**Nissan Note**

The Nissan Note is a cross between a [**small**](http://www.whatcar.com/small/) hatchback and an [**MPV**](http://www.whatcar.com/mpv/), much like its rivals the [**Ford B-Max**](http://www.whatcar.com/ford/b-max/hatchback/review/?aq=ford%20%20b-max&type=review&src=searchdropdown&oq=b-max), [**Honda Jazz**](http://www.whatcar.com/honda/jazz/hatchback/review/) and [**Kia Venga**](http://www.whatcar.com/kia/venga/hatchback/review/?aq=kia%20%20venga&type=review&src=searchdropdown&oq=kia%2520venga). Thanks to its raised seating and boxy shape, it’s spacious and easy to get in and out of but compact, too. The rear seat and boot layout offer a degree of MPV-like flexibility, but not quite the versatility.

The original Note was launched in 2006, and, thanks to its trend-setting shape, was immediately popular and highly praised for its space and practicality. You can read about that car by clicking [**here**](http://http/www.whatcar.com/nissan/note/hatchback/used-review/). This second-generation car benefits from a revised chassis and cleverer engines, as well as a more supermini-style approach to its shape. Like the first generation Note, it's made in Nissan's factory in Sunderland.

Read on over the next few pages to get our in depth impressions on the Note, along with our recommendations for which of the far-ranging trim levels and engines to choose.