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New Jaguar XK Convertible



Having only just launched the [all-new 2006 Jaguar XK](#), the Coventry company wastes no time by announcing the soft top version of its V8-powered coupe, nicely timed for maximum effect at Frankfurt.



Designed in parallel with the Coupe as a model in its own right, the new XK Convertible uses the same advanced aluminium body structure technology to achieve excellent rigidity while minimizing weight. At just 1,635kg, the new Convertible - lighter than both its predecessor and rivals - is the lightest car in its competitive set.

A 300bhp, 4.2-litre V8 engine and Jaguar Sequential Shift steering-wheel-mounted gearchange controls ensure rapid performance of 0-60mph in just 6.0 seconds (0-100kmh in 6.3 seconds) and an electronically limited top speed of 155mph (250kmh). The luxurious triple-lined, fabric roof - which can be powered up or down in less than 18 seconds - stows fully out of sight beneath an aluminium tonneau cover when retracted. A roll-over protection system comprising two 'hidden' aluminium hoops that deploy in the event of an incident is standard on all XK Convertibles.

"The all-new XK was designed from the outset to be a beautiful convertible. It is a statement of confident Jaguar design, elegant as well as powerful and with the performance and driving dynamics to match its looks", commented Jaguar Design Director, Ian Callum.

The all-new XK Convertible will be available from early 2006. Full details of the car and pricing will be announced later this year.



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