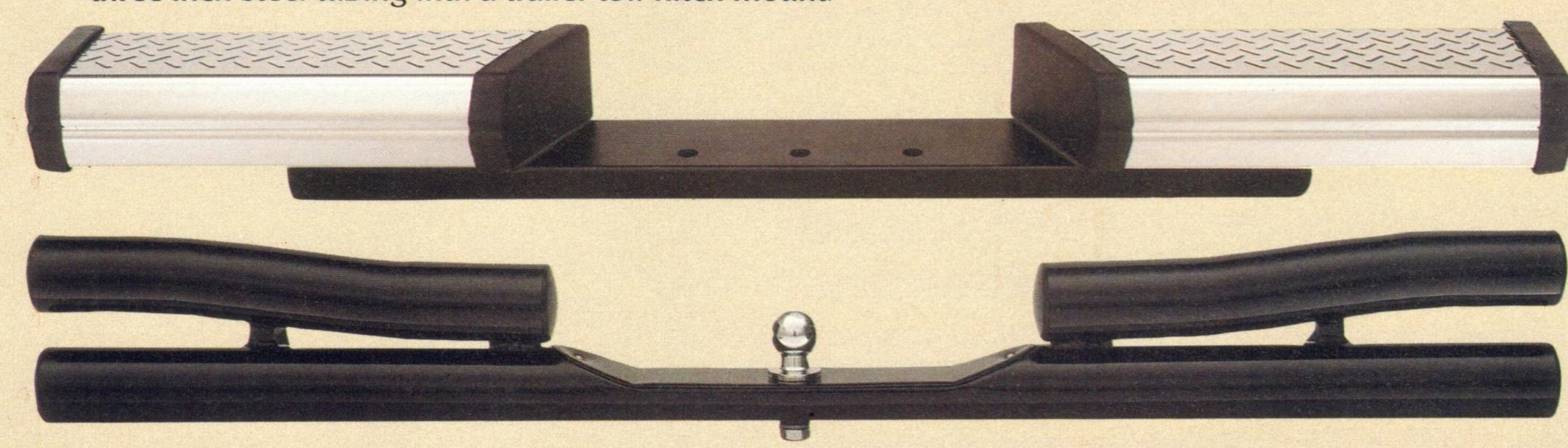


### Off-Road Package

This is an accessory no off-road trucker should be without. It includes a rugged sports bar,\* grille and brush guard to help protect your truck's nose and a double tubular rear bumper made with three-inch diameter steel tubes.

### **Step and Tube Bumpers**

This step bumper gives your truck a sporty look while adding towing capability. Available in chrome and black. The black double tubular bumper combines style with function. It's constructed from three-inch steel tubing with a trailer tow hitch mount.



**Turbo Diesel 4WD Instrumentation** 

This dashpanel comes standard with instrumentation like speedometer, tachometer, a full set of temperature and fuel gauges, 4WD and turbo diesel indicator lights, seat belt light and AM radio.



\*Not for use as a roll bar.



manual transmission is synchronized

5-Speed Manual

Our 5-speed overdrive

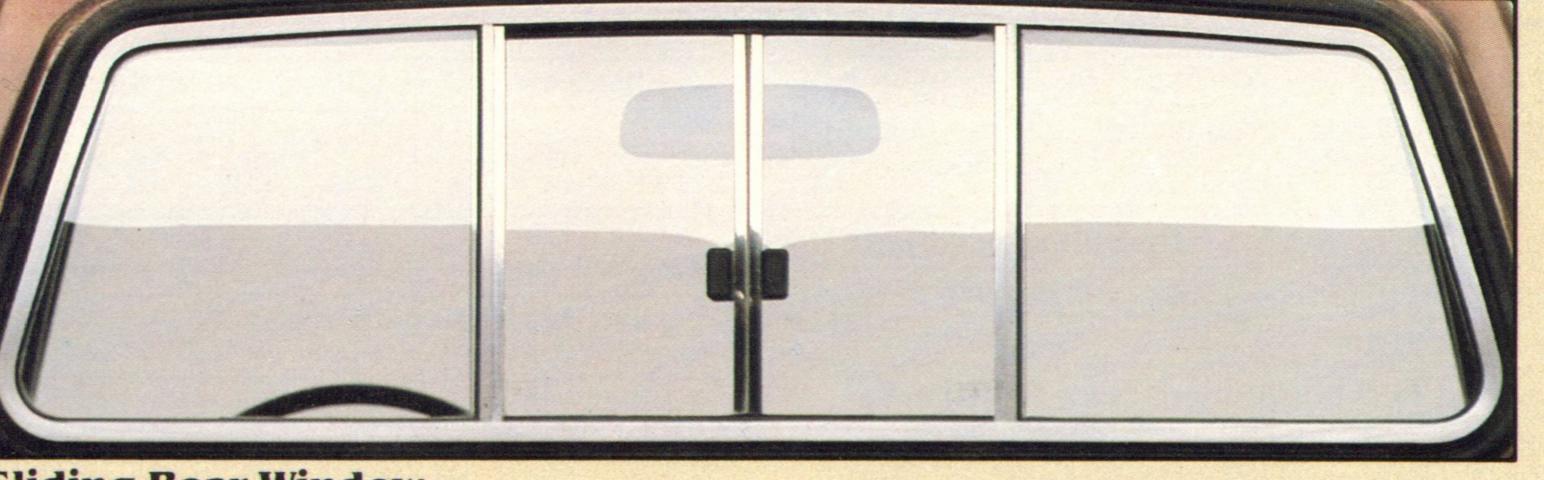
for effortless operation.

Transmission

### **3-Speed Automatic Transmission**

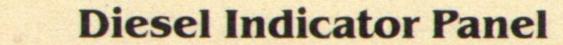
Mitsubishi's four-wheel drive SPX model offers the convenience of a 3-speed automatic transmission. Now you can concentrate on driving instead of shifting gears while you're thrashing around in back country. Also available as an option on S and SPX 2WD models.

> Shown with optional and dealer accessory equipment. See specification page.

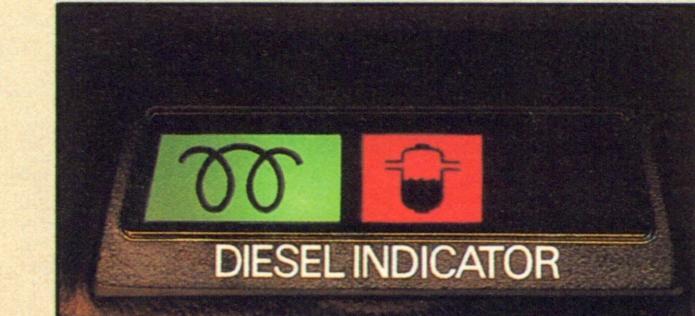


### **Sliding Rear Window**

This optional rear window offers added ventilation, and the center sliding section opens toward the sides for easy rear access.



This instrument cluster includes lights to tell you the fuel heater is functioning, the glow plugs are heating and when the water separator needs to be drained.



### All Terrain Tires

These big, wide-tracking raised white-letter tires let you take the rough stuff with ease. They're standard equipment on all SPX 4WD trucks.



### **Audio Systems**

All S and SP models feature AM radios. SPX trucks come equipped with an excellent AM/FM stereo radio that delivers clear sound. An AM/FM stereo with cassette is available as an accessory for all trucks. It includes features like five pre-set buttons, autoreverse, locking fast forward and rewind, plus Stereo Reception Control to pull in weak signals.

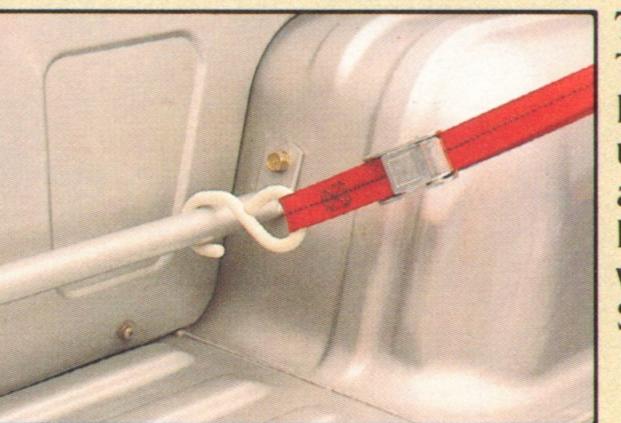


### Floor Mats

Color-coordinated to match the interior of your truck. Easy-to-clean and a great accessory for all models.

### **Turbo Diesel**

The turbo-charger in Mitsubishi Motors new 2.3 liter turbo diesel engine weighs only 12 pounds. It was specially designed and built by Mitsubishi to be small yet provide fast response. The system also incorporates Mitsubishi Motors' Quick Glow Plugs which allow the engine to start in about 1.3 seconds at 32° F. And about 3 seconds at  $-4^{\circ}$  F.



### Tie-down Bars

These bars help keep your load anchored, eliminate unsightly tie-down hooks and help prevent a shifting load from making contact with the bed's inner walls. Standard on all models.

# Features, options and specifications

Engine Type	4-cylinder in-line (	OHC	
Displacement	2.0 liter gasoline (1997cc)	2.3 liter Turbo diesel (2346cc)	2.6 liter gasoline (2555cc)
Horsepower (SAE Net)	90 @ 5000 (88 for Calif.)	80 @ 4200	105 @ 5000 (103 for Calif.)
Torque (SAE net)	107 ft-lb @ 3500	125 ft-lbs @ 2500	139 ft-lb @ 2500
Compression Ratio	8.5:1	21:1	8.2:1
Body/Frame	100% welded solid	d steel body/rugged lad	der-type frame
Suspension – Front	bar springs (4WD)	ension with coil spring with telescopic shock arms and upper and l	absorbers and
Suspension – Rear	Longitudinal leaf	springs with telescopic	shock absorbers.
Steering Type	Recirculating ball		2000:1
Turning diameter curb to	36 71 (DWD)	11 31 ( / WID)	
curb (ft.) Brakes	caliper (ventilated dia.x 2" wide plus system for turbo dall other trucks.	7.5" dia. brake booster. liesel 4WD truck – BPV b	ear drum – 9.5" L.S.P.V. brake
Exterior Dimensions (inches)	2WD	4WD	
Wheelbase Tread width front/rear	109.4 53.5/52.8 (Mighty Max, S & SI 54.5/53.7 (SPX)	109.8 55.1/54.1 P)	
Overall length	184.6	184.6	
Overall width Overall height	65.0 60.6 (Mighty Max, S) 59.8 (SP & SPX)	65.0 63.4 (est.)	
Bed length	81.5	81.5	
Interior Dimensions (inches)	70.0	70.0	
Head room Leg room	38.2 41.1	38.2 41.1	
Shoulder room	52.8	52.8	
Axle Ratios			
Front/ Rear	3.909 (Mighty Max, Sa 4-spd)	3.909	
	3.545 (all other trucks)	3.909	
2-Speed Transfer Case 4WD Gear ratios		High range 1.000:1 Low range 1.944:1	
Angle of approach	30.5°	43.0°	
Angle of departure	19.0°	27.5°	
Minimum ground clearance	7.7" (S)	8.5"	
Capacities	6.7" (SP & SPX)		
Gross vehicle weight (lbs.)	4,045 (Mighty Max, S, 4-spd), 3,594 (5-spd), 4,045 (3-spd, auto	4,475 (All)	
Payload (lbs.)*	4,120 (SP & SPX) 1,630	1,640 (S)	
Tayload (IDS.)	(Mighty Max,	1,040 (3)	
	S, 4-spd),	1,460 (SP),	
		1,500 (SPX-5-spd), . 1,500 (SPX-3-spd)	
	trans.)	auto trans.)	
	1,575 (SP-5-spd) 1,486 (SP-T/D),		
	1,518 (SPX-5-spd)	,	
	1,500 (SPX-3-spd auto. trans.)		
Fuel tank capacity (gals.)	15 (Mighty Max, S)	18 (All)	
P-4 · C ·	18 (SP & SPX)		
Exterior Colors Polar White	Mighty Max, S 2 &	4 WD	
Italian Silver Metallic	Mighty Max, S 2 &	4 WD, SPX 2 & 4 WD	
Light Blue Metallic New Safari Red	Mighty Max, S 2 & Mighty Max, S 2 W		
Velvet Black	SP 2 & 4 WD, SPX		
Brown Metallic	SP 2 & 4 WD		
Wien Red	SPX 2 & 4 WD		

\*includes driver & passenger

S-Standard O-Optional -Not Ava	ailable	-	2WD				4WD		
	MIGHTY MAX	s	SP T/D	SP GAS	SPX	s	SP T/D	SPX	
Engineering									
2.0 liter, 4-cylinder MCA-Jet gasoline engine	S	S	_	_	_	S	_	_	
2.3 liter, 4-cylinder turbo diesel engine	_	_	S	_	_	_	S	_	
2.6 liter, 4-cylinder MCA-Jet gasoline engine	_	_		S	S	_	_	S	
4-speed manual transmission	S	S	_	_	_	S	_	_	
5-speed manual transmission	_	0	S	S	S	_	S	S	
3-speed automatic transmission	_	0	_	_	0	_	_	0	
2-speed transfer case	_	_	_	_	_	S	S	S	
Dual Engine Stabilizers	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Power-assisted front disc, self-adjusting heavy-duty rear drum with Blend Proportioning Valve	S	S	S	S	S	S	_	S	
Power-assisted front disc, self-adjusting neavy-duty rear drum with Load Sensing Proportioning Valve	_	_	_	_	_	_	S	_	
Independent front suspension coil springs with telescopic shock absorbers	S	S	S	S	S	_	_	_	
Wide "A" independent front suspension with torsion bars and telescopic shock absorbers		_	_	_	_	S	S	S	
Longitudinal rear leaf springs with telescopic shock absorbers	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Recirculating ball steering	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Sled-type steel skid plate under engine and transfer case	_	_	_	_	_	S	S	S	

Exterior								
14" styled steel wheels with covers	S	S	S	S	_	_	_	_
14" wide spoke wheels	_	_	0	_	S	_	_	_
15" styled steel wheels with covers	-	-	_	-	_	S	S	
15" wide spoke wheels	_	_	_	_	_	_	0	S
Tires: 6.00-14 BSW (4-spd. manual & 3-spd. automatic)	S	S	_	_	_	_	_	_
Tires: 185/SR-14 BSW, 5-spd.	_	S	_	_	_	_	_	_
Tires: 185/SR-14 WSW	_	_	S	S	_	_	_	_
Tires: 185/SR-14 RWL	_	_	0	_	S	_	_	_
Tires: G78-15 BSW (all terrain)	_	_	_	_	_	5	S	
Tires: G78-15 RWL (all terrain)	_	_	_	_	_	_	0	S
Rectangular headlights	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Sport mirrors (LH/RH)	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Western mirrors (flat black or stainless steel)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Graphics: Turbo diesel stripe (T/D only)	_	_	S	_	_	_	S	_
Graphics: Premium Stripe	_	_	_	-	S	_	_	S
Graphics: 4WD Stripe	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	S
Graphics: 4WD decal (tailgate)	_	_	_	_	_	S	S	S
Mud guards—rear	0	0	0	0	S	0	0	S
Black front bumper	S	S	_	_	_	S	_	_
Chrome front bumper	_	_	S	S	S	_	S	S
Double tubular rear bumper with tow hitch mount	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Step rear bumper (chrome)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Step rear bumper (flat black)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
One-touch tailgate with double-wall construction	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S

S-Standard O-Optional -Not ava	allable		2WD			4WD			
	MIGHTY MAX	S	SP T/D	SP GAS	SPX	S	SP T/D	SPX	
Exterior (continued)									
Tie-down bars-cargo: tubular & low-mounted	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Standard cargo box (6'8")	S	S	S	S	S	5	S	5	
Single-wall cargo box	S	S	S	S	_	S	S	_	
Double-wall cargo box	O	O	O	O	S	0	0	S	
Sliding rear window	O	0	0	0	O	0	0	0	
Sports bar	0	0	O	0	O	0	O	O	
Off-Road Package, includes: sports bar, grille and brush guard, double tubular rear bumper with tow hitch mount	_	_	_	_	_	0	0	0	
Windshield & drip moldings (chrome)	_	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Clear glass	S	_	_	_		-	_	_	
Tinted glass	_	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Cargo light	_	5	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Interior					4				
Metered dash instrumentation, including: speedometer, temperature 8 fuel gauges, warning light cluster	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Tachometer	_	-	S	_	S	_	S	S	
Resettable tripmeter	S	S	5	S	S	S	S	S	
Turbo diesel indicators, include: Quick-Glow indicators, water separator indicator and fuel heater indicator		_	S	_	_		S	_	
Analog quartz clock	_	_	_	=	S	_	_	S	
Power-assist steering	_	0	0	0	0	S	S	S	
Height-adjustable steering column	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
2-spoke standard steering wheel	S	S	S	S	_	_	_	_	
Urethane sports steering wheel	_		-	_	S	S	S	S	
3-speed heater fan	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Air outlet louvers (B-pillar)	_	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Air conditioning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2-speed windshield wipers	S	S	_	_	_	S	-	_	
2-speed windshield wipers with variable intermittent feature	-	_	S	S	S	_	S	S	
Column-mounted turn signal and headlight control	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Tilt-forward adjustable bench seat	S	S	S	S	_	S	S	_	
Tilt-forward adjustable high back bucket seats	_	_	_	_	S	_	_	S	
Knit fabric & vinyl seat and door trim	_		S	S	_	-	S	_	
Soft vinyl seat and door trim	S	S	_	_	_	S	_	_	

S-Standard O-Optional -Not av	ailable	2WD					4WD		
	MIGHTY MAX	S	SP T/D	SP GAS	SPX	S	SP T/D	SPX	
Interior (continued)									
Fabric faced bucket seats and door trin	n —	_	_	_	S	-	_	S	
Center console	_	_	_	_	S	-	_	S	
Full carpeting	<del>-</del> ×	_	S	S	S	_	S	S	
Door pull handle	S	_	_	_	_	-	_	_	
Door arm rest (small)	_	S	_	_	_	S	_	_	
Door arm rest (large)	_	_	S	S	S	-	S	S	
Cigarette lighter	-	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Assist grip	_	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Cab rear wall trim	_	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Inside hood release	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
AM radio	O	S	S	S	_	S	S	_	
AM/FM/MPX stereo radio, 2-speaker	O	O	0	0	S	0	0	S	
AM/FM/MPX stereo radio/cassette, 2-speaker	O	O	0	O	O	0	0	0	

# Triple Diamond Service

Triple Diamond Service means quality service. Your Mitsubishi Service Technician is factory-trained to know your Mitsubishi car or truck like no one else can. He will thoroughly check your Mitsubishi vehicle before it is delivered to you, with the latest electronic diagnostic equipment available.

Best of all, he'll have the support of quality Mitsubishi Genuine Parts from our Regional Parts Distribution Centers throughout the U.S.

No one else can give you the kind of Triple Diamond Service your Mitsubishi vehicle deserves.

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Remember: Compare this estimate to the "Estimated MPG" of other cars. You may get different mileage depending on how fast you drive, weather conditions and trip length.

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