

## History of the Toyota Sequoia by Betsy Bearden

The Sequoia is based on the basic chassis of the Toyota Tundra and is the largest SUV that Toyota manufactures. It was first introduced to the U.S. as a full-size SUV in 2000. Right off the bat, it was nominated for the *North American Truck of the Year* award in 2001. Housed with a powerful V8 engine, the Sequoia is certified as an Ultra Low Emission Vehicle.

The Sequoia offers three full rows of comfortable seating for families or carpoolers of all sizes, and comfortably seats eight. It has a hefty towing capacity of 10,000 pounds for towing a boat or a utility trailer loaded with just about anything you want to tow. No matter what you need to haul around inside the Sequoia, the cargo space is enormous. With the second and third row seats folded flat into the floor, you are going to realize a whopping 121 cubic feet of cargo space. Now that is one big honkin' SUV!

For a big SUV the Sequoia handles like a dream and has impeccable road manners. The 2012 Sequoia offers a 5.7-liter V8 six-speed automatic that works like a fine-tuned machine when put to the test. The base model SR5 offers a 4.6-liter V8 that can hold its own. To sum it up: either way you go, they are powerful.

The 2012 Sequoia comes in three models: SR5, Limited, and Platinum. Each one offers the choice of rear wheel or four-wheel drive. Although each model offers more than generous standard items, the options are limitless.

Base models offer a standard 4.6-liter V8 with 310 horsepower under the hood and 327 lb-ft of torque. The Limited and Platinum models offer a 5.7-liter V8 (optional on the SR5) with 381 horses under the hood and the muscle of 401 lb-ft of torque. How fast can it move from a dead stop? The Sequoia will take you from 0-60 in 6.7 seconds flat. Now that really is Moving Forward! Comfortable, roomy, and strong—what else could you ask for.

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