

History of the Scion xD by Betsy Bearden

The Scion xD is a four-door hatchback subcompact that made its debut in the U.S. in 2007. It is a practical and dependable car that is easy to maneuver in traffic and is a breeze when it comes to parking in overcrowded parking lots that don't offer a lot of space.

It is perfect as an entry-level car and a good choice for small families or older adults wishing to find a fuel-efficient and reliable means of transportation. It offers a 1.8-liter four-cylinder engine with variable valve timing, with 128 horsepower under the hood and 125 lb-ft of torque. It offers an optional four-speed automatic, but the hands-on control with the standard five-speed transmission will give you a little more oomph upon acceleration.

The xD also comes loaded with standard features and upgrades that allow you to make yours as unique as you want. You're not missing out on anything as far as full power accessories, remote keyless entry, air-conditioning, cruise control, antilock brakes (with brake assist), stability control, front seat side airbags and full-length side curtain airbags: it all comes standard with the xD.

When it comes to listening to your favorite tunes, be prepared to enjoy the Pioneer stereo system with iPod integration. If you find yourself getting lost on a frequent basis, a navigation system is available, so you won't have to leave a trail of breadcrumbs in order to find your way home. There is good headroom for taller drivers, and the xD offers a sliding backseat that also reclines for a little extra legroom and comfort. The 60/40 split, flat-fold rear seats offer enough cargo space for groceries, gym bags, and luggage.

The 2012 Scion xD comes in the Base model with numerous standards and unlimited available options. There is also the Release Series 4.0 that is available in Blizzard Pearl with only 800 units produced. The Release Series 4.0 Blizzard Pearl comes with 16-inch alloy wheels, matching interior white paint, and unique fabric upholstery with white stitching.

References:

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