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Tanto Sloper, Tanto Welcome Seat – Daihatsu's Welfare Vehicles

# The Welfare "Friendship" Series Undergoes a Complete Remodel





Tanto Sloper X "SA""

Tanto Welcome Seat X "SA"

Daihatsu Motor Co., Ltd. has completely remodeled the Tanto Sloper and Tanto Welcome Seat models in its Friendship series of welfare vehicles, which will be released nationwide on Thursday, December 12.

The mini standard of welfare vehicles has won acclaim for its compact size and excellent economy and convenience, and sales have been growing steadily. Within this trend, Daihatsu's Friendship series has acquired an approximately 40%\*1 share among all mini welfare vehicles.

The latest remodel improves on the Tanto Sloper and Tanto Welcome Seat. Taking advantage of the new Tanto's greater spaciousness and usability and its universal design, seen in features such as its flat floor, Daihatsu has increased the usability of these two models as welfare vehicles.

To the current usability of the Tanto Sloper, which includes the only Miracle Open door to be featured on a mini vehicle and a sliding front passenger seat that can be operated from outside the car, Daihatsu has added more standard features such as an electric winch, and taken full advantage of the usability of the welfare vehicle to make an extremely easy-to-use car from a welfare perspective.

Taking advantage of the Tanto's roomy interior, achieved as a result of its Miracle Open door, the Tanto Welcome Seat now offers two kinds of seat lifts for customers to choose from, depending on their requirements. The car meets the needs of a wide range of customers, from those seeking to use it for welfare purposes to users who would like an easier daily boarding process.

Both the Tanto Sloper and the Tanto Welcome Seat now feature a Custom grade for the first time. All grades also feature Smart Assist, a crash-avoidance system that is widely popular among customers. Due to the revised prices, the entry price has dropped by about 150,000 yen for the Tanto Sloper and 170,000 yen for the Tanto Welcome Seat compared with previous figures.

# **Description**

### Major improvements

#### Tanto Sloper

- Features an electric winch as a standard feature on all models to allow easier wheelchair entry/exit.
- Changed the floor tilt of the wheelchair area from 12 to 8 degrees (approximate). A more level tilt improves comfort when riding in the wheelchair area.
- Shortened the ramp protrusion by about 95 mm compared to the previous model to allow wheelchair access in a smaller area, and expanded the ramp width by about 15 mm to accommodate a wider wheelchair.
- Simplified the folding of the rear seatbacks from the previous model and skipped the step to detach headrests to drastically simplify storage of the rear seats. Detaching the rear seat provides greater foot room and allows the boarding of longer wheelchairs, such as reclining types.
- Comes with a three-point seatbelt for the passenger in a wheelchair, the first of its kind for the Daihatsu Sloper series.

#### Tanto Welcome Seat

- Upgraded the seat lift mechanics to increase headspace during lift use, achieving the greatest amount of headspace for a seat lift—equipped car and allowing comfortable entry/exit even for tall passengers.
- Revised the height of the footrest and relaxed the angle of the knee bend.
- Provided a pocket for the wireless remote control to allow easy use.

# Manufacturer's recommended retail price (consumption tax free)

Tanto Sloper

Grade	Engine	Transmission	Idling Stop	Smart Assist	Drive	Price (yen)	Eco-car tax exemption
L	NA*2	CVT	0	_	2WD	1,420,000	100%
L "SA"				0	2WD	1,487,000	
☆ X "SA"				0	2WD	1,570,000	
Custom X "SA"				0	2WD	1,780,000	

## Tanto Welcome Seat

Grade	Engine	Transmission	Idling Stop	Smart Assist	Drive	Price (yen)	Eco-car tax exemption
X		CVT		_	2WD	1,556,000	
-^ V"C^"	<b>NA</b> *2			0	2WD	1,603,000	100%* <sup>3</sup>
☆ X "SA"	INA	CVT	0	0	4WD	1,718,000	100%
Custom X "SA"				0	2WD	1,813,000	

<sup>\*2:</sup> Naturally aspirated engine

O Prices do not include recycling fees.

<sup>☆</sup> Shown in photo

<sup>\*3:</sup> Measurement figures (vehicle dimensions, weight) upon drive-in inspection determine tax exemption eligibility.