



The Zenith of Luxury SUV'S 2016 Range Rover Autobiography

A few months back I had the opportunity to sample for a week the ultimate high performance Range Rover in history The Sport SVR. This week I am behind the wheel of the ultimate luxury Range Rover. It is called the Autobiography and my test vehicle was in optional long wheel base form.

All Range Rovers are incredible capable off road and incredibly luxurious inside. The high-end Autobiography brings that luxury to new level. The interior is simply stunning. Equipment includes a Meridian sound system with 1,700 watts, 29 speakers and 3D Surround Sound. Front passengers are pampered with 18-way driver and passenger power-adjustable front seats including massage and memory; 4-zone climate control; rear-seat entertainment; Surround camera system and numerous driving and convenience aids.

My test vehicle had several stand-alone options that are standards on the top tier SV variant of the Autobiography trim. The back seat is treat for senses. Optional "Executive Class Seating: means a full-length center console that divides the rear into individual seats with recline, heat and massage functions. Independent 10.2-inch screens Twin Video screens were a perfect companion for my 5-year-old daughter.



The vehicle is a full-blooded expression of what today's Range Rover represents, using high-quality leather and materials allied to a supremely modern and individual design. Features include a full-length panoramic roof, along with an attention to quality and detail that raises the bar even higher over Regular Ranger Models. My loaded Long wheel base Autobiography came in at \$160,000. The SV Autobiography models can approach \$200,000

Under the Hood lives a 5.0 liter supercharged V8 good for 510 horsepower and 461 lb-ft of torque. The 8 speed automatic transmission is perfectly matched. Fuel economy is not so great but then again most buyers in this segment will not mind at all. EPA rated at 14 city and 19 highway are numbers that might be hard to achieve from my experience. The Luxury Zenith of the Range Rover portfolio likes to drink premium fuel at decent rate. Don't forget this is Range Rover which means it can still climb rocks and walls with ease.

I liked the extended wheelbase version. The extra added cargo space was much appreciated. Pedal placement could be better and the addition of power adjustable pedals would be a good move in my opinion.

Early Land Rovers were boxes with sanded-off corners and the 2016 Range Rover sleekly continues that theme. Its relative shortness enhances maneuverability; even the long-wheelbase version is about the same length as a Chevy Traverse. Structurally, the aluminum unibody saves roughly 700 pounds, and it's wrapped elegantly from front grille to rear hatch, stem to stern. The headlights and taillights mimic each other's shapes and are linked by a chalk-stripe of a crease that defines the hood's lower edge and the headlights' top edges, slices through the door handles, marks the taillights' top edges and underlines "Range Rover" on the tailgate.

Handling is good with optional 22 inch wheels and very willing athletic chassis. The overall driving experience is wonderful the luxury is unbeatable and the rear executive class cabin is one of the best in the world. The James Bond of Luxury SUV's takes the luxury up a notch for those lucky few who will take delivery of a 2016 Autobiography Long Wheelbase edition

Front Engine-Turbo/AWD-

Highlights

Executive Class Backseat

Amazing Sound System

510 HP supercharged V8

Unsurpassed SUV luxury

Lowlights

Could use power adjustable pedals for comfort

Fuel Economy

Price

The Long Drive Ratings

Scale 1 low-10 High

Exterior Styling 8

Interior styling and quality 10

Handling 7

Braking 7

Fuel Economy 3

Stereo System 10

Performance 7

Trunk-Cargo Capacity 9

Value 5

