

Land Rover Discovery 4 TDV6 HSE (2010)



If you don't think the Discovery 4 will be much different to the Disco 3 – think again. Step inside the new offering from Jaguar Land Rover, and you'll immediately be struck by the changes.

The good things about the previous model have been left: properly-sized seats for up to seven adults, acres of boot space with five passengers aboard and the rearmost pair of chairs stowed. Pretty much everything else though is new. Inside, the finish is modern and the HSE model on test here now gets a leather-trimmed dash to match the seats. Gadgets also include keyless entry and start and the centre console is far less cluttered than before.

The star billing on the Discovery 4 goes to the highly efficient and refined new LR-TDV6 3.0 twin turbo diesel engine. This delivers a nine percent fuel economy improvement and ten percent less CO2 emissions, at the same time as increasing power by 29%, all compared with the existing 2.7-litre engine. Torque increases even more, up 36% to 600Nm - believed to be the highest torque output of any 6-cylinder, production diesel, passenger vehicle engine in the world!

Land Rover's engineers have also transformed the on-road ride and handling for the new generation Discovery 4, and even improved on the

near-legendary off-road capabilities of its predecessor. The comprehensive changes include new suspension components, revised steering, larger brakes, improved traction control, and enhancements to the award winning Terrain Response™ system, which helps optimise the vehicle for virtually all on-road or off-road driving situations.

The iconic exterior design has been updated, most obviously with smoother and simpler surfaces at the front, including a new, more aerodynamic bumper. The sportier lights help give the vehicle new character, and include LED technology front and rear. The sophisticated new front headlights also include High Beam Assist, handily switching on or off, as conditions require.

All in all there has been a very definite move upmarket. It's now very much an executive carriage and a step further away from a vehicle you'd happily use on the farm. However, should you feel you've had enough of the black stuff and you want to take a trip off-road then the Disco 4 will take you across a river or along a furrowed

forest track without breaking into a sweat.

If you're in the market for a luxury car with amazing space, comfort, and a sheer talent for coping with any surface you care to drive over, then you should buy the new Land Rover Discovery 4. There really is so much to love and so little to dislike about this beautiful offering from the Gaydon based company.

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FACTS AND FIGURES

- Max speed: 112 mph
- 0-62 mph 9.0 seconds
- Combined mpg: 30.4
- Engine: 2993cc 24v turbodiesel V6
- Power: 241 bhp
- Max torque: 600 Nm
- CO2: 244 g/km
- Price: £47,695 (approx.)