

The 4WD system aboard the H3T is full-time, and it rolls on beefy, 32-inch-tall tires.

MITSUBISHI

The Raider is essentially a reskinned Dodge Dakota, though its options list is pared down considerably from the Dodge's. The 4x4 version is available in one cab configuration—a four-door double cab—and is powered by a 210 hp 3.7L V-6, backed by a four-speed overdrive automatic transmission.

NISSAN

Nissan's Titan full-size pickup enters its fifth year on the market with just a few changes to equipment groups. One of the most practical is the Max Utility Package, which combines the Titan's towing package with its spray-in bed liner.

The Titan is offered in king and crew cab body styles, long and short wheelbases and a choice of four trim levels. Unlike for some full-size trucks, a long-bed option is available with both body types.

Nissan's Frontier midsize truck receives a new grille and headlights for '09. A new Pro-4X off-road model is equipped with Bilstein shocks, additional skid plates, an electronic locking differential in the rear axle and BFGoodrich Rugged Trail tires on 16-inch alloy wheels. Like the Titan, the Frontier is sold with a choice of king or crew cab bodies, and a long-bed option is available for the crew cab.



Ford Ranger 4x4

Engine: 4.0L V-6
Max. Payload: 1,260 lb.
Max. Tow Capacity: 5,740 lb.
Min. 4x4 Ground Clearance: 7.4 in.
Base Price: \$21,250 (XL reg. cab 4x4)



Nissan Titan 4x4

Engine: 5.6L V-8
Max. Payload: 1,914 lb.
Max. Tow Capacity: 9,400 lb.
Min. 4x4 Ground Clearance: 10.2 in.
Base Price: \$29,000 (XE king cab 4x4)



Hummer H3T 4x4

Available Engines: 3.7L I-5, 5.3L V-8
Max. Payload: 1,090 lb.
Max. Tow Capacity: 5,900 lb.
Min. 4x4 Ground Clearance: 9.5 in.
Base Price: \$30,750



Suzuki Equator

Engine: 4.0L V-6
Max. Payload: 1,382 lb.
Max. Tow Capacity: 6,100 lb.
Min. 4x4 Ground Clearance: 8.9 in.
Base Price: Not available

New Rig Gear

Trick out your pickup with these cool—not to mention useful—new accessories



Snobootz

Flex-Trax Snobootz are an alternative to tire chains. The fabric boots, which wrap around a truck's tires, have rubber traction pads with embedded steel cleats. snobootz.com

PultzAll Davit

Warn Works has taken its 1,000-pound-capacity PultzAll handheld electric pulling tool and combined it with a truck-bed-mounted davit to ease loading chores. warn.com



Z-Series Truck Cap

The Z-Series fiberglass truck caps from A.R.E. are

designed to give a pickup truck the look of an SUV. The cap comes standard with a compound-curve rear door and screen-vent side windows. 4are.com

RearSight

Rostra's RearSight System makes trailer hookups a lot easier. The system's color camera mounts on your truck's tailgate latch or bumper, providing a 150-degree view of what's behind the truck, including the



Mitsubishi Raider 4x4

Engine: 3.7L V-6
Max. Payload: 1,460 lb.
Max. Tow Capacity: 4,200 lb.
Min. 4x4 Ground Clearance: 7.9 in.
Base Price: \$29,425 (LS dbl. cab 4WD)



Nissan Frontier 4x4

Engine: 4.0L V-6
Max. Payload: 1,378 lb.
Max. Tow Capacity: 6,300 lb.
Min. 4x4 Ground Clearance: 8.9 in.
Base Price: \$23,060 (SE king cab 4x4)



Toyota Tacoma 4x4

Available Engines: 2.7L I-4, 4.0L V-6
Max. Payload: 1,435 lb.
Max. Tow Capacity: 6,500 lb.
Min. 4x4 Ground Clearance: 9.3 in.
Base Price: \$19,130 (I-4 reg. cab 4x4)



Toyota Tundra 4x4

Available Engines: 4.0L V-6, 4.7L V-8, 5.7L V-8 // **Max. Payload:** 1,925 lb.
Max. Tow Capacity: 10,500 lb.
Min. 4x4 Ground Clearance: 10.4 in.
Base Price: \$26,580 (4.7L reg. cab 4x4)

SUZUKI

Suzuki, a newcomer to the American pickup market, is entering the arena with the Equator, a midsize pickup that is mechanically a Nissan Frontier under the new sheet metal. The Equator will be offered in extended and crew cab variations, though the 4WD power train will be fitted to crew cab models only. Nissan's 261 hp 4.0L V-6 will be the only engine option in 4x4 models, and it will be backed by a five-speed automatic transmission.

TOYOTA

Toyota's full-size Tundra pickup moves into 2009 largely unchanged. The 5.7L iForce V-8 is now E85-capable in certain markets, and TRD, Toyota's high-performance division, has developed two new option packages for the truck.

Most interesting is the Rock Warrior package, which includes Bilstein shocks, 17-inch forged alloy wheels and BFGoodrich All-Terrain tires, in addition to exterior graphics and various interior dress-up items.

The Tundra can be configured with the choice of regular, double cab and crew max bodies, three bed lengths, three wheelbases, three engines and three trim levels.

The midsize Tacoma pickups for '09 are fitted with Toyota's STAR Safety System of vehicle control technologies, including antilock brakes, vehicle stability control and traction control.

trailer hitch. An LCD display monitor, built into a factory-replacement rearview mirror, is activated when the truck is shifted into reverse. The mirrors interface with GPS/navigation systems. rostra.com

SmartScan

Black & Decker's SmartScan is an automotive diagnostic tool that can solve the



mystery of the "check engine" light. When the light comes on, plug the SmartScan into the OBDII port and it will read and display the engine's fault code. A reference manual translates the code. bleckanddecker.com

SeatSavers

Covercraft's SeatSavers are made from poly-cotton fabric, which is water-repellent yet breathes to eliminate that sticky feeling when you're driving. SeatSavers are

machine-washable and fit front- and second-row truck seats. covercraft.com

TruckDeck

Damar's TruckDeck is an in-bed storage unit made from aluminum diamond plate.

Its tubular frame makes it strong enough to support 1,000 pounds. Up to four lock-



able, weather-resistant compartments will fit inside the deck. The Outfitter version includes a gun-and-rod rack. damartruckdeck.com

Safety Spare

When you get a flat off-road and the terrain makes changing the tire a tricky proposition, Slime's Safety Spare will get you out of the jam. Attach the unit's hose to the tire valve, plug the unit into a 12V outlet and it will fill the tire with air and sealant. slime.com