

## New Range Rover Luxury Packed

The Range Rover Autobiography is a very special model within the range and one which must surely be right at the top of the SUV sector.

Yes it is true that the company always manages to add luxury models to the line up,



this time this new model is the transport of monarchs and celebrities, and it simply abounds with creature comforts.

Yet despite all its trappings confronted with difficult terrain and the nature of this vehicle shines through, it is truly a remarkable set of wheels in more ways than one.

My test example was finished in an exterior shade of Loire Blue with a contrasting roof, while the interior was finished in Navy and Cirrus; further luxury added with shadow walnut veneer.

The already noted Autobiography specification adds the likes of a sliding panoramic roof and chunky 21 inch

sparkle alloy wheels.

Once onboard this Range Rover driver and passengers are confronted by a high degree of technology and infotainment is high on the list and the quality of sound is what we have come to expect from a top class home entertainment system.

Of course there is sat nav; cameras abound to aid parking as you are always very much aware of the generous proportions of this vehicle. Not just content with the high standard specification of this model Range Rover had added an array of options; rear seat entertainment with touch screen remote control, the impressive Meridian Signature 1700W audio system, wade sensing; I doubt if any who buy this vehicle would ever employ this feature, park assist, detachable tow bar, active ear locking diff and a full size spare wheel. I am quite sure that there are even more options available. This certainly did give me a taste of just how a customer can customise their vehicle to taste.

The heart of the matter is a large 4.4 litre diesel engine linked to a silky smooth automatic transmission with enough power (339bhp) to take you to 135mph if you can find a test track.

Economy ranges from 24.6mpg urban to an extra urban figure just over 37mpg and





the emission figure is 229g/km. For those interested in the off road capabilities, obstacle clearance is up to 295.5mm off road height, wading depth a maximum 900mm while the off road approach angle is 34.7 degrees and the off road departure angle is 29.6 degrees. Rarely do I get the opportunity to test a vehicle that not only delivers such high levels of comfort but one that can shine when the going gets really tough.

Of course there is a price to pay for all of this - £94,720 excluding the options aforementioned.

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