



2008 Model Year Preview

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Jaguar



Jaguar's **XJ Sedan** gets a **freshened exterior** and revised interior for the 2008 model year. The 2008 XJ will be easily recognizable with a revised front-end design, new side power vents, a rear spoiler and a new rear bumper. Inside are new seats which are not only designed for increased comfort, but front seat backs have been redesigned to provide **increased more leg and foot room**. Heated front seats are now standard equipment with the option of adding seat coolers. Meanwhile, a special edition **XKR Portfolio** will be available for the 2008 model year. The Celestial Black paint combined with the 20-inch polished Cremona 5-spoke alloy wheels and polished aluminum side vents help this special model stand apart from the standard XKR. Available as **coupe or convertible**, the XKR Portfolio features a new high-performance braking system with the largest brakes ever fitted to a production Jaguar. The stopping power should be most welcome, given that under the hood is a **420-horsepower supercharged V8** engine that can push this sleek car to 60 mph in less than five seconds.

Land Rover

The **LR2** is Land Rover's **all-new compact 5-seat SUV** that joined the lineup early in 2007 as a 2008 model, taking the place of the **Freelander**. The LR2 has new architecture designed to deliver a good balance between handling and ride comfort on the road while retaining Land Rover's legendary off-road capability. Equipped with **permanent intelligent all-wheel drive**, the LR2 utilizes an electronically controlled center differential to vary the torque split between the front and rear axles as needed. The LR2 features **Terrain Response**, which first debuted on the **LR3**, and the first use of Roll Stability Control in a Land Rover. Powering this newest Land Rover is a transversely mounted 230-horsepower 3.2-liter inline six-cylinder engine teamed with a six-speed.

