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# POWER PUNCHED



driving, if you look in the rear view mirror after you move off a traffic light, you would be surprised at the kind of gap you are opening up to other cars, even when you aren't really trying.

The gears slot in nicely and it is fun giving the TRD Sportivo some stick and a workout.

The TRD Aero kit makes the car look less boxy and the smoked alloys are smart.

This is based on the updated Liva and, thankfully, the red bits of the original car have gone grey or silver. The blue lights make the instruments look better too. Interior space remains unchanged and even the rear bench is very comfortable.

Toyota has sprinkled the TRD Sportivo logo all over the car, all four sides and even the seat upholstery—bit of an overkill. More so it has done nothing about the suspension. A car with sporting pretensions should be able to go quickly around corners. Unfortunately, the suspension is too soft to give enough confidence to do so without things getting hairy. Sedate drivers will feel the absence of climate control in a car that costs ₹6.13 lakh, ex showroom, Delhi. On the whole this is a perky package that is a touch pricey. □



## THE LIVA TRD IN NUMBERS

<b>Form</b>	Front engine, front wheel drive hatchback
<b>LxBxH (mm)</b>	3,775 x 1,695 x 1,510
<b>Engine</b>	4-cylinder, 1,496 cc, 16V SOHC, petrol
<b>Transmission</b>	5-speed manual
<b>Max. power (bhp@rpm)</b>	89@5,600
<b>Max. torque (kgm@rpm)</b>	13.46@3,000
<b>Steering</b>	Electric power assisted
<b>Wheels &amp; Tyres</b>	Smoked alloys, 185/60 R15
<b>Kerb weight (kg)</b>	925
<b>Fuel efficiency (kmpl*)</b>	16.78
<b>Versions</b>	TRD Sportivo
<b>Price** (₹lakh)</b>	6.13

\* Under ARAI test conditions \*\* Ex showroom, Delhi

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**T**oyota has bumped up the power of Etios Liva hatchback and dressed it up with side front and rear skirts and a tailgate mounted spoiler to create the TRD Sportivo. While it looks broadly similar to the earlier limited edition TRD Sportivo,

this one sports the 1.5-litre, (approximately) 89 bhp petrol engine that goes into the Etios, rather than the 1.2-litre Liva engine.

The additional 10-odd bhp has made this already lightweight car a rather sprightly performer. During normal

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