

On road luxury with off road ability: Range Rover TDV8 Diesel

Range Rover have long been the leading light in the four wheel drive market but over the years have faced increased competition from any number of manufacturers.



Many people buy a four by four more for the increased height and visibility on the road than for its capability off the road. With the Range Rover you truly get the best of both worlds. This is a car that has all the luxury and on road ability whilst maintaining its off road credentials.



I first took the Range Rover for a short tour around a friend's farm and you cannot help but be impressed by its off road handling. It took on the steep slippery slopes with ease whether you were pointing up or down. Next it was over a rutted stony field which the Range Rover again took in its stride before pointing it down a half



mile, pot-hole strewn driveway, the Range Rover just absorbed even the largest holes.

Turn right and it was now time to see how it could cope with some great country lanes. It's only now that you realise that the Range Rover is no slouch for its size with 0 - 60 mph reached in just over 8 seconds and it has a top speed of almost 130 mph for the TDV8 Diesel. One thing I do like is the great view you get from the drivers seat - a great advantage when heading down tree lined lanes. As expected, this car handles the road with no problems - it is smooth, quick and quiet. The interior is sheer luxury. The main down side It's not exactly an eco-warrior with combined fuel consumption of 25.5mpg.

Prices start from: £56,000 on the road

Performance: Max speed 124mph
0 - 60mph 8.6 seconds

Fuel consumption: Urban 19.6 mpg
Extra urban 31.2 mpg
Combined 25.5 mpg

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