

PINNACLE OF PACE

Driving the Jaguar F-Pace SVR

Following closely on the heels of the recently refreshed F-PACE range, the new Jaguar F-PACE SVR flagship model – the pinnacle of the performance SUV range – has been elevated to another level thanks to the latest enhancements by the Jaguar SV team.

he new F-PACE SVR

- now the fastest,
most dynamic,
and most refined

Jaguar SUV ever - shares the revised
exterior styling, beautifully crafted new
interior, and the latest generation Pivi
Pro infotainment system with its lesser
siblings, affording it a cleaner, more
assured presence.

Inspired by SV's motorsport experience, the SVR has enhanced airflow and aerodynamic benefits, delivered through new apertures and vents, for improved aerodynamic performance, including a 35% reduction in aerodynamic lift, while drag is cut by 0.01Cd to 0.36Cd.

A new sculpted bonnet with a wider power bulge and smoother, more precisely defined surfaces, contributes to a more striking finish by reducing the number of shutlines on the front of the SVR. Jaguar's heritage logo-inspired 'diamond' detailing can be seen on the enlarged grille, and the side fender vents now feature the iconic Leaper emblem.

The front bumper receives redesigned air intakes, and dark mesh details for a more assured dynamic presence. New, super-slim all-LED quad headlights with

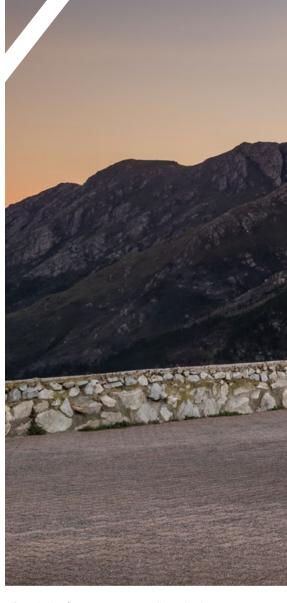
Adaptive Driving Beam capability and 'Double J' Daytime Running Light (DRL) signatures (available with optional Pixel LED technology), deliver increased resolution and brightness in order to optimise visibility.

New slimline taillights feature Jaguar's double chicane graphic, and a revised rear bumper adds to its more purposeful aesthetic. A Black Pack option, complemented by optional 22" gloss black-finished wheels, is also available. This includes gloss black finish applied to the grille surround, bonnet louvres, front bumper apertures, sill trims, rear valance, and rear badges.

FASTER, MORE EFFICIENT

Yet, it is the updates under the SVR's self-assured façade that makes the difference. Jaguar's 5.0-litre V8 Supercharged petrol engine, exclusively available in the F-PACE SVR, still produces 405 kW of power. At the same time, peak torque delivery has increased by 20 Nm to 700 Nm - enhancing performance, with the SVR now capable of accelerating from zero to 100km /h in four seconds, three-tenths faster than before.

This figure, as well as its top speed



of 286 km/h, compares well with the performance prowess of more powerful (and more expensive) rivals such as the BMW X5 M Competition (460 kW and 750 Nm; sprint time of 3.8 seconds; 290 km/h top speed) and Mercedes-AMG GLE 63 S 4-Matic (450 kW and 850 Nm; sprint time of 3.9 seconds; 280 km/h top speed).

How has this been achieved? Well, incremental tweaks to the transmission and dynamics systems, including an uprated Dynamic mode with unique timing, and a new Dynamic Launch



feature also uses driveline inertia from the All-Wheel Drive with Intelligent Driveline Dynamics system to maintain power to the wheels during gear changes, contributing to the SVR's sharper acceleration times.

The powertrain now features the same torque converter used in the Jaguar XE SV Project 8 super sedan to withstand the higher loads produced. Besides improved torque and acceleration, the engine's CO2 emissions are reduced from 281 g/km to 275 g/km. Fuel economy is also now down to 12.2 J/100 km (in combined road conditions).





The steering system is enhanced with a new electronic power-assistance system that delivers greater immediacy and a more focused and honed driving experience. Modified tuning of the adaptive damping provides a more refined ride at low speeds, further improved by revised chassis bushes.

Jaguar also maintains the brake feel in the new F-PACE SVR has been improved, with the 395mm (front) and 396mm (rear) two-piece disc brakes now supported by a new Integrated Power Booster. Improved cooling and aerodynamics of the vehicle also improve the performance of the brakes, giving the driver even greater confidence.

The powerful 5.0-litre V8 Supercharged petrol engine with its ominous growl and throaty soundtrack (when the Variable Valve Active Exhaust is selected) is paired with a smooth-shifting eight-speed automatic transmission which delivers rapid gearshifts for effortless performance, while Configurable Dynamics enables the driver to set up the vehicle to their personal preferences. A stopwatch, G-Meter and pedal graph also help the driver to monitor performance in Dynamic mode.

CRAFTED, CURATED CABIN

The interior of the new F-PACE SVR is comprehensively redesigned, with materials enhanced to heighten the dynamic character of the cabin and its controls. At the heart is a centrally mounted 11.4" curved-glass HD Pivi Pro touchscreen in an elegant magnesium alloy casing.

New finishes, including standard aluminium or open-pore carbon fibre as an option, can be found in the upper door insert and full width 'Piano lid' that forms across the width of the instrument panel. Other inserts are finished in Alcantara, with elements such as the central cubby and leather midroll wrapped in Windsor leather.

The 12.3" HD Interactive Driver Display is wrapped in Alcantara with ebony stitching, and (optional) slimline semi-aniline leather sports seats with diamond embroidery across the front shoulder section feature a unique perforation across the backrest. The same pattern is used on the leather on the seatbacks, and an embossed SVR logo on the headrests adds a final flourish.

The new Drive Selector, finished in dimpled leather with heritage logo-inspired detailing and debossed SVR logo, has a more performance-focused feel. The new SVR split-rim steering wheel is finished with tactile zinc-alloy shift paddles, for manual gear changes.

The new F-PACE SVR also features the advanced technologies found in the

latest F-PACE core models, ensuring it is always connected and always up to date. Besides the Pivi Pro infotainment system, this includes over-the-air update capability, Active Road Noise Cancellation, the latest advanced driver assistance systems, and optional wireless device charging.

With a starting price of R1,835,700 (including Jaguar's standard five-year/100,000 km Jaguar Care Plan and warranty), the new, faster and more refined F-PACE SVR is well positioned within the luxury performance SUV segment when compared with its immediate rivals.

Even with optional extras like special exterior paint, the Black Pack and a towbar (tallying around R200,000) thrown in, the dynamically more competent Jaguar flagship SUV still represents good value compared with the BMW X5M Competition (R2,775,658), the Mercedes-AMG GLE 63 S (R3,007,440) and its Range Rover Sport SVR stablemate (R2,654,862). •

