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Jaguar XFR and XKR Unveiled at Detroit



Two new Jaguar models were revealed at the Detroit Auto Show this week. Most exciting for performance enthusiasts is the XFR, powered by a 510bhp supercharged V8 with acceleration from 0-60mph in just 4.7 seconds. In a later announcement, Jaguar reported that a 'secret speed trial' of the XFR prototype at Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah confirmed it to be the fastest Jaguar ever. It recorded a top speed of 225.675mph, beating Jaguar's previous record of 217.1mph set by the XJ220 in 1992.

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While the 225mph top speed was achieved with additional horsepower liberated by a remapped ECU, a modified air intake and exhaust system and revised supercharger settings, no internal engine components were changed and the six-speed automatic transmission was standard.

Visually, the XFR is distinguished from the standard XF by revised bumpers and lower front air intakes, sill extensions, bonnet louvres and grilles, four tailpipes, a boot-lid spoiler, unique seats and 20in alloy wheels. UK pricing of the XFR starts at £59,900, with the first cars becoming available in late March.



Meanwhile, the 2010 Model Year XKR features a 5.0-litre supercharged engine delivering 510bhp which, along with 625Nm of torque, propels the car to 60mph in just 4.6 seconds. Exterior changes include a distinctive and purposeful new front end design, new LED rear lights and a new lower rear body valance.

The XKR is priced from £72,400 for the coupe and £78,400 for the convertible. Again, the updated models will be available from late March.

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