

BUYING A NEW CAR WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS?

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This is a vehicle I spotted for sale in England. To me the surprising thing was the extensive list of specification and options. Our cars are becoming very complex.

JAGUAR XK Supercharged V8 5.0 litres 2011, petrol, coupe, automatic, 7300m. Usually that is about enough, but...

2 doors, Electric front windows + drivers one touch/anti-trap, heated front windscreen and timer, rain sensor windscreen wipers, ABS + EBD, DSC-Dynamic Stability Control, electronic parking brake, red brake calipers, premium carpet mats, adaptive dynamics.

Bluetooth wireless phone connectivity, front park assist + touch-screen visual aid, rear parking aid, clock, DVD satellite navigation with 7" colour display, graphic information display, trip computer with message system, auto dimming rear view mirror, door mirror, integrated indicators, electric folding auto dimming door mirrors w/memory, electrically operated heated and folding mirrors, 6 disc dash mounted CD/MP3 autochanger.

Bowers and Wilkins premium sound system, portable audio interface, aerial integrated into rear boot spoiler, body colour rear bumper, bonnet louvres, chrome rear signature blade, chrome side blisters to front bumper, chrome side window trim, quad tailpipes, side power vents, automatic headlights "on" + wipers "on", Bi-Xenon cornering headlamps with auto levelling and pressure washers, auto air recirculation, dual zone automatic air conditioning, 12v socket in glovebox, front ashtray and cigar lighter, front cupholders, heated steering wheel, Jaguar Drive selector.

Softgrain leather upholstery, steering wheel gearshift paddles, interior mood lighting, adaptive restraint technology system, driver/front passenger airbags, front/rear seatbelt pre-tensioners, pedestrian contact sensing and deployable bonnet, seatbelt reminders for driver and front passenger, WHIPS whiplash protection system – front, 16 way front sports seats, front seat back map pockets, heated and ventilated front seats, Isofix rear child seat fastenings, memory function for drivers seat, steering wheel and exterior mirrors, deadlocks, engine immobiliser, keyless entry, keyless start, locking wheel nuts, perimeter and volumetric anti theft alarm, remote central lock, and limited slip differential.

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