

The best cars under 1 million pesos in the Philippines

Summary:

The Philippines has a vibrant automotive scene. There are many cars of different makes vying for attention. Many people are on the lookout for a car that is practical and won't break their bank account. Herein we will look at some of the sedans, SUVs, MPVs, and hatchbacks that you can buy for less than 1 million pesos.

Introduction:

Automobiles have become a necessity of our times. Despite the congestion on roads, fuel costs, pollution scares, and traffic stress the number of cars on roads continues to grow. The Philippines is no exception to this phenomenon.

The country has witnessed economic progress in the past years and the number of vehicles has also grown on the roads. The car industry is also thriving with players from China and other countries setting up their car-making plants or providing technical assistance to their local partners in setting up one.

With more disposable money the Filipinos are shedding their traditional affinity towards motorbikes in favor of cars. We will now look at some of the popular models of cars that you can buy in the Philippines for less than one million pesos. We have divided our list into four major categories.

- Hatchback
- MPV
- SUV
- Sedan

So, let's begin our list by first exploring the hatchback segment.

Hatchback:

These are some of the models in this category that you can buy under one million pesos.

3-Toyota Wigo 1.0 G MT:

Toyota Wigo is a small hatchback with a lot of things going in its favor. Let's look at them in the pros and cons.

Pros:

- Its 1.0L engine will give you great fuel mileage on the road.
- It's great to look at with sharp lines and neat finishing.
- The instruments cluster will show you the gear as well.

Cons:

- The touchscreen infotainment system is slow to respond.
- Blue tooth connectivity is poor.

Verdict:

Toyota Wigo is one of the best-selling cars in the country in its category. It is easy on the pocket, has an efficient engine, and offers some great features. It is a complete value-for-money package.

It has projector headlamps, fog lamps, LED high mount stop lamps, LED combination tail lamp, rear window defogger, rear spoiler, etc. The fuel economy is 9-11 km/liter within the city and 14-17 km/liter for the highway.

The suspension is decent, you do not feel a bumpy ride considering it is a small car. The car has Toyota's name to back it and it is very reasonably priced which makes it an ideal purchase.

2-Kia Picanto 1.2 EX MT:

This compact urban hatchback from Korean auto giant Kia has also made its mark among hatchback lovers. Here are its pros and cons.

Pros:

- The size is compact, yet it doesn't feel cramped. This makes it ideal for busy city roads.
- Despite being an entry-level vehicle in its category it doesn't fall short of features. This gives it an almost premium feel.
- The interior feels roomy and spacious. There are plenty of storage options inside the car which work in its favor.

Cons:

- The fuel economy isn't great, the compact size and small engine notwithstanding.
- Its looks can be polarizing. It doesn't fit everyone's definition of a good-looking car.

Verdict:

Kia has become an important player in the automobile sector. Picanto is their attempt to capture the entry-level hatchback market segment. The car has plenty of features like a touchscreen infotainment system with Android Auto and Apple car systems.

Automatic headlamps, power-folding side mirrors, and speed-sensing door locks are some of the other premium features of this car. The drive is smooth and comfortable with soft suspension. The overall experience of this car is more than adequate, to say the least.

1-Suzuki Swift 1.2 GLX CVT:

Suzuki is an established Japanese brand and has a unique place in the compact and mini hatchback segment. Here are some of the pros and cons of Suzuki Swift 1.2 GLX CVT.

Pros:

- Beautiful design with a bit of nostalgia and contemporary feel to it.
- Packed with useful features.
- Generous legroom for the front seats.
- Decent cargo space especially for a hatchback.
- Fun to drive.

Cons:

- Driving through rough patches could be problematic for rear passengers as the chassis seems stiff.
- The interior isn't very spacious.
- More storage options could have been better.

Verdict:

This model does turn heads thanks to its sporty and stylish looks. It is a decent hatchback with good enough performance and nice handling. The engine is responsive and lets you enjoy the ride.

There are plenty of features on offer here that add to your driving comfort. Power windows, power steering, power mirrors, power door locks along with auto climate control are some of them. The combination of all these features adds to the overall experience of owning this car.

MPVs:

We will now look at some of the popular MPVs that you can buy for under one million pesos in the Philippines.

2-Suzuki Ertiga GA 1.5 MT Black Edition:

Suzuki has given some serious competition to its rivals in this category. Let us look at some of the pros and cons going for this model.

Pros:

- The black edition is in a class of its own. The all-black interior looks classy and very chic.
- The design is elegant and very upscale.
- It's got plenty of room inside both for the passengers and luggage.
- The interior is beautifully styled.

- A family-friendly vehicle with entertainment options, AC vents, space, and storage options.
- The engine is powerful, and smooth and does a good job both on the city roads and the highway.
- Good ride quality.

Cons:

- Struggles a bit when climbing steep roads.
- The noise from outside could have been further reduced.
- The brake pedal feels a bit too soft, especially during the downhill drive.

Verdict:

Suzuki has done a great job with this 7- 7-seater MPV. It looks good and is great to drive. The 1.5L engine is lively and powerful. It gives a fuel economy of around 16 kilometers on a highway and 9-10 kilometers on city roads.

The interior is simple yet classy. The air conditioning is very good with separate vents for rear passengers. The drive is comfortable and smooth, and you will not be bored driving it. Overall, a fun vehicle to own especially if you have a big family.

1-Honda Mobilio 1.5L V AT:

Honda Mobilio is a very popular compact MPV. It has a lot going for it. Let's look at some of its pros and cons.

Pros:

- It is probably the most spacious vehicle in its category with ample leg and headroom for all the passengers.
- The vehicle is powered by the time-tested and reliable 1.5L, iVTEC, 4-cyl petrol engine which has been Honda City's engine for long. This guarantees its great performance.

Cons:

- The seats have been trimmed left, right, and center to make the roomy interior. It could make passengers tired for long journeys.
- It doesn't offer many premium or special features. This has probably been done to check the cost.

Verdict:

Honda Mobilio is a good buy when you can't afford an SUV and the van is too big an option for you. It offers a good driving experience and has some essential features to add to its appeal. It is quite spacious from the inside which makes it an excellent choice for families.

The engine offers refined performance with a quick response. The handling is good too despite its big size. It is a perfect buy under 1 million in its category.

SUVs:

We now look at the popular market of SUVs and see what are the different models of SUVs that you can own under 1 million pesos.

3-Suzuki S-Presso GL MT:

It is an attractive offer by Suzuki at a very budget-friendly price. Here are some of its pros and cons.

Pros:

- The engine is fuel-efficient. The company claims an average of 21.7km/liter.
- Ideal for a small family with a limited budget to spend on a car.
- Ride quality is good.
- Space is intelligently utilized inside the vehicle.
- It is light and easy to control.

Cons:

- The design looks odd.
- Not many features on offer here.

Verdict:

The S-Presso is a mini-SUV with an attractive price tag. It offers a comfortable ride and many useful features. For a mini-SUV, it is indeed spacious with adequate leg and headroom. The storage space has been innovatively used.

You get a wide view of the road sitting in the driver's seat. The engine offers a great experience for city roads, and it speeds up on highways with ease. The suspension does a neat job of absorbing bumps too. It is a good addition to the mini-SUV segment.

2-MG ZSAT Style:

MG ZS will attract you with its cool looks and sleek design. Here are some of its key pros and cons.

Pros:

- Stylish design.
- Comfortable drive.
- Roomy interior.
- Tight brakes.

Cons:

- High fuel consumption.

Verdict:

It offers a smooth drive with great handling and soft suspension. The steering is light and very responsive. The interior has room for 5 passengers. There are safety features like stability control, 6 airbags, and ABS. Parking cameras and sensors are also given. A good package for its budget.

1-Geely Coolray comfort:

Geely is enhancing its footprint in the market. This car is another attempt to make its mark. Here are some of its pros and cons.

Pros:

- Efficient 3-cyl engine.
- Beautiful design.
- Modern upscale interior.
- High on technology quotient.
- Overall good quality.
- Spacious interior.

Cons:

- The steering feels a bit too soft.
- It can be a fuel guzzler in a traffic jam.
- No AC vents for rear passengers.

Verdict:

The Coolray is a cool-looking car. Its flashy looks will attract you and the futuristic well-laid-out interior will impress you to no ends. It looks great both from the inside and outside.

It also has many tech-friendly features like for instance remote engine start, steer-sensitive headlights, a fully automatic parking system, auto-brake hold, etc. It is one cool vehicle which promises a lot and we are sure you will not be disappointed.

Sedans:

We will now cover the ever-popular sedans section and see which sedans you can buy for under 1 million pesos;

2-Toyota Vios 1.3 XLE CVT:

Toyota Vios is a dependable sedan with proven quality. Here are its pros and cons.

Pros:

- Reliable and powerful engine performance.
- Reduced cabin noise.
- Beautiful interior.
- Plenty of safety and driving features.

Cons:

- No front armrest.
- Stiff backseats.

Verdict:

Toyota Vios is an established brand in the market. It gives optimum engine performance, fuel economy, and comfortable drive. It now comes with features like hill start assistance, electronic stability control, and ISOFIX child seat anchor.

There is also auto climate control with excellent AC cooling. The engine is adequately powerful and picks up momentum as you rev it up. It is a practical and functional sedan with a good resale.

1-Honda City 1.5 S CVT:

Honda City is another popular sedan that you can have in less than one million. Here we give some of its pros and cons.

Pros:

- The 1.5 S CVT is a reliable engine for both performance and fuel efficiency.
- It comes standard with many safety features.
- Multifunctional instrument cluster.
- Roomy interior.

Cons:

- CVT gearbox sometimes seems sluggish.
- The design has started to look dated now. It's about time Honda City gets a completely new look.
- The same goes for the interior it also needs to be revamped radically.

Verdict:

Honda City has been a leader in its category. It's been around for a decade and a half, but its popularity is still intact. The comfort, performance, power, and reliability offered by the city are one of a kind.

It offers a smooth and hassle-free driving experience. The head and the leg rooms are sufficient both for the front and rear passengers. The ABS, EBD, airbags night and day mirrors are some of the useful features of this sedan that continue to hold people's imagination.

Let's get a new ride:

So, this was our list of some of the cars that you can own under one million pesos in the Philippines. We had conveniently divided them into different categories to make them useful for a wide spectrum of buyers. The car scene is thriving in the country, and we will have newer models with better features and competitive prices. Looks like exciting times are in store for car users.

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