

2020 Jaguar F-Pace SVR Review



F-PACE SVR EVOLUTION

The Jaguar F-PACE SVR has finally arrived in Australia, almost 12 months after it was originally due on sale here, but the 30 or 40 Aussies who have already ordered the first V8-powered Jaguar SUV are unlikely to be disappointed.

What is it?

Jaguar's mid-size premium SUV, with the 5.0-litre supercharged V8 from the Jaguar F-Type SVR wedged under the bonnet, at a fraction of the cost.

Appearance

The exterior of the F-Pace has been enhanced with unique front and rear treatments, most obviously through the bonnet and side vents, a rear spoiler, and giant quad exhausts.

Other changes include wider tyres at the rear and the introduction of an electronic active differential at the rear with braked torque vectoring. The differential can electronically progress from fully open through to any variation of closed, with the ability to apply up to 2000Nm of locking force across the differential.

Size

The F-Pace sits somewhere in the middle of what has become the standard size for

luxury SUVs. Think of it as somewhere between a BMW X3 and BMW X5 size-wise.

The fact it's not as small or as big as either respectively makes it the perfect size for many families with two kids who don't really want a large SUV.

Handling/Performance

SVR benefits hugely from an aluminium construction, which helps keep weight down and as a result improves handling and dynamics, but also performance and efficiency.

To put it into perspective, a regular F-Pace weighs less than a much smaller E-Pace.

Interior

Inside the luxury leather-lined interior there are new 14-way power-adjustable slimline sports bucket seats with signature 'lozenge' quilting and embossed SVR logos, a Sports Shift Selector to replace the rotary dial gear shifter, leather SVR steering wheel with aluminium paddles, Suedecloth Ebony headlining, Luxtec wrapped instrument panel, mesh aluminium trim and SVR carpet mats.

Engine

There's next to no chance Jaguar will put an engine this ridiculous into an SUV in ten years time.



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Here we have a giant, old-school V8 engine with a supercharger delivering an outrageous 405kW of power and 680Nm of torque. Best of all, it does that without turbos, so it sounds absolutely fantastic as it screams through the rev range. The supercharger whine only enhances the experience, rather than muffling it like turbos.

Fuel Economy

Jaguar claims the F-Pace SVR uses 11.7L/100km but that's only if it's being driven by your grandmother. Expect minimum fuel usage in the 15.0L/100km bracket, if not higher.

Value for Money

You can order one from \$140,020 before on-road costs, which makes it significantly cheaper than the likes of the Mercedes-AMG GLC 63S (\$172,400), Mercedes-AMG GLE 63S (\$195,030), F85 BMW X5 M (\$188,729) and Audi SQ7 (\$161,900).

Reviews

A summary of some of the recent reviews of the 2020 Jaguar F-PACE SVR include:

- **CarAdvice:** Describes the car as “rather astonishing,” claiming that it “is one of the greatest, most charming SUVs you can buy today.” “Too good to be true? A 404kW supercharged V8 SUV for \$140,000
- **GoAuto:** “The price is right, the performance is stonking, the sound it makes epic, and the dynamics up to the task of keeping the SVR from spearing off into the scenery, backed up by terrifically strong brakes.”
 - ◇ **We Like-** Performance, understated SVR visual upgrades, strong brakes, decent dynamics, roomy interior, solid build quality, comparative value, abolished rotary dial shifter, awesome soundtrack.
 - ◇ **Room for Improvement.** Stiff ride, still a 2000kg SUV hurtling relentlessly around corners, thirsty engine, annoying driver's door switchgear.
- **Motoring:** Declares that “its allure doesn't stop at value, performance, sound and size; it also rides far better than the hard as rocks AMG GLC.”
- **News:** “A less obvious choice than the ubiquitous Germans, it's no less brilliant and arguably better value.”
- **Carsguide:** “The F-Pace SVR nails the job of being a performance SUV while staying comfortable and practical better than many prestige SUVs in the segment.”
- **Witch Car:** “Stonking engine with ample grunt and character, straight-line performance, value for money.”
- **Carsales:** “The Jaguar F-PACE SVR is a savagely powerful SUV, a magnificent marriage of old-school supercharged V8 idiocy and high-tech chassis sophistication.”

If you are thinking of buying a mid-sized performance based SUV, the 2020 JAGUAR F-PACE SVR is clearly worth a test drive.

