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2011 Range Rover: New V8 Diesel and 8-Speed Auto



“The most capable and luxurious SUV in the world” is how Land Rover would have us describe the new 2011 Range Rover, which goes on sale in the UK this autumn. Chief among the enhancements are a new 4.4-litre V8 diesel engine and 8-speed automatic transmission.

“With the introduction of our all-new ‘super diesel’,” says **Land Rover MD Phil Popham**, “we see the **Range Rover** delivering over 30mpg for the first time.” Only just, though, as the new **LR-TDV8 4.4-litre** with parallel sequential turbocharging claims 30.1mpg combined. The engine replaces the 3.6-litre V8 and is unique to the **Range Rover**. Helped by the new, electronically controlled 8-speed auto ‘box, the 313PS, 700Nm unit also sees a decline in emissions, with CO2 down 14 per cent, to 253g/km.

Nevertheless, the **2011MY Range Rover** isn’t lacking in performance, with 0-60mph claimed in 7.5 seconds and 50-70mph in 4.0 seconds, plus a top speed of 130mph – up from 125mph. And the new 4.4 V8 gets the same Brembo brakes as the 5.0 supercharged model, boasting 380mm front discs, 365mm rear discs, ventilated all round.



Subtle external styling revisions include new **‘Jupiter’** grilles and side vents, while new colours and wheels have been added to the range. Meanwhile, the **Terrain Response®** system has been improved with the introduction of **Hill Start Assist** and **Gradient Acceleration Control**.



The flagship model, however, remains the **5.0-litre LR-V8** supercharged petrol version, with ZF 6-speed automatic transmission, developing 510PS and 625Nm of torque.

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