



All-New Land Rover Discovery Sport

and Rover knows how to get the media interested in its new models. The company doesn't just talk the talk, it walks the walk too. In other words it bends over

backwards to let motoring journalists sample its vehicles on and off road.

Recently the world's media was made more than aware of the Discovery Sport's capabilities. We were allowed to sample its ability

to handle impossibly steep gradients. It worked too. Most journalists seemed taken aback when encouraged to manoeuvre up near-vertical ramps on Land Rover's off-road course. No need for any worries though: it was →



PROS 'N' CONS

- Tech ✓
- Off and on road ability ✓
- Space ✓
- Comfort ✓
- Manual gearbox won't be popular ✗

child's play for the four-wheel-drive luxury machine to scale gradients most vehicles would roll over on.

Aesthetically, the Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) has a more self-assured exterior and lavish interior

than the departing Disco and (now defunct) Freelander siblings. It's also more flexible as it now comes with the ability to transport seven people.

The cabin mixes style and sumptuousness with elegant lines,

top quality materials and spoonfuls of sporting character. What's more, the Disco Sport's high driving position instills a sense of self-assurance and the steering feels light and direct.

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The Discovery Sport is comfortable, refined and rewarding to drive on-road, while retaining the breadth of all-terrain capability for which Land Rover is world-renowned. In fact, with approach,

departure and breakover angles of 25, 31 and 21 degrees respectively, Terrain Response® technology, and the ability to wade to 600mm, the vehicle offers class-leading capability in all conditions.

As with every new Land Rover, safety has been a key priority in the development of the new Discovery Sport, resulting in a first-in-class pedestrian airbag, autonomous emergency braking, and a →

FAST FACTS

Max speed:

117 mph

0-62 mph:

10.4 (manual) 8.9 (auto)

Combined mpg:

46.3 (manual) 44.8 (auto)

Engine:

2179 cc, four cylinder
16 valve turbo diesel

Max. power (Ps):

190

Max. torque (Nm):

420

CO2:

162 g/km (manual)

166 g/km (auto)

Price: £32,395





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state-of-the-art bodyshell featuring both ultra-high-strength steel and lightweight aluminium.

This represents a fraction of the advanced equipment available in the Disco Sport, which also includes an all-new eight-inch touch screen infotainment system, and standard tilt-and-slide row-two seating for maximum interior configurability.

From launch in the UK, the new

Discovery Sport has been equipped with a powerful and refined 2.2 litre SD4 turbo-diesel engine producing 190 PS. It features stop-start technology, high-pressure direct injection, low-friction internal components and smart regenerative charging for outstanding performance and economy. Both nine-speed automatic and six-speed manual transmissions are available.

Later this year, a highly efficient two wheel drive eD4 turbo diesel engine will join the range with CO₂ emissions from just 119g/km.

The garden-fresh Discovery Sport is bound to build upon the outstanding success of the outgoing Disco, which quickly became one of Land Rover's most admired models. The vehicle is available in Land Rover showrooms now. ■

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