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Range Rover gets its first inline-6, a high-tech powerhouse

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Jaguar Land Rover's 3.0-liter Ingenium six-cylinder engine, below, is to debut this spring in the 2019 Range Rover Sport.

Jaguar Land Rover's most technically advanced engine yet, a 3.0-liter inline-six with an electric supercharger and a 48-volt mild-hybrid system, makes its debut this spring in the 2019 Range Rover Sport and early this summer in the 2020 Range Rover.

It's the first time a Range Rover has had an inline six-cylinder gasoline engine.

The new 3.0-liter Ingenium six-cylinder overpowers the outgoing Ford-sourced V-6 engine, which was rated at 340 hp.

The inline-six, built at Jaguar Land Rover's Wolverhampton engine plant in England, is available in two versions, 355 hp in P360 models and 395 hp in the P400 trim.

The inline-six is expected to be used in Jaguar sports cars and sport sedans. From the 1940s through the mid-1990s, Jaguar's cars were powered by some of the industry's smoothest, most powerful inline-sixes. Land Rover has used mostly inline-four, inline-five and V-8 engines since its founding in 1948.

The new engine, which shares many of its internal parts with the 2.0-liter Ingenium four-cylinder engine, severs another link to Ford Motor Co., which sold Jaguar and Land Rover to Tata Motors in 2008.

Mercedes-Benz, Mazda, General Motors and Fiat Chrysler Automobiles all have new inline-sixes out now or coming soon.

Ford still supplies Jaguar Land Rover with V-6 and V-8 engines, but those, too, are scheduled to be replaced.

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