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Jaguar Updates XJ for 2008



Jaguar will reveal a host of detailed changes, including a new bumper with revised upper and lower mesh grilles and a new Jaguar Growler badge, at this year's Geneva show.

This look is complemented by new side power vents to match those introduced on the XK, lower body sills and a subtle rear aero spoiler. Above the vents, new door mirrors carry integrated indicator lights while upgraded alloy wheels are standard across the ranges. A 19-inch Carelia wheel is now fitted to Executive models, while all Sovereign models now feature the new 19-inch Polaris wheel. The top-of-the-range XJR now comes with aluminium finish power vents and black painted brake callipers. Additionally, customers will benefit from six new exterior paint colours to choose from for all models – Emerald Fire, Pearl Grey, Crystal Blue, Botanical Green, Vapour Grey and Azure Blue.

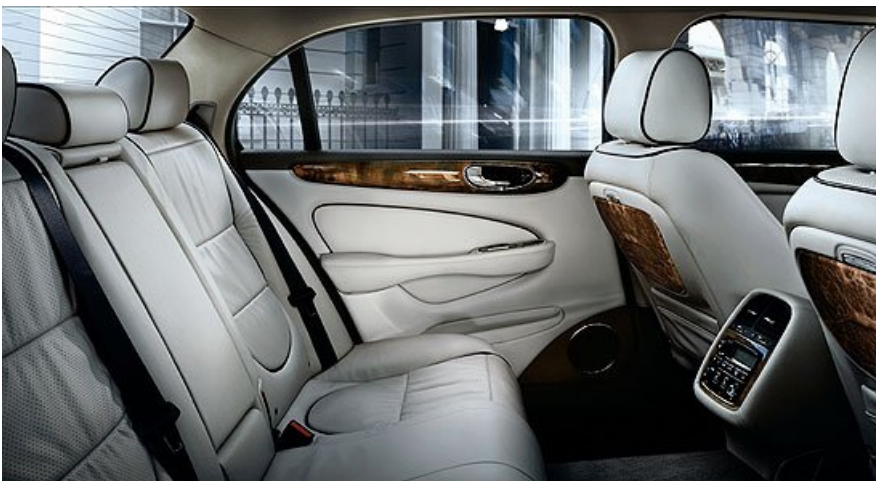




he 2008 Model Year XJ also enjoys significant improvements to its interior thanks to new heated front seats standard across the range which have been extensively redesigned. All Executive models now come with a heated front screen as standard while the XJR features an 'R' gearknob as well as heated front seats with air-cooling, an optional choice for the Executive, Sovereign and Sport Premium models. Rear-seat passengers will appreciate greater leg and foot room following revisions to the backs and lower cushions of the front seats. All 2008 Model Year cars feature an upgraded Bluetooth™ Connectivity system that allows users to connect up to five approved mobile phones to the car's own in-car telephone system.



Mike Cross, Chief Engineer, Vehicle Integrity commented: "Like the new XK, the XJ is engineered to provide relaxing and refined ride quality, yet can deliver highly capable dynamic qualities when required. The stiff lightweight aluminium structure allows for increased performance and great agility, particularly in our XJR which is a true performance car, yet is inherently quiet, refined and comfortable."



Four engines (3.0 petrol, 2.7 diesel, 4.2 petrol, 4.2 s/c) and four trim levels (Executive, Sovereign, Sport Premium and 'R') are available for the 2008 Model Year XJ range, that is available to order from spring this year.

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