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INJECTED RANGE TOPPERS FOR SAMARA LINE-UP

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Lada is introducing two new range topping Samaras this month. As the badging of the Samara Xi and GXi suggests, both will be powered by a fuel-injected version of the hugely capable 1.5 litre engine currently in service throughout the Samara range.

General Motors has developed a new multi-point system to endow the Samara with improved performance, driveability and economy. Whereas the carburetted 1.5 litre engine develops 66 bhp at 5600 rpm, the injected version produces 70 bhp at just 4800 rpm. Superior torque characteristics are also evident with a jump from 110 Nm at 3400 rpm to 118 Nm at 2800 rpm. In both cases peak power and torque are produced at much lower rpm. This equates to a more willing engine that will pull more cleanly from lower rpm. As a result less frequent use of the gears is required and the vehicle is more relaxing to drive.

At higher revs the Samara injection feels positively sprightly, cutting the 0-60 mph dash in under 12 seconds and topping out at around 100 mph. Match this to a five-speed gearbox, progressive servo-assisted brakes and a proven suspension system designed primarily to tackle the rigours of Russian roads and you have in the new Samara injection an equally competent car but with a new lease of life.



The extra performance does not come at the cost of economy either as the injected version will return 28.2 mpg over the urban cycle and 45 mpg on the extra urban cycle.

The two trim levels, Xi and GXi, cater for different pockets but ensure the Samara remains highly competitive in an increasingly crowded market place. The entry level Samara 1.5Xi 3-door has an ex-works price tag of £6395, while the top of the range Samara 1.5GXi costs £7495 ex-works.

The new rim packages enhance the existing well equipped standard Samara specification. The Xi models benefit from a smart soft-line dashboard, colour coordinated front grill, pinseal charcoal grey bumpers and new wheel trims.

Top specification GXi models include all Xi features plus colour coordinated bumpers, Renoir trim upholstery, new wheel trims, a sports leather bound steering wheel, tilting glass sunroof, and a removable four speaker stereo radio/cassette player.

The Lada warranty package is second to none – recently extended to three years or 60,000 miles on all new Samara models. It also includes a six year anti-perforation guarantee and one year's free Green Flag National Breakdown cover.