

Portland Observer Auto Review

2006 Nissan frontier 4X4 Nismo

Tested Vehicle Information:
Price: \$27,345; Engine:
4.0L DOJC V6;
Transmission: Five Speed Automatic.

BY KATHLEEN CARR

This newest Frontier got its exterior styling straight from its new big brother, the Titan pickup that was introduced in mid-2003 as Nissan's first entry in the full-size truck market. The Frontier offers a Nismo (Nissan Motorsports) model, with special shock absorbers and tires, underbody component-protecting skid plates and an active traction system with technologies such as hill

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descent control and hill start assist. With the bed loaded with gear, and the cabin filled with people, the Frontier has quite a bit of get-up-and-go power due to its increased engine size. With a new VQ40DE, 4.0L, 24-valve, DOHC V6 engine under the hood, it produces 265-horsepower at 5,600 rpm and 284 lb-ft of torque at 4,000 rpm, an increase of 85-horsepower and 82 lb-ft of

torque, making it the most powerful V6 not only in its class, but on the light truck market today. The new engine is based on the award-winning VQ engine series that powers everything from the Altima sedan to Infiniti's M35 sport sedan, although it was specifically modified to meet the demands of truck use with a longer stroke, reinforced block and revised camshaft profile

for notable torque response. Attached to the powerful 4.0-liter engine is a 5-speed automatic transmission, standard with the NISMO equipped 4X4 pickup. Also unique to this trim level are a few off-roading accessories, such as locking rear differentials, skid plates, a roof rack with cross bars, P265/75R16 BF Goodrich rugged trail tires with 16-inch alloy wheels and NISMO-spec Bilstein high performance off-road shocks. The base price of this vehicle \$25,050.

Extras that can be added to the Frontier are XM Satellite Radio (\$350), Audio package (\$550), and High Utility Bed Package (\$700), which includes a utility-track channel system with 4 tie downs, factory applied spray-on bedliner, and bed rail caps. Nissan Frontier has a rugged exterior, the roomy feeling of its interior makes it comfortable for larger individuals, and it is loaded with power.

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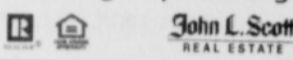


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Dear Deanna!

At what point do you give up on a spouse that can't get up and make things happen. I've sacrificed so many of my dreams and goals to support my husband. I've had job offers in other states, business opportunities and more. I felt sorry for being a high achiever so I always stayed at a certain level so he would shine. The years have gone by and he's burned out but my opportunities are still available. Is it a problem if I go for it? --Anonymous; Shreveport, La.

Dear Anonymous:

If the shoe were on the other foot, he would leave you in the dust and hope to meet you at the finish line. You're a team and all rewards should be shared so it doesn't matter who has the title of superstar. If your husband hasn't complained, this is a reflection of your feelings that are way off base. Unless you want to be dusty looking in a mirror of failure, you have the answer and should take the leap and keep it moving.

Dear Deanna!

I am confused. A lady at church told me that it was not spiritual to spank a child. She said that children could be disciplined with love, examples and by taking things away. I challenged her to show me a biblical principle to support her views. Of course, this turned into a heated argument especially when I pointed out the fact her kids act like rebels with no home training. Is there a spiritual mandate on this? --Madeline; Boston

Dear Madeline:

You were two shakes from a beat down if you talked about the woman's children to her face. The Word has been the same in Proverbs 13:24 when translated says "Spare the Rod, Spoil the Child." Most parents have enough sense to know the difference between discipline and abuse. On the other hand, how parents raise their kids is their business but a spanking in certain cases can prevent future headaches and heartaches.

Dear Shannon:

Your argument is valid because your son is on the path to being a slave to video games. The end result will be a lazy child with limited social skills. Take drastic measures by removing the game and take control. You and your husband should explore activities for your son that'll stimulate his mind, body and creativity. Reintroduce the games at a stable point so this will be just another activity and a special treat.

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RELIGION

Church Lights Way in HIV Education

Faith leaders encourage people to get tested

The seventh annual "Our Church Lights The Way: The Black Church HIV Testing Campaign" is a partnership between black churches, The Balm In Gilead, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to get tested for HIV and to know your status for carrying the disease.

The campaign runs the entire month of June and culminates June 27 with National HIV Testing Day. The goal is to get every African American tested for HIV and to help black churches become community centers for HIV/AIDS education and information.

"The quest to save African Americans from HIV/AIDS is the civil rights fight for today," says Pernessa Seele, founder and chief executive officer of The Balm In Gilead. "We need the African American church to once again mobilize and engage the entire black community in

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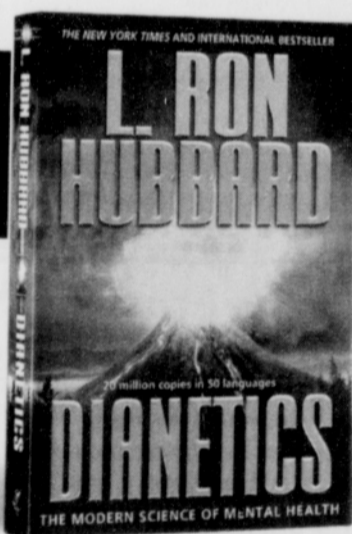
stopping the spread of HIV/AIDS among our men, women and children. The strong voice of the black pulpit must speak loud on HIV prevention, which includes informing African Americans about the importance of HIV testing and counseling."

Of the estimated 40,000 new HIV infections each year, more than 50 percent occur among African Americans. AIDS is the number one cause of death for black adults aged 25 to 44, before heart disease, cancer and homicide.

The Balm In Gilead's other

groundbreaking work in the African American faith community includes the African American Denominational Leadership Health Initiative, a historic partnership with three black religious denominations — The African Methodist Episcopal Church, the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

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