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**NEW JAGUAR XE: THE COMPACT SALOON WITH SPORTSCAR DYNAMICS**

* New XE’s lightweight aluminium intensive construction, double wishbone front suspension and Integral Link rear suspension make it the driver’s car in the segment
* Efficient Ingenium diesel and petrol engines available in AWD and RWD
* High performing Ingenium 300PS AWD petrol engine emphasises the XE’s inherent sporting abilities with acceleration from 0-60 mph in 5.4 seconds
* F-TYPE inspired SportShift gear selector replaces rotary controller and delivers a more dynamic driving experience
* JaguarDrive Control puts four dynamic settings at the driver’s fingertips
* Adaptive and Configurable Dynamics provide the optimum balance between comfort and control
* Available to order now: new Jaguar XE is priced from £33,915 in the UK
* Build your perfect new XE at [www.jaguar.com](http://www.jaguar.com/)

**26 February 2019, Whitley, UK:** Designed and engineered to be the best handling and most dynamic compact executive saloon, the new Jaguar XE gets a more focused engine range and takes driver controls directly from F-TYPE, emphasising its sportscar character.

The XE’s aluminium-intensive body construction is an extremely robust yet light structure and, together with a double wishbone front suspension and an Integral Link rear axle, it is fundamental to the XE’s sporting vehicle dynamics.

Aluminium makes up 75 per cent of the XE body and combines with proven rear and
all-wheel drive systems, plus some of Jaguar’s most advanced engines, for impeccable handling and performance.

Customers can choose from a focused range of three advanced Ingenium petrol and diesel engines. Delivering acceleration from 0-60mph in 5.4 seconds (0-100km/h in 5.7 seconds), the 300PS Ingenium petrol engine, with all-wheel drive, is the performance powertrain of choice. With an uprated boosting system and 400Nm of torque, the turbocharged unit’s immediate throttle response ensures an engaging drive and impressive acceleration.

Customers can also choose a 250PS Ingenium petrol engine, while diesel power comes from the efficient 180PS 2.0-litre engine, which produces 430Nm of torque and gives fuel consumption of up to 57.6mpg (from 4.9l/100km)\*.

All engines are available with a choice of rear or all-wheel drive, subject to market availability. The rear wheel drive powertrain delivers trademark Jaguar handling, feel and balance while the advanced all-wheel drive system automatically distributes torque between the front and rear axles depending on the driving style and conditions. This intelligent set-up delivers greater driver confidence on all surfaces and in all conditions while retaining the XE’s exceptional handling characteristics.

Continuing the theme of heightened driver engagement, the new XE features Jaguar’s distinctive SportShift gear selector, first seen in the F-TYPE sportscar. The intuitive design replaces the previous rotary controller and allows the driver to leave the car in full automatic mode or use the direct and involving manual gearshift, pulling the lever back to select a higher gear or instinctively pushing it forwards to choose a lower ratio. Alternatively, Satin Chrome steering wheel paddle shifters can be used to control the eight-speed automatic gearbox.

Standard on all XE models is the JaguarDrive Control interface from the F-TYPE. The sportscar-inspired toggle switch on the centre console allows the driver to choose from four settings for the steering, throttle response and gearbox: Comfort, Eco, Rain Ice Snow and Dynamic. Enabling Dynamic mode amplifies the car’s sporting character, with faster gear shifts, sharper throttle response and increased steering weighting.

Drivers are able to shape the driving experience further and with greater ease thanks to the optional Configurable Dynamics system. This feature allows drivers to set up the vehicle to their personal preference by choosing Comfort or Dynamic settings for the engine, gearbox and steering through the central touchscreen. Where specified, Adaptive Dynamics constantly adjusts the dampers to provide the optimum balance between comfort and refinement at all times and in all driving situations.

**Mike Cross, Chief Engineer, Jaguar, said:** “XE has always had the traditional attributes of a Jaguar sportscar with its lightweight construction, dynamic handling and exceptional performance. The new model builds on these foundations to maintain its status as the best-driving compact executive saloon.”

Jaguar’s advanced torque on-demand all-wheel drive (AWD) system and Intelligent Driveline Dynamics technology maintain the XE’s rear-wheel drive handling feel and agility while improving performance, traction and driver confidence in all weather conditions.

Also available on the new XE for the first time is the Dynamic Handling Pack, which groups a number of key performance-related items into one compelling option: Configurable Dynamics, Adaptive Dynamics, larger Performance Brakes, Coloured Brake Calipers and Bootlid Spoiler.

New XE’s entry level specification now features an automatic transmission, 18” wheels, electric leather seats, all-LED headlights and tail-lights with updated signature graphics, front and rear park aid, rear camera and lane keep assist. Customers can select from S, SE and HSE trim levels, with each also available in sporty R-Dynamic guise. A range of option packs provide even greater personalisation.

The Jaguar XE is available to order now at [www.jaguar.com](file:///%5C%5Cgal71810%5Ccomms_pa%5C0_SHARED%5C%EF%80%A1PRODUCT%20and%20EXPERIENCE%5CD7a%5CXE%20-%20X760%5C20MY%5C20MY%20XE%20Press%20Pack%20Chapters%20%26%20Overview%5CTo%20be%20Sent%20Out%20for%20Review%20Jan%202019%5Cwww.jaguar.com)

**NOTE: Please check your local market for features, model range and engine availability as they vary by market**

\* NEDC2 calculated from official manufacturer’s WLTP tests in accordance with EU legislation

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**Editors’ notes:**

**About Jaguar**

Jaguar’s heritage of elegant design and breathtaking performance has excited and delighted the world for 80 years. Today’s world-class Jaguar family comprises the award-winning XE, XF and XJ saloons, the dramatic F-TYPE sportscar, the F-PACE performance crossover – the fastest-selling Jaguar ever, the new E-PACE compact performance SUV and now I-PACE, the all-electric performance SUV that puts Jaguar at the forefront of the electric vehicle revolution.

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