

UPGRADE TOYOTA ETIOS AND LIVA

ETIOS IN A NEW GARB

Along with its younger sibling, the Liva, the Toyota Etios has also received an update. We drove it recently

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THE ETIOS WAS AN important car for Toyota. Built from the ground up specifically with India in mind, Toyota had spent years researching the details that would make it feel at home in the country. It has been just over two years since the Etios went on sale and it has been rather well received. However, after receiving feedback from customers, Toyota Kirloskar Motors India have introduced a facelift 2013 Etios, which brings with it some styling and exterior changes and an appreciably extended list of equipment. With the original car being built like it was, there was nothing to change on the technical side of it, though.

The refreshed look of the Etios comes thanks to several new design elements. The front grille has been re-designed and features a chrome finish, while at the rear the combination lamps feature a distinct fin pattern to give it a sleeker look. The top grades, V and V SP, get wing mirrors with side indicators. There's also a new 'Classic Grey' exterior paint option.

Step inside and the first thing you notice is the new two-tone interior. It feels a little more premium as compared to the older car, with the stylish texture on the dashboard together with the ash brown colour giving the cabin a classy touch. A height-adjustable driver seat is also available. The centre console houses a new double-DIN audio system which offers better connectivity through Bluetooth, a USB port or an Aux-in port. There's also a remote control unit to make things easier. A new Combimeter has been added with a cool blue illumination. A new air-conditioner control panel with clean air filters rounds off the list of changes.

The Etios line-up has received a price revision with a new base diesel 'J D' variant being added. The Etios petrol range starts from Rs 5.45 lakh for the J variant and goes up to Rs 7.09 lakh for the top-end V SP. The diesel line-up now starts from Rs 6.70 lakh for the J D variant with the top-end V D SP costing Rs 8.16 lakh (all prices ex-showroom, New Delhi).



▲ Revised dashboard looks classy in the new two-tone colour scheme

▶ The double-DIN audio system now also features an Aux-in port along with the USB port

