



Jaguar Land Rover launches electric Range Rover

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One year after a major cyberattack halted production and hit its finances, British carmaker Jaguar Land Rover yesterday opened orders for a new fully electric Range Rover.

The timing of the launch was a “coincidence”, JLR chief operating officer Nigel Blenkinsop said, adding that the company had “recovered really, really strongly”.

He said the luxury carmaker had “brought production back

up to normal levels really, really quickly post the incident”.

JLR, owned by India’s Tata Motors, revealed at the start of September 2025 that it had been targeted by hackers, forcing it to halt production for more than one month and costing the company £196 million (\$264 million).

Hit also by US tariffs, the carmaker posted a loss of £244 million in its fiscal year ending in March, compared with a net profit of £1.8 billion in 2024/5.

The hack was

estimated to have cost the UK economy £1.9 billion, according to the Cyber Monitoring Centre, an independent body that measures the impact of cyber incidents.

Blenkinsop declined to comment on the figures or on a New York Times report, citing sources close to the investigation, that Russian

hackers were involved in the attack. “Clearly, we’ve learned huge amounts through the incident,” he said yesterday.

The launch of the electric Range Rover is a major strategic issue for the brand, which plans to build between 12,000 and 15,000 units over the next six months.

“It’s a global car,” Blenkinsop said.

“We do expect to build and supply into the UK, into Europe, and particularly into the US, where we see huge growth potential for the Range Rover brand.”

The model can accelerate from 0 to 60 miles per hour (0 to 96 kilometres per hour) in 4.3 seconds and has a range of up to 372 miles.

With a purchase price starting at £154,070 in the UK, the car will be built in Solihull, central England, where the factory has been adapted for the electric era.

JLR has trained 9,000 employees in Solihull for electrification, along with another 1,500 across the region.

Lexus NX gets a sharper look and more electric power
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The second-generation Lexus NX has received a mid-cycle update in global markets. Along with cosmetic changes, the SUV gets new features and updated powertrains.

At the front, it gets a new spindle grille and revised LED headlamps with DRLs. The rear features connected LED taillights with ‘Lexus’ lettering in the centre, while the bumpers have also been redesigned. New alloy wheel options range from 18 to 20 inches.

Inside, the NX gets an updated cabin with a layout similar to the ES sedan. The minimalist dashboard features a centrally mounted 14-inch touchscreen, a 12.3-inch digital instrument cluster and a new three-spoke steering wheel.

Features include heated rear seats, a head-up display, a 17-speaker Mark Levinson sound system, a digital rear-view mirror and ADAS.

The new Lexus NX is offered with plug-in hybrid and strong-hybrid powertrains. The NX 450h+ gets a 2.5-litre petrol plug-in hybrid that is slightly more powerful than before. It also gets a larger battery pack with DC fast-charging capability. The all-wheel-drive SUV offers an electric-only range of over 100 km.

The NX 350h uses a 2.5-litre petrol strong-hybrid powertrain producing 196 bhp. It is available with both front-wheel drive and AWD configurations.



600 Range with an estimated real-world range of 535 km.	7 hrs Charge from 0-100 percent using a 22 kW AC charger (19 hours using a 7 kW AC charger)	22m Charge from 10-80 percent using a 350 kW rapid DC charger. Add up to 220 km of range in 10 minutes.*	2500 Maximum towing capacity	900 Maximum Wading Depth (mm)
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Mitsubishi Pajero returns in a new avatar

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The Mitsubishi Pajero is making a comeback, with an all-new fifth-generation model set to revive the iconic off-roader.

The new Pajero will initially go on sale in Thailand, Japan and Australia, with launches expected by the end of March 2027.

Under the skin, the new Pajero moves to a ladder-frame chassis shared with the Mitsubishi Triton pickup.

It measures 4,920 mm long, 1,925 mm wide and 1,910 mm tall, with a 2,870 mm wheelbase and 230 mm of ground clearance.



The design is unmistakably more imposing.

Up front is a large grille flanked by T-shaped LED headlights, while the rear gets similarly styled LED taillights. A

flat roofline, squared-off wheel arches and chunky bumpers reinforce its rugged SUV character.

Inside, the new Pajero offers three-row seating for seven.



The dashboard gets a pair of 14.3-inch screens, along with a four-spoke steering wheel. And unlike many modern SUVs, Mitsubishi has retained plenty of physical controls, including a

rotary controller for the four-wheel-drive system.

Power comes from a 2.4-litre turbo-charged diesel engine, producing 201 bhp and 480 Nm of torque.

The engine is paired with an 8-speed automatic gearbox and Mitsubishi’s Super Select

4WD-II four-wheel-drive system.

