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2018 Range Rover Supercharged LWB Autobiography

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Over the last decade, whenever anyone would ask me as to what is my absolute favourite SUV? I would without hesitation say the big Range Rover Supercharged.

No other SUV felt as good as the Range Rover Supercharged, nothing looked better, and nothing came even close to matching its interior.

In short, it has been the ultimate truck, perhaps even the ultimate luxury vehicle. However, it has had a rather bad reputation for reliability!

When Land Rover started work on the new generation model of the Range Rover (which made its debut in 2013), the first thing they say they tackled was to make this new vehicle much more reliable than the old one. My recent experience taught me, they didn't do their homework correctly!

I lived with this new, 2018



Range Rover Supercharged LWB (Long Wheel Base) Autobiography for a week, a week that saw me put roughly 1000-km on it, and things didn't go as planned!

During my time, just about anything and everything in this vehicle had an issue. The main problem it faced was with recognizing that the key is inside the vehicle!

Even when I held the key exactly where its signal would be best, it still would think the key is not in the vehicle, and hence it wouldn't start – very annoying! When it

would start, often times the two LCD screens that make up for the central dashboard, would go on a vacation, and when they did work, many of the features you'd ask from the touch-screen layout would not work – the massaging seats feature in particular. These kind of issues on any new car are irritating, but downright unacceptable on a SUV costing over \$160,000. Perhaps it just needed a software update, but on a vehicle with less than a 1,000 km on the odometer, this should not be the case!

The more common issue most people have with the Range Rover, especially ones equipped with the boosted motor, has to do with its fuel-economy – but given its massive 5.0-liter, supercharged, V8 motor (which produces 518-hp and 461-lb/ft of torque), and its weight (2,451 kg curb weight), that should be expected. I aver-

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