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New 2014 Jeep® Compass – the Most Capable Compact SUV Hits the Road and Trail With a New Powertrain

Updated Exterior Design, New Interior Choices, Benchmark Capability Give Customers Everything They Want in a Compact SUV

- 2014 Jeep® Compass debuts new six-speed PowerTech automatic transmission
- 2014 Jeep Compass features an updated design – both inside and out
- Fuel economy ratings of up to 30 miles per gallon (mpg) highway
- Unsurpassed Jeep capability offering Trail Rated 4x4 capability with Freedom Drive II Off-road Package and exceptional ride and handling performance in all weather conditions
- New standard front-seat-mounted side air bags and available ParkView rear backup camera giving the Jeep Compass more than 30 safety and security features
- 2014 Jeep Compass delivers value for consumers: legendary Jeep capability and design, fuel economy of up to 30 mpg and loads of standard features

September 1, 2013, Auburn Hills, Mich. - With unmatched Jeep® capability in all weather conditions, fuel economy of up to 30 miles per gallon (mpg), and a refined design, the new 2014 Jeep Compass continues to set the standard in the compact-SUV segment.

For 2014 the Jeep Compass delivers a new six-speed PowerTech automatic transmission, refreshed exterior and interior design, new standard front-seat-mounted air bags, an available ParkView rear backup camera, unsurpassed 4x4 off-road capability in the compact-SUV segment, fuel economy of up to 30 mpg highway, and is a remarkable value for customers.

Delivering the packaging and interior flexibility of an SUV with the performance, handling, fuel economy and price of a compact car, the 2014 Jeep Compass also boasts more than 30 safety and security features, including standard front-seat-mounted side air bags, side-curtain air bags for all rows, electronic stability program (ESC), electronic roll mitigation, Hill-start Assist (with manual transmission), four-wheel anti-lock brakes, LATCH child seat anchors and available ParkView rear backup camera.

The Jeep Compass offers an array of clever features consumers will appreciate whether commuting to work, driving in challenging weather conditions, or exploring new trails or out-of-the-way places. Uconnect media center with iPod interface, SiriusXM Radio, navigation with SiriusXM Travel Link, power sunroof, a premium audio system with nine Boston Acoustic speakers, illuminated cup holders, liftgate speakers and fold-flat rear seats are some of the available features that make the Compass the perfect compact SUV, enabling consumers to enjoy any adventure.

The 2014 Jeep Compass is packed with standard features that provide value and convenience for drivers and passengers. Standard features include air conditioning, power windows, power locks, power/heated exterior mirrors, keyless entry, fog lamps, cruise control, illuminated cup holders, a removable/rechargeable light, outside temperature display, electronic stability control, front driver and passenger active head restraints, electronic roll mitigation, Hill-start Assist, front-seat-mounted side air bags, anti-lock disc brakes, 60/40 fold-flat rear seat and sunscreen glass.

For 2014, the Jeep Compass continues to offer an All-weather Capability Group option which includes Goodyear 17-inch all-terrain tires, all-season floor mats, daytime running headlamps, engine block heater and tow hooks, making the Compass the most capable compact SUV off-road and in all weather conditions.

6F24 six-speed PowerTech automatic transmission

Available for the first time in most 2014 Jeep Compass models is the world-class 6F24 six-speed automatic transmission. Independently developed by PowerTech and refined for application to the 2014 Jeep Compass, the six-speed automatic is fully electronic, and designed for fuel efficiency and improved performance.

Compact and lightweight, the 6F24 eliminated many potential extra engineering efforts from a packaging standpoint with the chassis layout. Overall length of the transmission is 378.5 mm.

The six-speed automatic features a closely aligned 5.46 gear spread that provides nearly imperceptible shifting from launch through highway speeds. With a 4.21 first gear and standard Auto Stick for manual-like shifting, acceleration characteristics deliver fun-to-drive excitement.

With a 0.77 sixth gear, engine rpm is significantly reduced at highway speeds for optimal fuel efficiency. The stepped shift schedule across all six gears is designed for optimal fuel economy in city driving as well. Customers will notice extremely quiet operation throughout the gear ranges with the use of noise-resistant gears that effectively reduce noise, vibration and harshness (NVH).

The final drive ratio when mated to the 2.0-liter I-4 engine is 3.648. When mated to the 2.4-liter I-4 engine both the 4x2 and 4x4 versions will have a final drive ratio of 3.367.

The new six-speed transmission also helps reduce maintenance costs and the cost of ownership with its fill-for-life design. There is no transmission dipstick and transmission filter or fluid changes are not required under normal driving conditions. Low-viscosity fluid is used to improve fuel economy by enabling quicker operating temperatures on the transmission to reduce drag on internal components.

Design

The exterior of the 2014 Jeep Compass has been refined with specific updates that move the design forward. At the front of the Compass Latitude and Limited models the grille has been enhanced with a plated upper grille trim and mold-in-color Billet Silver grille texture. The halogen headlamps now have a black inner bezel on the Sport and Latitude models, and the Limited models sport projector halogen headlamps with a black inner bezel and chrome fog lamp bezels. The Compass also features painted mirror caps, taillamps with a new "smoked" inner bezel, a plated chrome insert on the tailgate trim applique, new available 18-inch aluminum wheels on Limited models, and a new plated chrome insert with recessed "Jeep" badge on the tailgate trim applique for models equipped with the available rear backup camera.

For 2014, the interior of the Jeep Compass has been tastefully upgraded with accents and trim that customers will appreciate. Upgraded features include a new interior trim option in the Compass Limited model: Saddle Brown perforated leather seating with accent stitching. The Latitude model includes a new sport mesh and vinyl seat with light gray accent stitching, and the Light Pebble Beige trim features a new Tangerine accent stitch on the seats. In addition, the armrests and center console lid are now wrapped in vinyl and the instrument cluster overlay graphics have been updated. New satin chrome finish adorns the center bezel, shifter bezel and pull cups and a new bin applique with badge round out the interior design upgrades.

Segment-leading capability

The 2014 Jeep Compass offers customers unsurpassed Jeep 4x4 off-road capability with Jeep Freedom Drive II.

Jeep Compass is available in three drivetrain configurations. In addition to the standard front-wheel-drive system, Jeep Compass also is available with Freedom Drive I and the Freedom Drive II Off-road Package.

Jeep Freedom Drive I 4x4 is an available full-time, active four-wheel-drive system with lock mode designed to give drivers year-round assurance with the ability to handle rough weather and low-traction conditions. This active four-wheel-drive system is recommended for daily use, including slick conditions that come with rain and light snow. Freedom Drive I also features a lockable center coupling, giving drivers the ability to put the Jeep Compass in four-wheel-drive lock mode to handle deep snow, sand and other low-traction surfaces.

The Jeep Freedom Drive II 4x4 Off-road Package is an available four-wheel-drive system that delivers Jeep Trail Rated capability in Compass form. The Freedom Drive II Off-road Package includes a second-generation

continuously variable transaxle with low range (CVT2L) that engages when the off-road mode is activated, 17-inch all-terrain tires and aluminum wheels, a one-inch raised ride height, a full-size spare tire, skid plates, tow hooks, fog lamps and manual seat height adjuster. The available Freedom Drive II Off-road Package is recommended for off-road situations that include steep grades, occasional wheel lift and rock or log climbing.

The 2014 Jeep Compass also provides up to 2,000 pounds of towing capacity.

Jeep Compass model lineup

The 2014 Jeep Compass is available in three configurations: Sport, Latitude and Limited. All are available with front-wheel drive, the Freedom Drive I full-time active 4x4 system, or the Freedom Drive II Off-road full-time active 4x4 system with low-range capability.

2014 Jeep Compass Sport model

The 2014 Jeep Compass Sport model is powered by the 2.0-liter I-4 World Gas Engine which produces 158 horsepower and 141 lb.-ft. of torque, mated to a five-speed manual transmission. Standard features include: new acoustic laminated front windshield glass, front-wheel drive, front-seat-mounted side air bags, advanced multistage front driver and passenger air bags, all-row side curtain air bags, front driver and passenger active head restraints, electronic stability control, electronic roll mitigation, brake assist, Hill-start Assist, anti-lock front disc and rear drum brakes, air conditioning, power windows, power door locks, power-heated fold-away exterior mirrors, body-color exterior door handles and liftgate brow, illuminated keyless entry, Sentry Key engine immobilizer theft-deterrent system, illuminated cup holders, removable/rechargeable flashlight, floor mats, outside temperature display, tilt steering column, speed control, rear 60/40 split folding seat, fold-flat rear seat, cruise control, projector fog lamps, deep tint glass, rear window wiper/washer, 16-inch steel wheels and bright roof side rails.

2014 Jeep Compass Latitude model

In addition to the features that are standard on the Sport model, the 2014 Jeep Compass Latitude standard features include: 6F24 PowerTech six-speed automatic transmission, heated cloth front seats, driver seat height adjuster, fold-flat front passenger seat, 60/40 rear seat recline, 115-volt power inverter and leather-wrapped steering wheel with audio and speed controls.

2014 Jeep Compass Limited model

The 2014 Compass Limited model offers the standard features of the Compass Latitude model as well as: 2.4-liter I-4 dual overhead cam engine that produces 172 horsepower and 164 lb.-ft. of torque mated to the new 6F24 six-speed automatic transmission, four-wheel anti-lock disc brakes, leather-trimmed front and rear seats, power six-way driver seat with manual lumbar adjust, leather-wrapped parking brake handle, Electronic Vehicle Information Center (EVIC), AM/FM/six-disc CD/DVD/MP3/HDD radio, SiriusXM Radio, auto-dimming rearview mirror, bi-function projector halogen headlamps, 18-inch aluminum wheels with Firestone tires, automatic temperature control, universal garage door opener, bright exhaust tip and bright accent on rear fascia.

The 2014 Jeep Compass is available in the following exterior colors: Billet Silver Metallic Clear Coat, Black Clear Coat, Bright Silver Metallic Clear Coat, Bright White Clear Coat, Deep Cherry Red Crystal Pearl Coat, Granite Crystal Metallic Clear Coat, Maximum Steel Metallic Clear Coat, Mineral Gray Metallic Clear Coat, Rugged Brown Pearl Coat, True Blue Pearl Coat and Winter Chill Pearl Coat.

Available options include Freedom Drive I and Freedom Drive II four-wheel drive systems, 2.4-liter I-4 World Gas Engine producing 172 horsepower (129 kW) and 165 lb.-ft. (224 N•m) of torque, ParkView rear backup camera, 6F24 six-speed automatic transmission, power sunroof, Security and Cargo Convenience Group, Sun and Sound Group, Uconnect Voice Command with Bluetooth and iPod connectivity, Uconnect 230 or Uconnect 430 CDDVD/MP3 HDD radio, Premium Sound Group with nine-speaker audio system with liftgate speakers, navigation with SiriusXM Travel Link and the Trailer-tow Prep Group.

Built in America at the Belvidere Assembly Plant in Belvidere, Ill., the 2014 Jeep Compass models are available in dealer showrooms now.

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