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Range Rover LRX - 2WD and Hybrid Power an Option



'LRX', the all-new, mid-sized Range Rover which is likely to be launched in Paris this autumn, will have two-wheel drive and hybrid power as options.

In 2WD form, the vehicle will emit less than 130g/km of CO₂. This makes it, the company claims, "the lightest, most fuel-efficient Range Rover ever". A full 4WD car will, of course, be the main model in the all-new range: 'SUV coupés' that slot in above the Freelander and below the **Sport, Discovery** and traditional **top-model 4x4s**.

In addition to 2WD, Land Rover plans to test a diesel hybrid prototype called the '**range_e**'. Tests of this vehicle will use the existing 3.0-litre TDV6 diesel engine, featuring a ZF 8-speed automatic transmission. The aim is to achieve a range of 20 miles using electric power, and emitting less than 100g/km of CO₂. A top speed of around 120mph is forecast for this hybrid.





In addition, all-new products from **Land Rover** will be engineered for lower weight and greater powertrain efficiency.

Commenting on the latest developments, **Phil Popham, Land Rover managing director**, said: "**Land Rover** has announced that the all-new compact Range Rover will be available in 2WD. This is good news for the company and for our customers. A 2WD option is just one way in which we are developing our vehicles' efficiency whilst adding to the **Land Rover** range and expanding our customer base.



"We will continue to make the 'world's finest all-terrain vehicles' for those customers who require 4WD but will also now offer an alternative to those that don't."

No prices (or final names) have been mentioned by the company, although speculation in the motoring press estimates a 4WD LRX is likely to sell for £35,000 in the UK, with 2WDs some £5000 less expensive.

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