

Contact: Amy Delcamp

Todd Goyer

## **2012 Jeep Patriot: Segment-leading 4 x 4 Capability and the Best-priced SUV in America**

- The best-priced SUV in America, rugged styling, segment-leading 4 x 4 off-road capability, excellent fuel economy of up to 29 miles per gallon and interior versatility provide tremendous value
- Jeep Patriot provides exceptional ride and handling performance in all weather conditions
- 2012 Jeep Patriot features more than 30 safety and security features, including standard electronic stability control, electronic roll mitigation, Hill-start Assist and side-curtain air bags that cover all rows
- A 2011 Insurance Institute for Highway Safety "Top Safety Pick"

August 31, 2011, Auburn Hills, Mich. - The 2012 Jeep® Patriot, the best-priced compact sport-utility vehicle (SUV) in America, offers consumers segment-leading 4 x 4 capability and excellent fuel economy along with aggressive exterior styling, clever interior features and unsurpassed off-road capability with the Freedom Drive II system.

The 2012 Jeep Patriot is unmistakably a Jeep, designed to appeal to compact-SUV buyers who want traditional Jeep styling with best-in-class off-road capability at an affordable price.

New for 2012, Jeep Patriot sports four new exterior colors: Rescue Green Pearl Coat, True Blue Pearl Coat (late availability), Blue Streak Pearl Coat (late availability) and Copperhead Pearl Coat (late availability). Calibration improvements to the available Continuously Variable Transmission (CVTII) provide drivers with better launch acceleration, smoother deceleration, improved pedal responsiveness and reduced engine noise.

Jeep Patriot combines the packaging and interior flexibility of an SUV with the performance, handling, fuel economy and price of a compact car. Many standard safety features, such as all-row side-curtain air bags and electronic stability control (ESC), add to Jeep Patriot's tremendous value.

The 2012 Jeep Patriot offers an array of clever features consumers will appreciate whether commuting to work, exploring new trails or out-of-the-way places or driving in challenging weather condition. A Uconnect® media center with iPod interface, SiriusXM Satellite Radio, navigation with SIRIUS Travel Link, power sunroof, a premium audio system with nine Boston Acoustic speakers, articulating liftgate speakers, illuminated cup holders and fold-flat rear seats are some of the available cool features that make the 2012 Jeep Patriot the perfect compact SUV, enabling drivers and passengers to enjoy any adventure.

The 2012 Jeep Patriot is packed with standard features that provide value and convenience for drivers and passengers. Standard features include electronic stability control, electronic roll mitigation, hill start assist, anti-lock disc brakes, illuminated cup holders, sunscreen glass, fog lamps, removable/rechargeable flash light, outside temperature display, rear fold-flat 60/40 folding seat, rear window defrost and wiper, tilt steering column, cruise control and sliding visors with mirror.

For 2012, the Jeep Patriot continues to offer an All-weather Capability Group option which includes Goodyear 17-inch all-terrain tires, all-season floor mats, daytime running headlamps, engine block heater and tow hooks.

### **Segment-leading Capability**

The 2012 Jeep Patriot offers customers unsurpassed 4x4 off-road capability with Jeep Freedom Drive II. Despite the numerous capability features, the 2012 Jeep Patriot boasts unsurpassed 4x4 fuel economy of 28 mpg highway in its segment.

Jeep Patriot is available in three drivetrain configurations. In addition to the standard front-wheel-drive system, it also is available with Freedom Drive I and the Freedom Drive II Off-Road Packages.

Jeep Freedom Drive I is an available full-time, active four-wheel-drive system with lock mode designed to give drivers year-round assurance with the ability to handle rough weather and low-traction conditions. This active four-wheel-drive system is recommended for daily use, including slick conditions that come with rain and light snow. Freedom Drive I also features a lockable center coupling, giving drivers the ability to put the Jeep Patriot in four-wheel-drive lock mode to handle deep snow, sand and other low-traction surfaces.

The Jeep Freedom Drive II Off-Road Package is an available four-wheel-drive system that delivers Jeep Trail Rated® capability in Patriot form. The Freedom Drive II Off-Road Package includes a second-generation continuously variable transaxle with low range (CVT2L) that engages when the off-road mode is activated, 19:1 crawl ratio, 17-inch all-terrain tires and aluminum wheels, a full-size spare tire, skid plates, tow hooks, fog lamps and manual seat height adjuster. The available Freedom Drive II Off-Road Package is recommended for moderate off-road situations that include steep grades, occasional wheel lift and rock or log climbing.

The 2012 Jeep Patriot's powertrain is designed to deliver world-class performance in all weather conditions, with exceptional fuel economy and refinement, all at an affordable, value-packed price.

The Jeep Patriot features a standard 2.0-liter World Engine for the 2012 Patriot Sport and Latitude models that provides 158 horsepower (117 kW) and 141 lb.-ft. (191 N•m) of torque coupled with the continuously variable transmission (CVT2), and delivers unsurpassed 23 miles per gallon (mpg) in the city, and 29 mpg on the highway when mated to the five-speed manual transmission.

The proven 2.4-liter World Engine produces 172 horsepower (129 kW) and 165 lb.-ft. (224 N•m) of torque and is available on all models and standard on the Limited. This 2.4-liter World Engine has dual variable-valve timing (VVT) on both intake and exhaust camshafts, which helps optimize the torque curve at all speeds and produces more power, better fuel economy and smoother, quieter operation than engines without dual VVT. Dual VVT is a technology typically not available on vehicles sold in the United States in the Jeep Patriot's price class. The Patriot's 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine paired with a five-speed manual transaxle in front-wheel drive configuration delivers unsurpassed 23 mpg in the city, and 29 mpg on the highway.

The 2012 Jeep Patriot also features a standard five-speed manual transaxle on the entry-level Patriot Sport model and a CVT that is available on the Patriot Sport model and standard on the Latitude and Limited models. The Patriot's CVT2 is a second-generation CVT that Chrysler Group engineers calibrated for pleasing engine response and precise ratio control. CVT2 contributes to a fuel economy improvement of 6–8 percent compared with a traditional four-speed automatic. The 2012 Jeep Patriot CVT2 also improves vehicle performance compared with a traditional automatic transaxle because of optimized gear ratios, especially in the 30–60 mph range during passing maneuvers.

The 2012 Jeep Patriot delivers up to 2,000 lbs. of towing capacity.

### **Jeep Patriot Model Lineup**

The 2012 Jeep Patriot offers three available models: Patriot Sport, Latitude and Limited. All are available with front-wheel drive, the Jeep Freedom Drive I full-time, active 4x4 system or the Freedom Drive II Off-Road Package full-time, active 4x4 system with low-range capability.

The 2012 Jeep Patriot Sport model is powered by the 2.0-liter I-4 World Gas Engine (producing 158 horsepower (117 kW) and 141 lb.-ft. (191 N•m) of torque) mated to a five-speed manual transmission. Standard features include: electronic stability control, electronic roll mitigation, Hill-start Assist, advanced, multi-stage front and passenger air bags, anti-lock front disc and rear drum brakes, audio jack, fog lamps, illuminated cup holders, removable/rechargeable flashlight, floor mats, outside temperature display, fold-flat 60/40 folding rear seat, rear seat heat ducts, rear window defrost and wiper, front sliding visors with mirror, tilt steering column, cruise control, deep tint glass and roof side rails.

The 2012 Jeep Patriot Latitude model offers the standard features of the Sport model, as well as the following standard features: air conditioning, power windows, power door locks, power heated exterior mirrors, illuminated

keyless entry, 17-inch aluminum wheels, remote start, front heated cloth seats, rear 60/40 seat recline, driver seat height adjuster, fold-flat front passenger seat, 115-volt power inverter, body color exterior door handles and liftgate brow and leather-wrapped steering wheel with audio and speed controls.

In addition to the standard features offered on the Latitude model, the 2012 Jeep Patriot Limited includes: 2.4-liter I-4 World Gas Engine producing 172 horsepower (129 kW) and 165 lb.-ft. (224 N•m) of torque, leather seats, four-wheel anti-lock disc brakes, driver's seat manual lumbar adjust, leather-wrapped parking brake handle, six-way power driver's seat, Electronic Vehicle Information Center (EVIC), AM/FM/six-disc CD/DVD/MP3/HDD radio, SIRIUS Satellite Radio, automatic temperature control, bright exhaust tip and bright accents on the front and rear fascias.

Available options include: Jeep Freedom Drive I and Freedom Drive II four-wheel drive systems, 2.4-liter I-4 World Gas Engine producing 172 horsepower (129 kW) and 165 lb.-ft. (224 N•m) of torque, power sunroof, Uconnect hands-free Bluetooth compatible phone with iPod connectivity, driver- and passenger-front-seat mounted air bags, premium nine-speaker audio system with liftgate speakers and navigation with SIRIUS Travel Link.

The 2012 Jeep Patriot is available in the following exterior colors: Black Clear Coat, Bright Silver Metallic Clear Coat, Bright White Clear Coat, Deep Cherry Red Crystal Pearl Coat, Mineral Gray Metallic Clear Coat, Rescue Green Pearl Coat, Copperhead Pearl Coat (late availability), True Blue Pearl Coat (late availability) and Blue Streak Pearl Coat (late availability).

Built at the Belvidere Assembly Plant in Belvidere, Ill., 2012 Jeep Patriot models will begin arriving in dealer showrooms in the third quarter, 2011.

+ + +

-###-

Additional information and news from Stellantis are available at: <https://media.stellantisnorthamerica.com>