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The Jeep brand name is pretty much synonymous with muscular off-roading capability, nostalgic styling, and an upscale feel. If you're looking to buy a Grand Cherokee for yourself, there are tons of different features and trim levels to consider, and you may need some assistance in deciding which options are best suited for your needs. Fortunately, this *Buyer's Guide to the 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee* will help!

## 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee Overview

The Grand Cherokee is Jeep's midsize 4-door SUV with seating for five, and it offers one of the brand's most luxurious interiors. Sleek, modern design meets the classic shape and 7-slot grille that Jeep has always boasted, making for a vehicle that's stunningly beautiful inside and out. Also, did we mention it's extremely capable of handling just about anything you throw at it?

The vehicle offers 36.3 ft<sup>3</sup> of cargo space when all seats are in use, or you can fold down the back row of seating to access a total cargo capacity of 68.3 ft<sup>3</sup>. The front seat offers 39.9 inches of headroom and 40.3 inches of legroom. In the rear seats, you'll find 39.2 inches of headroom and 38.6 inches of legroom. The Grand Cherokee offers four different engines, a variety of off-roading features, and several different trim levels, all which we'll explore in this guide.



## ENGINE OPTIONS

The Jeep Grand Cherokee offers a variety of engine options, so you can choose the one that has the power you need for your drives and towing jobs. The 2018 model year offers a brand-new engine that's only available in the Trackhawk trim level, which is also a new introduction for 2018, and it's absolutely mind-blowing.

**Good:** The base engine on the Grand Cherokee is a 3.6L Pentastar® V6, which produces 295 horsepower and 260 lb-ft of torque. This engine achieves an EPA-estimated 19 city/26 highway MPG.<sup>1</sup> When properly equipped, this engine has the capability to tow up to 6,200 pounds. This engine can also be equipped with Stop/Start technology that can turn the engine off while idling in order to conserve fuel.

**Better:** The next step up is a 6.4L HEMI® V8 that offers 475 horsepower and an impressive 470 lb-ft of torque. This powerful engine is paired with an 8-speed automatic transmission, and is available on the SRT trim. When properly equipped, this engine can tow up to 7,200 pounds.

**Best:** The best regular engine is a large 5.7L HEMI® V8 that produces 360 horsepower and 390 lb-ft of torque. This powerful engine offers an EPA-estimated 14 city/22 highway MPG.<sup>1</sup> This engine can tow up to 7,200 pounds when properly equipped. This engine choice is available with Fuel Saver Technology.

**Insane:** This year's new engine, available only in the beastly Trackhawk trim level, is a 6.2L V8 Hellcat that produces an astonishing 707 horsepower and 645 lb-ft of torque.



## OFF-ROADING CAPABILITY

Jeep tradition dictates that the brand's offerings should be the most capable off-roading vehicles on the market. Each new year, the brand delivers on this expectation. The 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee offers three different 4x4 drivetrain systems, designed to meet the varying needs of drivers. That means that no matter how you plan to use your Grand Cherokee, there's an option built specifically for you.

**Selec-Terrain® Traction Control System:** This system offers five different manually operated settings to handle a variety of conditions and terrain. Each of the settings adjusts multiple total vehicle systems, including throttle control, accelerator pedal response, transmission shifting, transfer case operation, traction control, and Electronic Stability Control. Choose from Sport, Snow, Auto, Sand/Mud, and Rock.

**Quadra-Lift® Air Suspension System:** This system is able to raise your Jeep's ground clearance by up to 10.8 inches with the touch of a button. For easy entry, exit, and loading of the vehicle, you can also lower the suspension by 1.6 inches. There are five different selectable settings for any driving scenario you'll encounter: Park, Aero, Normal, Off-Road I, and Off-Road II.

**Selec-Speed® Control:** This feature helps when climbing or descending steep grades. The system comes with Hill Start Assist and Hill Descent Control. Hill Start Assist keeps your brakes applied after you've released the brake, so you have time to accelerate before the vehicle can roll backwards. Hill Descent Control monitors throttle, speed, and braking to keep the vehicle under control when you're traveling downhill.



**Quadra-Trac I®:** This is a full-time system that provides power to the front and rear axles.

**Quadra-Trac II®:** This full-time system is able to anticipate wheel slippage and continuously transfer torque to the wheel with the most traction, helping pull you across rough terrain. You'll get a low-range setting that's great for crawling over rocks.

**Quadra-Drive II®:** This full-time system combines Quadra-Trac II® with Selec-Terrain®, offering superior traction in all weather conditions and on all off-road conditions. It comes with An Electronic Limited-Slip Differential in the rear, so 100 percent of the available torque can be directed to a single rear wheel.



## TRIM LEVELS

The 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee is offered in a wide assortment of trim levels, each offering a different collection of features and technologies. These are the six main trim levels, although Jeep releases special edition versions on top of these offerings...

**Laredo:** This trim level is well-equipped for a base trim, and comes with a 3.6L V6 engine and an 8-speed automatic transmission. The Laredo is equipped with 17-inch alloy wheels, automatic headlights, fog lights, and heated mirrors to keep your rear vision clear, even in bad weather conditions. Rear parking sensors and a rearview camera make backing up in a crowded parking lot and parallel parking in the city a breeze. For convenience, you'll have standard keyless entry and ignition, allowing you to enter and start the car without having to dig through your pocket or purse



for the key. Inside the cabin, you'll have dual-zone automatic temperature control to keep you comfortable, and an upscale leather-wrapped tilt-and-telescoping steering wheel. Tech features include a 5-inch touchscreen display, 6-speaker sound system, and a variety of ways to connect with your entertainment, including Bluetooth®, a USB port, and an auxiliary audio jack.

**Limited:** On the Limited trim and above, you can keep the base engine, or you can opt for one of the more powerful engines, either the 5.7L HEMI® V8, which comes with an 8-speed automatic transmission. You'll upgrade to 18-inch wheels for greater ground clearance, and you'll have the option to remotely start the engine, so the car's warmed up and ready to go when you are.

Additional standard features include auto-dimming driver-side rearview mirrors, driver's seat memory settings, a heated steering wheel, and a convenient power liftgate. You'll also upgrade to leather upholstery, 8-way power adjustable front seats, and add a 115-volt power outlet and a second USB port.

**Trailhawk:** The Trailhawk is the Grand Cherokee trim that's built to handle any treacherous off-roading scenario without breaking a sweat. You'll gain off-roading tires, standard Quadra-Drive II®, a Quadra-Trac II® system, Selec-Speed® control, and other Trailhawk-specific tuning. Hill Ascent and Descent Control are standard, as well as an electronic limited-slip rear differential, underbody skid plates, power-folding side mirrors, and an upgraded instrument cluster display with special off-roading features. Inside the cabin, you'll gain an 8.4-inch touchscreen display, a 9-speaker sound system, and ventilated front seats to keep you cool.

**Overland:** The Overland adds to the Limited's features with power-folding side mirrors, and the upgraded 8.4-inch display, and a 9-speaker sound system. In addition, you'll get some added luxuries, including automatic wipers,



xenon headlights with auto leveling, automatic high beam control, LED daytime running lights and fog lights, and a dual-pane panoramic sunroof. You'll also gain a navigation system to keep you from getting lost, HD Radio™, 20-inch wheels, and a power-adjustable steering wheel.

**Summit:** The Summit comes with all the Overland's standard equipment, plus polished 20-inch wheels, headlamp washers, and illuminated door sills. For safety, you'll gain front parking sensors, a self-parking system, Adaptive Cruise Control, Blind Spot Monitoring with Rear Cross-Traffic Alert, a Forward Collision Mitigation System, and Lane Departure Warning. The addition of noise-reducing acoustic glass windows and active noise cancelling technology keep the cabin serenely quiet, and you'll gain luxurious upgraded leather upholstery with stylish diamond-quilted accents.

**SRT:** As the second to highest trim level for the 2018 Grand Cherokee, the SRT is where powerful capability collides with interior and exterior luxury. This trim has the 6.4L HEMI® SRT V8 engine under the hood and standard premium leather seats with the perforated Ultrasuede inserts in the interior. For the exterior aesthetic, this trim offers an additional wheel option. The 20-inch x 10-inch black satin wheels, as compared to the standard satin carbon split 5-spoke wheels, add an extra layer of sleekness to the SRT's body.

**Trackhawk:** The Trackhawk is Jeep's new 2018 offering, designed with the most powerful engine in the midsize SUV class. This trim level is able to travel over pavement at incredible speeds, going from 0-60 MPH in just 3.5 seconds. Standard Brembo® yellow brakes provide power to bring the car back from 60-0 MPH in just 114 feet. Special race-inspired seat bolsters keep you comfortably in place during spirited maneuvers, and the interior of the car is covered with beautiful accents, including carbon fiber trim.



## SCHEDULE YOUR TEST DRIVE

If the Grand Cherokee sounds like it's equipped to handle even your toughest driving needs—and trust us, it is—you'll want to get behind the wheel and try it for yourself. Contact your local Jeep dealer today to schedule your test drive!

<sup>1</sup>Based on 2018 EPA estimates. Actual results may vary.