

wagon version of the Colorado ute and in its special edition guise adds gear including 18-inch High Country wheels and masked headlights. Priced at \$48,990 drive away and based on the top-line LTZ model, the Trailblazer also adds a roof spoiler, bonnet protector, carpet for mats and badges.

Returning to the market after its debut in 2015 is the Colorado Storm. Based on the dual-cab LTZ, the diesel 4WD Storm adds 18-inch alloy wheels, black nudge bar, black sports bar and a 'Storm' branded bonnet protector. All the special-edition models qualify for Holden's lifetime capped-price service program.

FUEL - FRIENDLY CX-9

Mazda is preparing to launch its big-SUV, the CX-9, later this year but has revealed that it will be powered by a turbocharged four-cylinder petrol engine (yup, no diesel) and be available in all-wheel drive and front-wheel drive.

The all-new CX-9 will be available in four grades, from entry-level Sport through to the Touring, GT and the flagship Azami.

Mazda claims the new CX-9 is considerably more fuel efficient than the outgoing 3.7-litre V6 petrol, with the new engine capable of as low as 8.4 litres/100km (11.9km/litre) in front drive and 8.8 L/100km (11.4km/litre) in AWD models. This represents a 25 per cent improvement on the V6.

The 2.5-litre engine is rated at

170kW/420Nm runs on standard unleaded petrol. It has stop-start (turns the engine off when stationary and automatically restarts – yes, annoying



but it can be switched off) to squeeze more clicks from the tank. The price will be announced closer to its launch later this year.

STEEL YOURSELF

If fibreglass canopies for your ute make you look like a tradie (even though you may be one) – now there's steel.

Jaram is the distributor for SMM Ute Canopies that claim to be the world's only steel canopy and one engineered and constructed the same as the vehicle.

Jaram says the steel canopies are strong and durable and have a moulded finish that complements the ute. They also have a fit and finish



level of quality that is on par with the vehicle, so it always looks professional and stylish. Even the inside looks like it came from the factory, with vinyl lining that looks good and reduces noise. Advantages of the SMM canopies are the standard 100kg roof rack load rating, a rear door with central locking and a rear window demister. Buyers can also choose a ute fit-out

System that has flexible and accessible storage options for parts and fittings. Because of the SMM's unique steel construction, the canopy can take a range of roof-rack options to suit load applications.



Jaram says its ute fit-out for dual-cab utes is an alternative to an aluminium or steel service body and that by equipping your ute correctly to maximise space, you can save thousands of dollars compared with a rival canopy.

Examples of the prices are the V2 model for the Toyota Hilux that costs from \$3850 for dual sliding windows, and \$3993 for the V2 canopy with dual lift-up windows.

The SMM canopies from Jaram are available for Toyota Hilux 2005-2015 SR and SR5 models, and Hilux SR5 (only) for the 2015 model year.



that suits a dual-role vehicle. This can include a cleverly-engineered drawer system to maximise space. The Tracklander Drawer System has a lockable, twin-drawer system for dual-cab utes and includes standard side-access hatches.

There is also the Edgetech Ute Shelving

STOP THAT RATTLE

DOES your diesel act like a baby with a rattle?

Hope not, but the difference is while a rattle keeps a baby happy, diesel rattle can have the opposite effect.

We've heard of people contemplating putting a flaming torch to their rattletrap, others just turn up the stereo,

and those without a working radio just get used to it.

But just out from Berrima Diesel Service is Rattle Stop, a spoilsport bottle with some secret stuff that they say will combat, and with luck, get rid of the injector rattle that affects many common rail diesels.

The irritating noise is caused by injector needles becoming sticky, but Rattle Stop should put an end to that before