

Land Rover Discovery for 2013

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The Land Rover Discovery 4 is world-renowned as the ultimate all-purpose vehicle and for 2013 it sets the standard even higher with new optional features including the Extended Leather Pack inspired by the HSE Luxury Limited Edition, and distinctive Black Design Packs available with 19" or 20" all-black painted wheels and a host of black trim finishers and design details such as gloss black grille and fender vents. Customers also now have a choice of five additional body colours and two new interior colours and trim enhancements, offering customers an even greater opportunity to personalise their car.

The infotainment system has been upgraded to include the latest generation DAB radio and a new digital TV tuner, whilst the navigation system now comes with

premium features such as Off-Road guidance and 4x4i.

The outstanding 256PS 3.0-litre LR-SDV6 and entry level 211PS 3.0-litre LR-TDV6 diesels continue to power the Discovery 4 with the ZF 8HP70 8-speed automatic transmission, producing CO₂ emissions of just 230g/km and 224g/km respectively in EU5 markets, whilst the 375PS 5.0-litre LR-V8 naturally aspirated petrol engine is powered with

the ultra-refined ZF 6HP28 6-speed automatic transmission.

Distinctive new Black Design Packs create a striking new modern look for the Discovery 4 which complement the metallic paint finishes of the car. Available with either 19" 7-Split Spoke or 20" 5-Spoke all-black painted wheels, the optional Black Design Packs include:

Since the Discovery 3, there has been a choice of Base or Premium Navigation systems. From 2013 model year, only the Premium system will be available and, where fitted, will offer features such as TMC (Traffic Message Channel), 4x4i (displays vehicle status for example, wheel articulation graphics), Voice and Off-Road guidance. The Points Of Interest (POI) function has been extended to include a 'My POI' category and POIs can now be uploaded from USB stick in 'GPX' format. POIs can also be downloaded from the Internet and personalised with name, icon and audible warnings.

A new function, Avoid Points, can be accessed from Stored Locations and used during route planning. The interface has been streamlined with more shortcuts to make setting of the destination easier and faster. For example, a 'GO' button replaces a list when there's only one destination available and also eases the setting of everyday Points of Interest.

In the navigation display, motorway overhead signs are displayed in split screen



junction view to show a more representative display of lane and road signs ahead. There's also a new Map Auto Zoom function which, when enabled, automatically zooms in on intersections or motorway junctions as they are approached. Other improvements to the navigation system are the inclusion of the Arabic language for user input and display and the addition of Russian to the Voice Control feature (including Say What You See).