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SHIFT BUYING GUIDE

TOYOTA FIELDER NZE 121

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WHAT IS IT?

A station wagon based on the Corolla NZE, quite a popular model for daily family use in Dhaka. Nearly all of them were powered by small VVTi engines that provided just about enough power and torque for your load carrying needs. Built from 2001 to 2007, with a mild facelift around 2005.

MECHANICALS



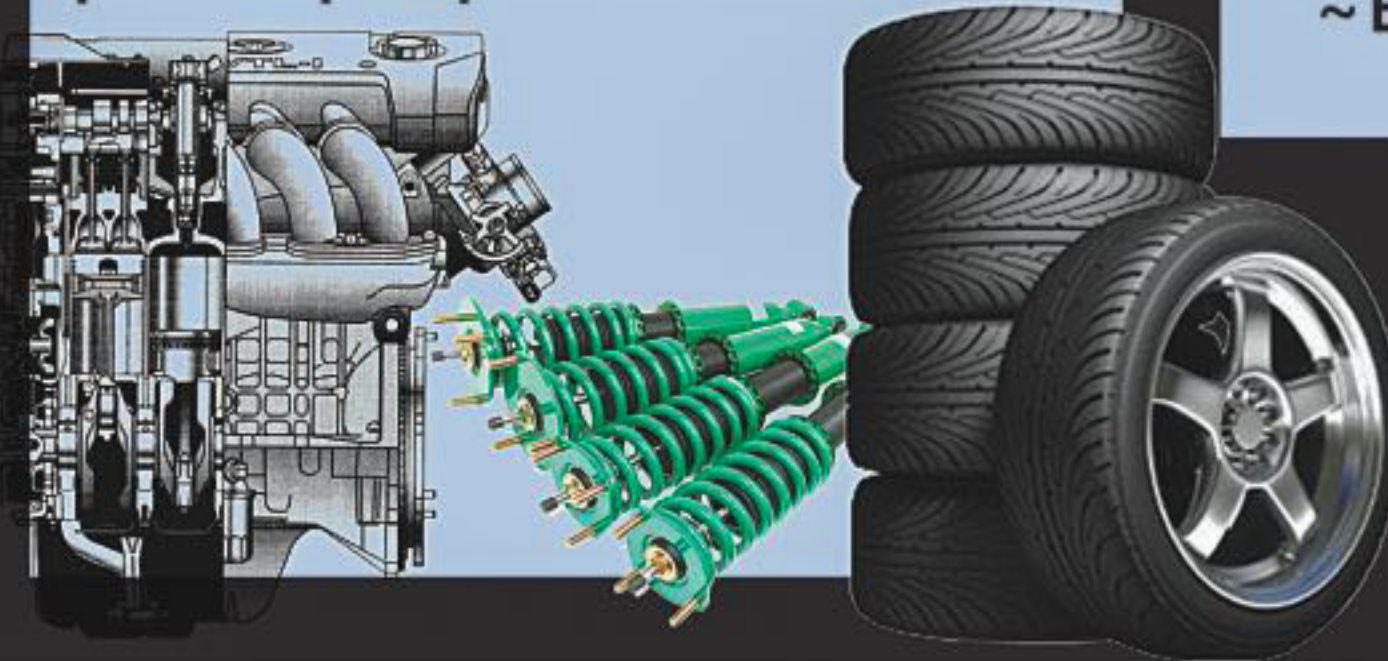
Not a lot can go wrong - the Fielder is as solid as any other Corolla. Expect issues if the car has been run on CNG though - the VVTi motor tends to suffer from constant check-engine lights and erratic throttle over time. Later models came with a revised intake and electronic throttle system, which is very difficult to tune on gas, making it a painful experience. The 1NZ will survive for a while though - just remember to service it every 3 months and get it checked at a place where they can use computer diagnostics to check for error codes. Suspension and brakes are all pretty straightforward, with no hassle in finding parts.

1.5 LITRE 1NZFE VVT-I 4 CYLINDER ENGINE
109 HP, 103 LB-FT TORQUE
1080 - 1200 KG KERBWEIGHT

VERSIONS TO LOOK OUT FOR:
X HID SPORTS SELECTION,
S 40TH ANNIVERSARY,
Z AERO TOURER.

UPGRADES

The factory hot version is the AeroTourer, which comes with the 1.8 litre 2ZZGE. It's a great motor to upgrade to, with nearly every performance part you'd need to turn your wagon into a properly hot wagon. Brakes, suspension components, stability upgrades all recommended - it's a large car, and handling needs to be on par to keep the power on check.



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FOR A DECENT ONE.

PROS

- ~ HUGE amount of space in the back.
- ~ Looks good, especially in Aero trim.
- ~ Economical, even in upgraded form.
- ~ Good resale value, even after 10 yrs.
- ~ Fairly easy fixes.
- ~ Easily available parts.

CONS

- ~ Not much of a street cred.
- ~ People assume you have many kids.
- ~ Not the best handler, even with upgrades.
- ~ Upgrades usually need an imported half-cut.



HOW TO MAKE IT LOOK GOOD:

- ~ RIGHT SET OF WHEELS, WITH MANY SPOKES AND MAYBE SOME DISH.
- ~ SUBTLE BODYKIT WITH STRAIGHTENED PANELS AND CUSTOM LIGHTS.
- ~ THE RIGHT PAINTJOB. THE RIGHT SHADE OF BLUE OR SOMETHING DARK.



AUTO NEWS

The new baby Benz – A class



Mercedes-Benz recently launched the smallest car in its model range - the new A class. With a full range of luxury features crammed into its compact body, the A class stands to be the most well equipped hatchback in the global market. With a luxury interior featuring a widescreen similar to the E and S class models, as well as tech like Active Distance Assist, Active Lane Change Assist and Active Steering Assist, the A class is probably a little too loaded. Not to worry though, Benz will most likely have both basic and performance versions to complement the range.

It definitely looks good. The new Benz family face looks rakish and aggressive, and has a hint of the future about it, as the German luxury brand moves away from its traditional executive subtlety and caters to a younger, hip crowd. The face definitely works better on the A-class rather than the bloated new CLS, and this bold new direction will be likely to produce some opinion dividing cars in the very near future.

Powered by a 1.4 and 2.0 litre four cylinder with 160 HP and 221 HP

respectively, the A-class has the high efficiency outputs expected in this segment. The 1.4 motor should do well in Bangladesh, if Rancon Motors Ltd decides to bring it into the market. But then our local market aren't too big on hatchbacks - especially luxury ones which tend to be pretty expensive for the average new car buyer. Still, would be great to see a few roaming our roads in AMG guise, with bright red paint.



CAR SPOTTING

Some very nice Mitsubishi Lancer Evolutions this week, ranging from the last of the breed Evo X to the oldie but goldie Evo VI. AWD turbocharged goodness.



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