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2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee- The Jeep Grand Cherokee is all-new for 2011. Featuring smoothed lines and larger bulging fenders, the new design is nevertheless instantly recognizable as a Cherokee. New exterior features include available 20 inch wheels, HID headlights that adjust to oncoming traffic and a power rear lift gate. A new optional panoramic sunroof extends over rear passengers to offer an enhanced view of the great outdoors.

Inside, Jeep continues to inherit the Chrysler group's recent trend toward top notch interiors. The richer looking cabin offers real wood inlays, a heated steering wheel, heated front (and rear) seats and leather dash / door trim on the top end models. Jeep also checks the box for a rear view backup camera, a must have for near-luxury vehicles these days. Rear seat leg room is increased by 4 inches over the previous model along with another 5 cubic feet or so of cargo room behind the rear seats.

The 5.7 liter Hemi V-8 returns as an option for the Grand Cherokee with its trick cylinder deactivation system that allows 4 cylinder operation to avoid sucking the gas tank dry. But if it's fuel economy you want, opt for the standard Flex fuel 3.6 liter V-6 which manages an EPA estimated 16 mpg city and 22 mpg highway for the all wheel drive model, while still offering 290 horsepower and 260 lb.-ft. of torque when you need it. Plus, the range capability on one tank of gas hits the 500 mile mark.

As with most Jeep products, there are plenty of drive train configurations to choose from. Both the V-6 and the Hemi V-8 can be had with rear wheel drive, and there are no less than 3 all wheel drive systems offered: a single speed transfer case, a 2-speed transfer case or a 2-speed transfer case with an electronic limited slip rear differential. An optional Quadra-Lift air suspension features 5 settings for everything from easy vehicle entry/exit to serious off roading. The Selec-Terrain option allows the driver to select from 5 preset conditions including sand/mud, snow, rock, sport and auto (to let the vehicle computer decide).

All of these features show that Jeep is focused on keeping the Grand Cherokee at the top of the SUV heap. Finer interior materials, more room, better economy and more capable on/off road performance show that the 2011 Grand Cherokee is reaching its pinnacle.

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THE ESSENTIALS

- **Engine:** Standard 3.6 liter V-6, DOHC, aluminum block and heads, 4 valves per cylinder / Optional 5.7 liter V-8, pushrod, iron block, aluminum heads, 2 valves per cylinder
- **Horsepower:** 3.6 liter V-6 : 290 hp @ 6,400 rpm / 5.7 liter Hemi V-8: 360 hp @ 5,150 rpm
- **Torque:** 3.6 liter V-6: 260 lb.-ft @ 4,800 rpm / 5.7 liter Hemi V-8: 390 lb.-ft @ 4,250 rpm
- **Drivetrain:** Longitudinal front mounted engine, 5-speed automatic transmission, rear wheel or all wheel drive
- **Empty Weight:** 4,470 lbs. (3.6 liter V-6 2WD Laredo), 5,210 lbs. (5.7 liter Hemi V-8 4WD Overland)
- **Power to Weight:** 15.4 lbs./1 hp (3.6 liter V-6 2WD Laredo), 14.5 lbs./1 hp (5.7 liter Hemi V-8 4WD Overland)
- **Payload:** 1,480 - 2,030 lbs. depending on engine and trim level
- **Maximum Trailer Towing Weight:** 5,000 -7,400 lbs. depending on engine and trim level
- **Suspension:** Front A-arms, coil springs, anti-sway bar / Rear multi-link, coil springs
- **Brakes:** Front 12.9 in. ventilated discs / rear 12.6 in. solid discs
- **Wheels/Tires (standard):** Laredo: 17 x 8 in. aluminum alloy / P245/70R17, Limited: 18 x 8 in. aluminum alloy / P265/60R18, Overland: 20 x 8 in. aluminum alloy / P265/50R20
- **Seating Capacity:** 5 passenger
- **Cargo Volume:** 35.1 cubic ft
- **Fuel Economy:** V-6: Estimated EPA 16 mpg city / 23 mpg highway (2WD), 16 mpg city / 22 mpg highway (4WD), Hemi V-8: Estimated EPA 14 mpg city / 20 mpg highway (2WD), 13 mpg city / 19 mpg highway (4WD)
- **Recommended Fuel:** V-6: Regular / Hemi V-8: Mid-grade
- **Major Safety Features:** Driver and front passenger airbags, front side airbags, side curtain airbags, 3-point safety belts, driver and front passenger active head restraints, traction control, ABS with electronic brake force distribution, tire pressure monitoring system
- **Base Price:** \$30,995 (4x2 Laredo V-6)
- **Cost per Horsepower:** \$107

NOTABLE STANDARD FEATURES

- Flex fuel 3.6 liter V-6 engine
- Four wheel independent suspension
- More rigid body than previous model
- SIRIUS Satellite radio
- 3 year or 36,000 mile basic warranty, 5 year or 100,000 mile powertrain warranty, 5 year or 100,000 mile rust through warranty

MAJOR OPTIONS

- "Off Road Adventure" Package 1 - Skid plate, 2-speed transfer case, Selec-Terrain system, full size spare tire, all terrain tires
- "Off Road Adventure" Package 2 - Quadra-Drive 4 wheel drive (V-8 only), 2-speed transfer case, Selec-Terrain system, Quadra-Lift air suspension system, skid plate, full size spare tire, all terrain tires
- V-6 Trailer Tow Group - Rear load leveling suspension, full size spare tire, Class IV receiver hitch with 7-pin and 4-pin harness
- V-8 Trailer Tow Group - Heavy-duty engine cooling, oil cooler, 220 amp alternator, rear load leveling suspension, full size spare tire, class IV receiver hitch with 7-pin and 4-pin harness

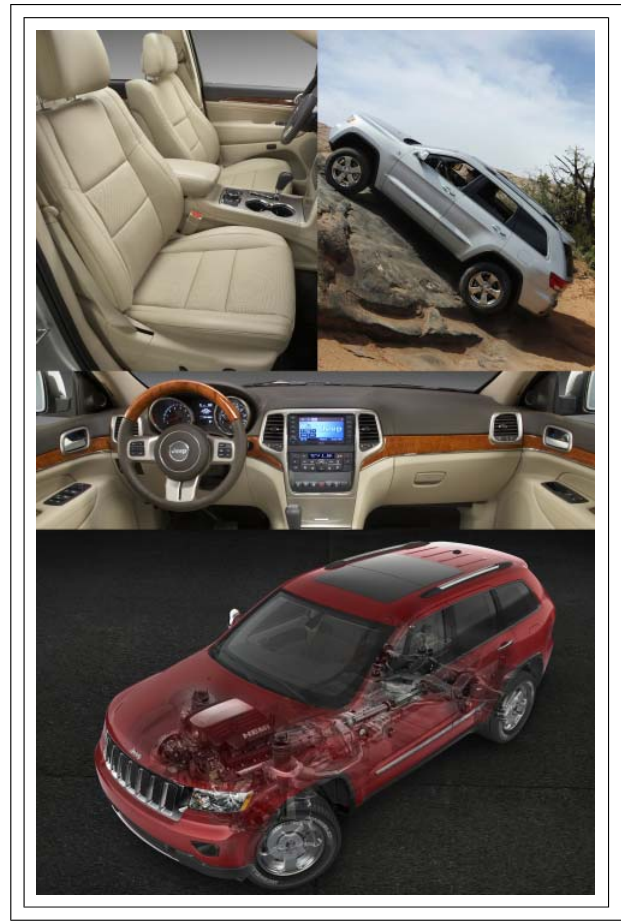
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