

Review: New MY26 Jaguar F-Pace SVR 575 Ultimate Edition

Jaguar bids farewell to internal combustion with a limited-edition supercharged V8-powered SUV that will leave you smiling for days.

Just 60 examples of the MY26-plated Ultimate Edition will be available to Australian buyers, which takes the already well-specified F-Pace SVR 575 Edition and throws the options book at it. It's priced from \$182,235 before on-road costs.

Ninety years of history and heritage. It says so right on the centre console. "Est. 1935, Coventry."

Now, in 2025, it all comes down to this, the last-ever V8 from the British brand as it pushes on towards its highly publicised electric future.

But not before this final – and fitting – farewell. It's the 2025 Jaguar F-Pace SVR 575 Ultimate Edition, and in this instance, the word 'ultimate' takes on its true meaning.

It's a long way from Coventry in September 1935, when the first car to bear the Jaguar name, the SS 2½ Litre, announced the brand's arrival. With a lusty 2664cc inline-six, the SS 2½ Litre set the template for the following 90 years – sleek lines, powerful engines and luxury materials.

It's a template still evident today in the car we have here, the last-ever Jaguar V8, which serves not just as a farewell, but also a celebration of 90 years of the British brand's heritage.

Let's look at what makes the Ultimate Edition the, well, ultimate edition.

Aside from the supercharged 5.0-litre V8 under the bonnet – which has been specially tuned by the good folk at Special Vehicle Racing (SVR, hence the name) to make 423kW and 700Nm – a V8 that growls and purrs, sometimes roars, like the leaping cat that gives the Jaguar its name, there's a rich list of bling that sets this last V8 apart from those that came before.

Externally, the Ultimate Edition is distinguished by a swathe of gloss black styling elements. Everything from the grille to the 22-inch alloy wheels, bonnet vents, gills, mirror caps, window surrounds, roof rails and badging is finished in a high-gloss black which, when contrasted against the Sorrento Yellow paint of our test car, looks not only special, but rather menacing.

Red brake calipers, also part of the Ultimate Edition, add a splash of fiery contrast.

Inside, powered front seats with heating and cooling are wrapped in ebony semi-aniline leather, a material used throughout the cabin. There's also privacy glass, a head-up display, and carbon-fibre trim finishes throughout.

For buyers who might find yellow a bit over-the-top, the Ultimate Edition's palette has you covered with traditional British Racing Green and Icy White in gloss and Ligurian Black in Satin also available.

Standard equipment carried over the 'regular' F-Pace SVR includes LED headlights and daytime running lights, heated and powered side mirrors, heated steering wheel, power-adjustable steering column, dual-zone climate control and 'bright metal' pedals.

There's an 11.4-inch infotainment touchscreen with satellite navigation, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto (wired and wireless), DAB+ digital radio, a premium Meridian sound system, and wireless smartphone charging.

The full gamut of Jaguar's safety technologies and advanced driver assist systems (ADAS) is also included.

Rivals?

There are some, but arguably none will offer the same dose of nostalgia for a brand that is about to change completely and irrevocably. Spending \$181,800 will land a Porsche Cayenne S and its 4.0-litre V8 in your driveway, while the Mercedes-AMG GLE63 S is priced significantly

higher at \$266,900.

Closer to JLR home, a Range Rover Sport P530 Autobiography is priced from \$233,961, while the Land Rover Defender 130 P500 V8 starts at \$216,197. All prices before on-road costs and options.

Certainly, on price when compared against its main rivals, there's a good dose of 'bang-for-your-buck' in the F-Pace SVR 575 Ultimate Edition.

Should I buy a Jaguar F-Pace?

This is it. Performance SUVs, heck performance cars in general, with V8 power are increasingly thin on the ground. And in the case of the MY26 Jaguar F-Pace SVR 575 Ultimate Edition, soon to be thinner.

It's the last of the breed. The last-ever V8 from a brand that has over the last 90 years given us some of the world's most iconic cars.

Extinction looms for the F-Pace, so if you're after a supercharged V8 SUV with soul and character, then this could be the one for you.

Jaguar's next chapter awaits, and while its new era may well give us electric vehicles that are faster and more accomplished, it's hard to imagine them being imbued with the same character, that same visceral quality that the first 90 years of the brand has provided.

Contact Solitaire Jaguar and get one while you still can. ■

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