2021 XF Updated for Australian Range

For 2021 Jaguar has consolidated its XF line-up in Australia by providing only one variant of the model.

The facelifted and updated 2021 Jaguar XF range has been unveiled, with the brand announcing it will bring a single variant to local showrooms from next year.

Jaguar is only offering the new XF sedan in R-Dynamic HSE specification, which features a 2.0-litre turbo petrol four-cylinder producing 221kW and 400Nm.

Referred to as 'P300', the engine is coupled to an eight-speed torque-converter automatic transmission and all-wheel drive, helping the vehicle hit 100km/h from a standstill in a claimed 6.1 seconds.

Prior to the update, Australian buyers had a total of 17 different options available across the Jaguar XF range, with six engines, four trim levels, and two body styles to choose from.

No longer is the wagon body offered, while all six cylinder and diesel powertrains have been dropped.

However, the 2021 Jaguar XF R-Dynamic HSE is the first time the all-wheel drive has been available on the model locally, and could help to steal sales away from the dominant luxury SUV segment.

The range consolidation also marks a significant price rise for the executive

sedan, which now costs \$100,200 before on-road costs. Previously, the XF range began at \$81,388.

The 2021 XF is a major mid-life update for the vehicle, with a facelifted exterior, new interior, and upgraded technology.

Most notable is the refreshed front end, which sees new, slimmer all-LED headlights with 'double-J' daytimerunning lights and directional indicators, together with a revised front grille and redesigned bumper.

Australian-delivered vehicles get the sportier R-Dynamic exterior with new 20-inch wheels, but buyers can choose to option a Black Exterior Pack, gaining a gloss black grille, intake surrounds, badging, as well as other black highlights across the body.

While the exterior changes are subtle, the interior is all-new for the XF – and echoes the interior seen on the recently-updated Jaguar F-Pace SUV.

Jaguar has given a lot of attention to the cabin design, paying particular attention to materials, colour palettes, and a new 11.4-inch curved infotainment screen as the car's centrepiece.

The 'Pivi Pro' infotainment system boots up quickly thanks to a dedicated power source, while users can enjoy Apple CarPlay and Android Auto capability, dual Bluetooth connections, Spotify, wireless smartphone charging, and a dual-SIM modem ensuring media streaming isn't interrupted by over-theair software updates.

Together with a Meridian sound system, Jaguar has fitted the XF with active noise cancellation – a segment first, according to the brand – while an air ionisation system with PM2.5 filtration helps improve air quality inside.

Ahead of the driver is a 12.3-inch digital instrument cluster with three-dimensional map display, but the driver also benefits from new safety tech, with 360-degree cameras, a clear exit monitor (for doors opening into traffic), adaptive cruise control, and a driver condition monitor.

A ClearSight Interior Mirror can also be optioned, which can be used as either a traditional centre mirror, or can be switched to a video feed from a camera mounted at the rear of the car, if the view is obscured by passengers or luggage.

The new Jaguar XF R-Dynamic HSE is available to order now, with deliveries to begin in the first quarter of 2021.

2021 Jaguar XF Australian pricing for the XF R-Dynamic HSE P300 AWD is \$100,200 (excluding on-road costs). ■

