

Updated I-Pace

The updated I-PACE now comes with quicker charging, enhanced connectivity and improved visibility.

Charging

The I-PACE now has a 11kW on-board charger. So if you have three-phase electricity you can access faster charging. This means a full charge from empty will take only 8.6 hours.

Infotainment System

The updated I-PACE is the first Jaguar to feature the new Pivi Pro infotainment system. Pivi Pro is as intuitive as a smartphone, with navigation, music, events, messages and charging locations. The high-definition touch screens are faster and easier to use.

The redesigned navigation function reduces the number of steps required to set a destination, and zoom functionality gives the driver a closer look at the map.

Embedded Spotify means access to music and Bluetooth can connect two phones at the same time.

Enhanced Visibility

The updated I-PACE now has a 3D surround camera that gives a 360-degree digital view of the surrounding area on the central touchscreen, thereby allowing the driver to see potential hazards.

The new ClearSight rear view mirror gives unobstructed view of the road behind. It uses a high-definition camera mounted on the back of the roof so the driver can see what is behind the car in all conditions, including low light and rain. ■



I-Pace Rated Best Against Competition

The team at Carsales pitted the I-PACE against three other prestige electric SUVs, and the Jaguar came out on top in both price and performance.

The 'Bench Test' compared the I-PACE EV400 S model to the Audi e-tron 50 quattro, Mercedes-Benz EQC 400 4MATIC and the Tesla Model X Long Range.

Drive Systems

According to Carsales, the I-PACE "takes the first point", thanks to having the most

efficient electric motors, combining to produce a hefty 249kW of power.

Battery

The I-PACE's battery is both reasonably priced and has a large 90kWh capacity. "When it comes to measuring kilowatt-hours against price, the Jaguar is the clear winner", says Carsales.

Range

According to Carsales, when comparing range for all four vehicles, the I-PACE stands out for going further and more

efficiently. The I-PACE has an impressive range of up to 470km on a single charge, thanks to the combination of a powerful high-tech lithium-ion battery and a lighter body.

The Verdict

After the thorough evaluation, there was one clear winner in Carsales' eyes. "With its efficient PMAC motors, its lower weight and relatively larger battery capacity, the Jaguar scored very well... and finished first." ■

Wireless Charging for EVs

Wireless Charging for EVs is now a reality, and it's not a car manufacturer that has made the breakthrough.

Australian company, "Lumen Freedom" has become the first in the World to receive certification that allows public use of wireless car charging technology.

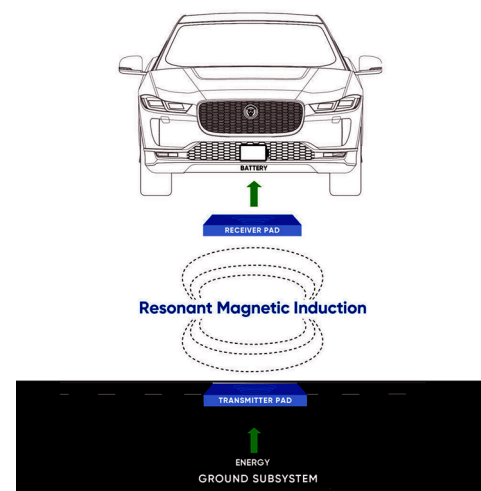
According to the company, its technology will change the recharging industry forever, thanks to the ease of use.

The company has developed a power source, the required ground assembly and the receiver that needs to be fitted to

the electric vehicle, saving development costs for manufacturers who may well choose to license the technology.

The chargers are claimed to work quickly and charge a 60-kW battery in approximately five hours.

The company is also working on a way to allow electric vehicles to charge while on the move. The future of the electric vehicle is bright. ■



Fatal Attraction - Yet Again

Fatal Attraction - Yet Again by Trevor Norley

My son tells me that it would be a good idea if I walked around the block every day, and perhaps a bit further to keep fit, with the eventual goal to reach ten thousand steps.

So, weather permitting I walk as much as possible, the Gilles Plains shopping centre a frequent destination to buy provisions, especially cat food. At one end of the car park there are some trees which give good shade on a sunny day, these six spots are of course popular.

The Attraction

One afternoon on my daily walk I noticed a gleaming black car looking cool and collected in the shade. Of course, I had to take a look, it was a Jag, an X-TYPE with a 2.5 badge on the boot, black trim, stunning alloy wheels, surely a modern work of art. That “old familiar feeling” returned again, gee one of those would be nice. I returned home to my old faithful daily driver, a hard-working Ford Focus, the wheels slowly turning.

This internet is an incredible thing, a search telling all. The X-TYPE coined when Ford owned Jaguar, a car to pit against the midrange cars in the Mercedes, Audi, Beamer line up. Of

course, this same internet lists cars for sale, the price range for the X-TYPE was not at all outlandish. Finding a black car proved a challenge, black trim also hard to find, most cars being fawn.

Then one morning my son called in, produced his mobile phone, a model far more sophisticated than mine, and showed me a car in Sydney, silver with the desired black trim. (Fitting since Craig was the one that got me walking and kicked off this whole new Fatal Attraction).

Sydney is a fair step, so on the 26th July 2018, a mechanic from State Roads NSW arrived at Camden City Cars to check silver Jag DCG-24K. Later that afternoon he called me to discuss his findings, which were looks good, goes well, extensive service records and low kilometres. That evening a detailed report with several photos was emailed. Fatal Attraction came into play.

It's Only Money

The following day, armed with my GPS and a selection of CD's, an overnight bag, an Uber car collected me from home for the Airport and the beginning of Project X-Factor. On arrival in Sydney, Uber once again came into play, for the one-hour journey to Camden City Cars.

I arrived just in time to see a gleaming Jag come to a stop at the office door. This was the first car I had bought without actually seeing and driving beforehand. The sky had been overcast, however on cue the sun broke from the clouds, the car had been detailed, Fatal Attraction strikes again.

The Drive Home

After completing the paperwork, it was on the road, thankfully the GPS guided me to the Hume Highway bound for Wagga where I was to stay overnight. Craig had booked a motel for me, his reasoning being I was too old to travel to far in one day.

I arrived in Wagga late afternoon after a stop at Gundagai to look at “The Dog on The Tucker Box” memorial, surely a must on every Australians’ list of places to see. The motel was a Trivago find, keenly priced and really good, as it was about 5 km from the city centre, I booked the dining room for an evening meal.

As the need for a red wine needed to be satisfied, I arrived a little early in the dining room to be greeted with a cheerful smile from the owner who tends the bar, his wife who tends reception doubling as the chef. The first question he asked of course “what’s happening?”

