

The 2018 Subaru Crosstrek



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I chose to drive the manual, because I thought it would be the more enjoyable of the two transmissions on offer; but I was wrong!

The gear ratios in the manual are far too tall for the motor, so it requires a lot of work to get this

vehicle moving at a good pace. Where it could have benefited from a tall gear, it has the opposite, as sixth gear has the boxer motor buzzing at over 3,000 rpm at highway speeds – so if you do a lot of highway driving, don't look at this vehicle, especially with a manual gearbox.

Fuel economy wasn't great either, as I averaged 9.0L/100km.

An area where Subaru's always shine, is handling, and the Crosstrek is no exception. While there is more body roll than I prefer, the grip is tenacious and the steering feel is excellent. You'd appreciate its handling even more

on days when the weather is absolute foul.

Thanks to its generous ground clearance, the Crosstrek can also venture into areas most hatchbacks simply can't. So, if you live out in the country, it makes more sense. For just driving around in the city, there are perhaps better

options. Pricing is not bad, as the Crosstrek range starts from \$23,695 and goes onto \$33,195.

My conclusion, the Crosstrek has improved for 2018, but not in some key areas. Hence, it is a vehicle I'd struggle to recommend, especially to those living in the urban jungle.

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