

THE NEW BMW 3 SERIES  
STARTING AT 72 LAC\*  
Inclusive of 5 years  
Free parts, Repair & Service  
01709 674488, 01709 674489  
Know More  
\*Conditions apply



## TEST DRIVE

# 2016 FORD ECOSPORT BLACK EDITION

**Is it new?**  
Sort of. The Black Edition is like the EcoSport we've come to see and appreciate before as a very capable city car. Except this has more black thrown at it. **So, same car with new paint job?** Pretty much, sort of. Black Edition comes in different colors but with black wheels. And all the chrome is blacked out which is nice since I never liked the glitter and glare. But some may prefer the chrome. Throw in red painted calipers and rear drums. We'll leave that up to you to judge.

**What should I know about it?**  
It's a compact crossover with very taut dimensions making it perfect for city maneuvers and easy, snappy parking. It will seat four adults comfortably. One more will fit in the center of the back seat but might complain occasionally on long journeys. It's loaded with all the features you need. Power everything and an automatic transmission with a manual shifting option that helps to hold the revs for that enthusiast feel.

**Safety?**  
Driver, passenger, side and curtain airbags. ABS, Traction control and stability control ensure you don't find yourself out of sorts taking a fast turn over a bathtub sized pothole filled with water. **Performance?**  
The 1.5 110 bhp engine is still there. And while it seems a little underwhelming on paper, it works well in real life. Power delivery is smooth but kickdowns during hard acceleration out of turns is delayed as if the car really, really wants you to save

fuel. Which frankly is what this car is meant for: effortless, efficient city cruising. **Why should you get it?**  
Good wading depth. Decent front wheel drive handling. Spacious enough for a tightly packed city. The black car looks menacingly cute. You'll enjoy driving it in the city. **Price:** 35.5 lakh taka with registration.

WORDS: EHSANUR RAZA RONNY  
PHOTOS: RAHIN SADMAN ISLAM

## DCCCB MEET #3

The Diecast Car Collectors Club Bangladesh has come a long way from being just another group of like minded people on Facebook. In its current form, they're a solid community of scale enthusiasts who are taking their passion for diecast cars, dioramas, and collecting to the next level, through custom projects, contests, and of course, a yearly meet where everyone gets to display their most precious pieces.

This year the DCCCB group arranged their third ever meet, held on December 23rd at the Thai Emerald restaurant in Gulshan. With table after table of some of the best diecast collections the crowd has ever seen, the show was stolen by Sajed Kazi's astounding 1/8 scale Koenigsegg One:1. Hand-crafted, the first piece of only 30 made worldwide and accurate to the very last detail, the unveiling of this scale hypercar caused the jaws of every person there drop to the floor.

Hopefully DCCCB will be back, bigger, better and awesome-r next time. We'll be waiting.



## WELCOME TO THE DARK SIDE

Darth Vader finally makes an official comeback to screens with *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story* this week. To celebrate, we do a rundown of all the black objects (plus one not-so-black one) you'd need to live life as the dark lord of the galaxy. Also, instead of wearing a helmet, get a hold of the EcoSport Black Edition, which is basically Vader's helmet on wheels. Evil has never been this cool.



### The daily runabout that isn't the EcoSport Black Edition – Nissan Leaf

Because apparently leaves can be black as well! Oh well. This Zero Emission electric is economical and practical in the city, but inter-planetary travel requires careful planning unless you like running out of charge halfway there. Not the most imposing of starships to engage the enemy with, but at least you won't be hurting the environment.

### THE TRACK DAY PRECISION TOOL – NISSAN GTR BLACK EDITION

Does the Empire even have sanctioned track days for the Imperial army? No worries, as fake Darth Vader you can fake force choke anyone who gets in your way of setting a blistering fast lap around Endor's equivalent to the Nurburgring. Just run over the Ewoks that wander onto your path. They're annoying anyway.



### The hardcore Mercedes you've always wanted in extra black – C63 AMG Black

The Mercedes AMG Black Series are a special breed of monsters: hardcore, track focused machines that look and sound as brutal as they are to drive. The last gen C63 was a hooligan, burning through tyres faster than you could replace them and generally making anyone driving or riding shotgun wet their pants out of sheer terror. As a mode of transport for a dark lord, then, it's absolutely perfect.



### To tell the time when operating the Death Star's lasers – Porsche Design 1919 Eternity

Designed to be reminiscent of classic minimalist timepieces from the 20's, Porsche Design's 1919 Eternity has two variations worthy of a Vader inspired ensemble – go for the all-black edition, obviously. Helps if you have a Porsche too.



### For light snacks in-between destroying worlds – Darth Vader cookie jar



It's a cookie jar that talks in Vader's distinctive breathless voice. Cookie Monster is quaking in his boots.

### And finally, the Black Edition SLS AMG that is actually quite yellow.



THE BIG DEAL

BIGGEST DEAL OF THE YEAR.

Offer ends Dec 31, 2016

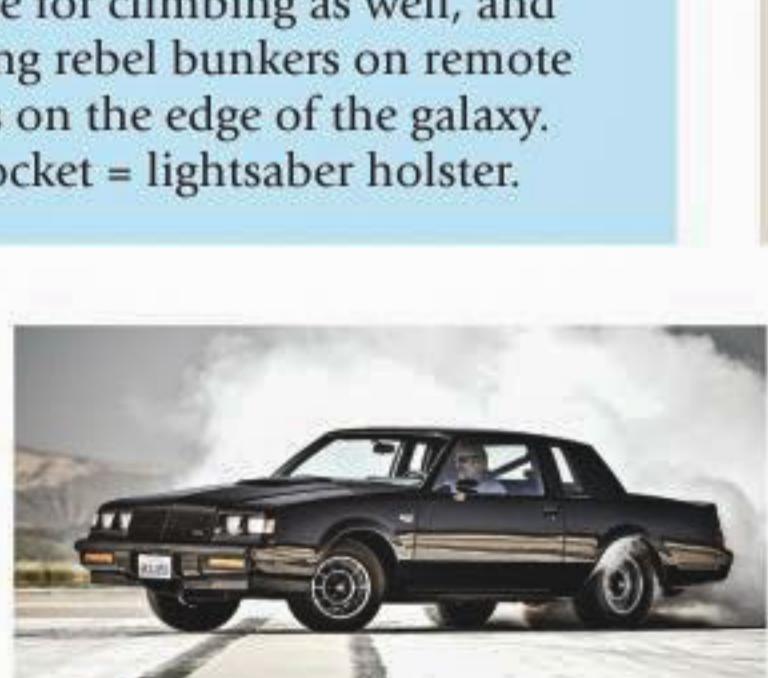
+88 01678 693 673

Ford Bangladesh

Ford

AG AUTO

**Who knew colours could have fragrances - Black by Scuderia Ferrari**  
Limited edition fragrance by Scuderia Ferrari is part of a huge catalogue of official merchandise sold by Ferrari. Unlike their keyrings and mousepads, fragrances by Ferrari are actually quite good - if you like the distinctive smell of Italian leather, pizza and other stereotypical Italian things.



### Speedster on two wheels – Honda Fireblade Black Edition

The obvious link to Star Wars would be the name - Fireblade isn't all that far off from Lightsaber in our overly imaginative minds. This maniac Honda superbike is built on a stellar motorsport pedigree and is one of the fastest two-wheeler on the planet. The sinister Black Edition is still somewhat silver, but that's forgivable.



### For cruising the night in leather – Harley Davidson Night Rod

Imagine a land speeder as used by the Imperial army, only instead of hovering above the ground, there are two fat wheels keeping it stable - you have the Harley Night Rod, the special edition of the highly acclaimed V-Rod cruiser. It's the epitome of cool on two wheels, and with the Night Rod, it's not just about looks and style - the cruiser also happens to be a highly capable street weapon with a soulful, stirring soundtrack.



### The smoke machine – Buick Regal GNX Turbo

The Buick Regal GNX was a black edition car before the world knew what a black edition car was. When it was launched to a thoroughly shocked car buying crowd in 1987, the GNX was a masterpiece in American design and engineering. Moreover, it was only offered in black, giving the futuristic, highly advanced American coupe a distinctive, sinister presence, not unlike the image of Darth Vader. Fun fact: it outperformed the Ferrari F40 and Porsche 930 in quarter mile and acceleration times.

