

## The New Evoque from Range Rover

THE new Evoque from the Range Rover stable is much more than the smallest, lightest and most fuel efficient vehicle yet from this manufacturer. Style led, with a very bold on road presence and is available in two bodystyles coupe and five door and will be sold in 160 countries, truly a global vehicle. I drove both the coupe and five door versions over some excellent road routes in the Borders area of Scotland and for good measure Land Rover had an off road section. True no vehicle would be worthy of the company's famous badging if it were not able to cope with all driving conditions.

Low emissions and the quest for better fuel economy, Evoque is class leading with a possible sub 130g/km CO2 figure and for example the eD4 manual can deliver

56.3mpg on the combined fuel cycle. Diesel engines will play a major role with this impressive vehicle. A choice of diesel power units with outputs ranging from 150 – 190bhp and the Si4 petrol engine delivers 240bhp.

I tried two engines, the more powerful of the diesels and the petrol. I must say that the power delivery afforded by the petrol engine was silky smooth.

Four wheel drive and two wheel drive versions will give customers maximum choice, however after the last couple of winters we have had to endure I can see a large number of buyers looking very

seriously at four wheel drive and after having experienced the Evoque in 4WD guise over the off road course with its palette of technical features to tackle the really tough terrain, then I would be very happy to spend my winter motoring behind the wheel of one of these vehicles.

Agile handling regardless of the terrain is aided by Adaptive Dynamics featuring MagneRide and all weather surface capability comes courtesy of well proven Land Rover Terrain Response.

One of the outstanding features of Evoque is the manner in which you can customise your vehicle; yes there are three trim levels, or as the company prefers to call them themes; Pure, Prestige and Dynamic.

There is simply a huge array of personalisation options to suit the need of every customer; each and every Evoque can have a distinct personality all of its own. All of this is highlighted by exciting body colours and moving to the interior there is a superb choice of colours and trims.

Once onboard for those who are familiar with Range Rover products they will immediately feel at home and for first time buyers to the marque then they will not fail to be impressed by the quality, the feel and just how easy the newcomer is to



drive. An array of standard equipment all adds up to make this an extremely good means of transport.

Worth noting that sales initially will be divided equally between the two bodystyles, however long term it seems that the five door version will emerge as the most popular choice.

Summing up a vehicle which brings refreshment to this sector of the market with its exciting style and good all round performance.

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