

F-Pace Gets a Plug-In Hybrid Model

Jaguar has given the F-Pace a fresh makeover and introduced a plug-in hybrid model to its popular SUV range.

For Australia, there will be just five models for 2021, reduced from 17 in the current line-up. All variants of the new F-PACE will feature the R-Dynamic package, offering a more aggressive styling package. Wheel-size is now a minimum of 19 inches, all lighting is LED, the lower body sides are in contrasted hues and the cabin has a darker and higher-tech ambience.

The updated exterior design starts with a larger grille featuring a heritage-inspired leaper logo, flanked by a pair of larger air intakes. The sportier new look is joined by a reworked bonnet with a wider power bulge and 10mm thinner, more advanced LED headlight clusters with 'double J' daytime running lights to create a fresh front-end look.

Buyers will get a choice of three powertrains: the 2.0-litre turbo petrol four-cylinder 'P250'; a 3.0-litre turbo petrol inline six-cylinder 'P400'; or a 3.0-litre turbo diesel inline six-cylinder 'D300'. Both six-cylinder 'Ingenium'

engines come with a 48-volt mild-hybrid system, which uses a small electric motor to support the engine, helping to reduce fuel consumption and improve emissions. In addition, all engines are fitted to an eight-speed automatic transmission, and all-wheel drive is now standard across the F-PACE range.

The interior has seen a more extensive update, with the focus being the new 11.4-inch curved-glass infotainment screen that uses JLR's new Pivi Pro system, which has a cleaner design and faster response than before. Other

changes include a new drive selector, new door casings, seats with wider cushions, and wellness technologies, such as a cabin air ionisation system that improves air quality.

"When you look at the new F-Pace, you'll see far more than a traditional mid-cycle refresh" said Julian Thompson, head of Jaguar design. We've done a fantastic job with the team to create something really, really special, particularly with the F-Pace which is a car we hold really close to our hearts." ■



Vintage Jaguar Used in Upcoming BBC Drama

Lily James exudes 1930s glamour in a pinstripe dress and beret as she drives a convertible MK IV Jaguar while filming BBC's "The Pursuit of Love".

The actress, 31, plays the fearless, lovelorn Linda Radlett in the adaptation of Nancy Mitford's 1954 novel. As filming got under way, Lily was seen driving through the iconic Royal Crescent in London in a grey vintage convertible Jaguar.

The comedy is a three-parter that follows the adventures and misadventures of the two women as they hunt for the ideal husband across Europe between the wars. With the changing times, their choices put them at odds as they question freedom, love, sex, and the human heart.

Filming on the series initially begun early this year but had to be postponed due to COVID-19.

The three-part mini-series will be shown next year on the BBC. ■



The actress gives the thumbs up as she is being shown how to drive the Jaguar.