



## 2021 Mahindra XUV 300 W8

### All options included

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When we reviewed the XUV 300 W6 a few months back, our overall conclusion was that it was a great bang for the buck with a few concessions. Well, the folks at Rancon Autos took notes and brought in the top of the line W8, which addressed all of our criticism and then some.

In case you missed it, the Mahindra XUV 300 is a subcompact 2+3 front-wheel-drive crossover loosely based on the SsangYong Tivoli.

#### TOP OF THE LINE

Being the all-optioned out model, the W8 is fitted with a lot shinier stuff. Parts of the front grille that used to be blacked-out plastic are now given a chrome finish, while part of the rear



bumper has been painted silver. Alloy wheels are now standard and have been upsized to 17 inches. Updates in the lighting department include the introduction of LED DRL and integrated fog lamps, while the fender turn signals have been relocated to the side mirrors.

Speaking of the mirror, they are now heated—meaning they don't fog up on a rainy day—and close automatically when you lock the car, saving you the trouble of second-guessing yourself every time you park it.

#### EXTRA PADDING WITH A DASH OF SUNLIGHT

The interior of the W8 has been finished

in leatherette and features additional padding on the armrest. The new 17.78cm infotainment system features wired android auto and apple car play, as well as limited voice command functionality. The new dual-zone climate control is automated, though it lacks dedicated vents for the rear passengers. The front row is the place to be on this car, as they have access to the powered sunroof, USB charging ports and illuminated vanity



mirrors to look at themselves.

Rear passengers also get some exclusive goodies, such as a dedicated cabin light and an armrest with built-in cup holders. Both row occupants are protected by an array of ten airbags, while front-seat seatbelts are equipped with pretensioner and load limiter. Another feature both rows get to enjoy is the car 4 speaker sound system, which is now backed up with two tweeters.

#### DRIVING

Although the mechanical underpinning—and overall driving experience—of the W8 remains largely similar to its W6 brethren, there have been a few quality-of-life upgrades. The steering wheel and the gear lever are now wrapped in stitched leather, making them nice to touch. There is now a sunglasses holder to store your foggy glasses while the automatic wipers save you the trouble of fiddling with the wiper control stalk on a rainy day. When it comes to parking, the camera is now built into the infotainment system and is backed up with front and rear parking sensors.

However, the two most important updates of the W8 features over its

predecessor is the introduction of the cruise control and hill start assist, the latter of which should help the car navigate our highly sloped ramps more easily.

#### VERDICT

The XUV 300 W8 is a significant step up from the W6 in every conceivable way. If you liked the W6, you will fall in love with this one. The car contains almost all of the modern amenities desired in a family vehicle and it offers it for a price bump equal to that of a well equipped 165cc motorcycle. Our previous verdict stands, any family looking for a cheap to run, well-equipped and safe car on a budget should consider this.



#### SPECS

**Engine:** 1.5-liter Turbo Diesel (85.8 kW, 300 Nm)

**Transmission:** Six-Speed-AMT, FWD  
**Safety:** ABS, EBD, hill start assist, 10 airbags, TPMS, parking camera, front and rear sensors, automatic wiper and headlamp.

**Features:** Cruise control, automatic door locks, multifunction leather steering wheel, 17.78cm infotainment system, front USB Charging port, LED Daytime Running Light, dual-zone climate control, powered sunroof.

**PRICE:** 28,50,000 LAKH

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## Myths and facts that you should know before starting a side hustle

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Have you ever thought of looking for a supplementary income source or a way to enjoy your passion besides your regular job? Either way, the perfect buzzword for you is 'side hustle'. Side hustles are some gigs outside of your 9 to 5 job, which can lead you to some additional income.

And for those who don't require such supplementary income sources, these side gigs can be their passion projects, opportunities to try their luck in a new career path, or just a way to do something satisfactory in their perspective. If you want to try your hand at any side hustle, here are five myths about it to be aware of.

**Myth: Everyone must have a side hustle**

**Fact:** The notion of 'being your own boss' seems like a dream come true, along with a bunch of advantages. You can enjoy your hobby as a side hustle, save extra money for any big purchase, clear your debts, and so on. Though it seems to be worth giving a try from the outset, side hustles can also put you in the pool of stress and take chunks out of your leisure. You will need to make a lot of sacrifices and can juggle multiple challenges at a time. So if you are happy with your current job, feel financially secure, and have no particular entrepreneurial passion, there is no need to take unnecessary stress and spend hours of hard work on a side hustle.

**Myth: A side hustle can solve your money woes**

**Fact:** Having multiple streams of income makes you more financially

sound. However, it is not a rare case for side hustlers to lose more money to keep their business afloat than earning it. There are some extra expenses to run a business or to be out of the red. But these costs are often overlooked while preparing a budget for it. Make sure that you know about these additional fees and have a proper plan to recover these costs from your side hustle. If the losses need to be covered by a significant part of your primary income, then it is not worthwhile to continue, and it can eventually exaggerate your financial problems.

**Myth: Your side hustle needs an insane amount of time and attention of yours**

**Fact:** Balancing a full-time job and a side hustle is a big deal. While trying to give your best, you can feel burnt out on both jobs. And it is not even necessary to allocate more hours to your side gig. It's not about how much you do, but what you do. Make

a comprehensive outline on how to proceed with your side hustle, and take the help of someone or a team if possible. For example, if you are running an online business, you can appoint someone to manage the page inbox and write down necessary details, and you'll just oversee all the activities. In this way, you don't need to stress over every single thing and can think of more creative ideas to expand your side gig.

**Myth: Monetising your passion is a dream side hustle**

**Fact:** You can have one or multiple passions at a time. But turning your every passion into a business may not provide you with the satisfaction that you have earlier. For example, you may love to cook or bake. But when you start a side gig out of it, the matter is not only about cooking or baking anymore. You need to update your strategies to expand your business, deal with bulk orders or different

requirements of customers. Among all these issues, you may no longer enjoy your passion. Instead, choose something as a side hustle that you can do repetitively and won't feel that the fun or satisfaction is out of it for you.

**Myth: Side hustles hate their main jobs**

**Fact:** There can be various reasons for taking up a side hustle, such as financial issues, enjoying passions, or even looking for new opportunities in their career. The idea of doing a side gig is quite different for every person. Sometimes side hustlers do such gigs despite their likeness towards their regular job. They may just need this leap to try their luck in a different field and ignite a new career passion. Not necessarily, side hustlers want to or must take this gig as the primary job in the future. They can reap the benefits of such new experience and skills in their current position along their optional income stream.

