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2019 Nissan Kicks Diminished Value Case Study



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The 2019 Nissan Kicks emerges as a practical and distinct contender in the increasingly competitive realm of compact SUVs. Sporting a 125-hp four-cylinder engine that powers its front wheels through a continuously variable automatic transmission (CVT), the Kicks prioritizes efficiency over raw speed. Notably, its real-world fuel economy test results are impressive. Equally capable of accommodating passengers and cargo, the Kicks boasts appealing aesthetics both inside and out.

While its base price impressively includes features like automated emergency braking and a touchscreen infotainment system, these offerings align it with its rivals rather than elevating it above them. Akin in size to the Volkswagen Golf yet distinguished by its raised roof and additional ground clearance, the Kicks straddles the line between hatchback and subcompact crossover SUV. However, all-wheel drive is absent from its options.

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The Kicks stands out for its affordability, even when fully equipped, setting it apart from mid-tier competitors. Its efficient fuel consumption contributes to its overall cost-effectiveness. The vehicle's agility in handling and maneuverability is commendable, making it an enticing choice for urban settings.

Yet, certain compromises arise from the Kicks' budget-friendly pricing. Uncomfortable seats and an awkward driving position, stemming partially from pedal placement, mar the driving experience. The interior's plasticky feel is forgivable given the price point, but the utilization of rear drum brakes contributes to relatively long stopping distances for a vehicle of its size. In essence, the 2019 Nissan Kicks offers a blend of favorable attributes from both hatchbacks and small SUVs, accompanied by some inherent drawbacks.

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