

## The 800cc Car Category

### 2. The Cuore

**W**hen it comes to choosing a car among the locally assembled 800cc cars, the Cuore presents a viable option. Originally from Daihatsu (now part of Toyota motors), Cuore is one of the established 800cc cars in the local market and offers the following profile.

**1 Engine/performance:** Cuore has a 847cc, three-cylinder engine with five-speed manual transmission, (a three-speed automatic transmission is also available). Despite the size, pick-up and acceleration are facilitated due to a technological upgrade to the engine by Toyota. Petrol mileage is 22-23 km/litre and approximately 100-120 km with a full 45 kg CNG cylinder

**2 Features.** The car can accommodate five people. The independent suspension and responsive steering enables a smooth drive and good manoeuvrability in heavy traffic. The AM/FM cassette player has two front speakers; the boot and cabin floors have carpeted floor mats and the air-conditioning is adequate.

**3 Safety.** The car's braking system has disk and drum brakes in the front and the rear respectively. It comes with safety belts. The CNG kit has a specialised safety ring, which prevents gas leakage (in case of an accident) although it does take up boot space.

**4 Maintenance.** The engine's uncomplicated specs are easily repaired by mechanics; its spare parts are readily available but are a bit more expensive than other cars in the category.

**6 Price:** Cuore prices vary depending on features and range from 665,000 to 749,000 rupees. A second hand Cuore can cost between 350,000 and 630,000 rupees depending on the condition.

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*Information gathered from various dealers.*