

FOUNDRY 4X4 INTRODUCES X-BRAKE FOR SECOND-GENERATION RANGE ROVER

THE RISE OF THE P38A RANGE ROVER is a noted phenomenon in the off-road side of the Land Rover scene at the moment. The last Rangey with proper axles is dirt cheap to buy – especially when compared to the increasingly ludicrous prices 90s and 110s have been making since Land Rover announced it was going to stop making them. And though it can be horrendously expensive to fix when it goes wrong (or ‘all the time’ to use another phrase for it), it’s capable of being modified into an extremely capable machine – and one which, again unlike a Defender, stands a fighting chance of making it past the first couple of nights on your driveway without someone stealing it.

So anyway, the rise of the Mk2 Rangey is reflected in the ever-increasing amount of kit available for modding

it. The latest being a new version of Foundry 4x4’s famous X-Brake.

This has been around for a long time now, and it’s been a massive hit with Land Rover drivers. For all their many strengths, after all, Defenders of a certain age aren’t exactly noted for their handbrakes – but by replacing the hopeless old drum with a high-quality, adjustable disc, the X-Eng original has transformed many a 90 and 110 into things whose wheels only turn when you want them to.

And now you can say the same about the P38. A very welcome addition to the range of kit available for making a proper off-roader of it, the P38 X-Brake costs £275 including the VAT and is available from Foundry 4x4 – you’ll find them at www.foundry4x4.co.uk.

MINI-MOG FOR BIG KIDS...



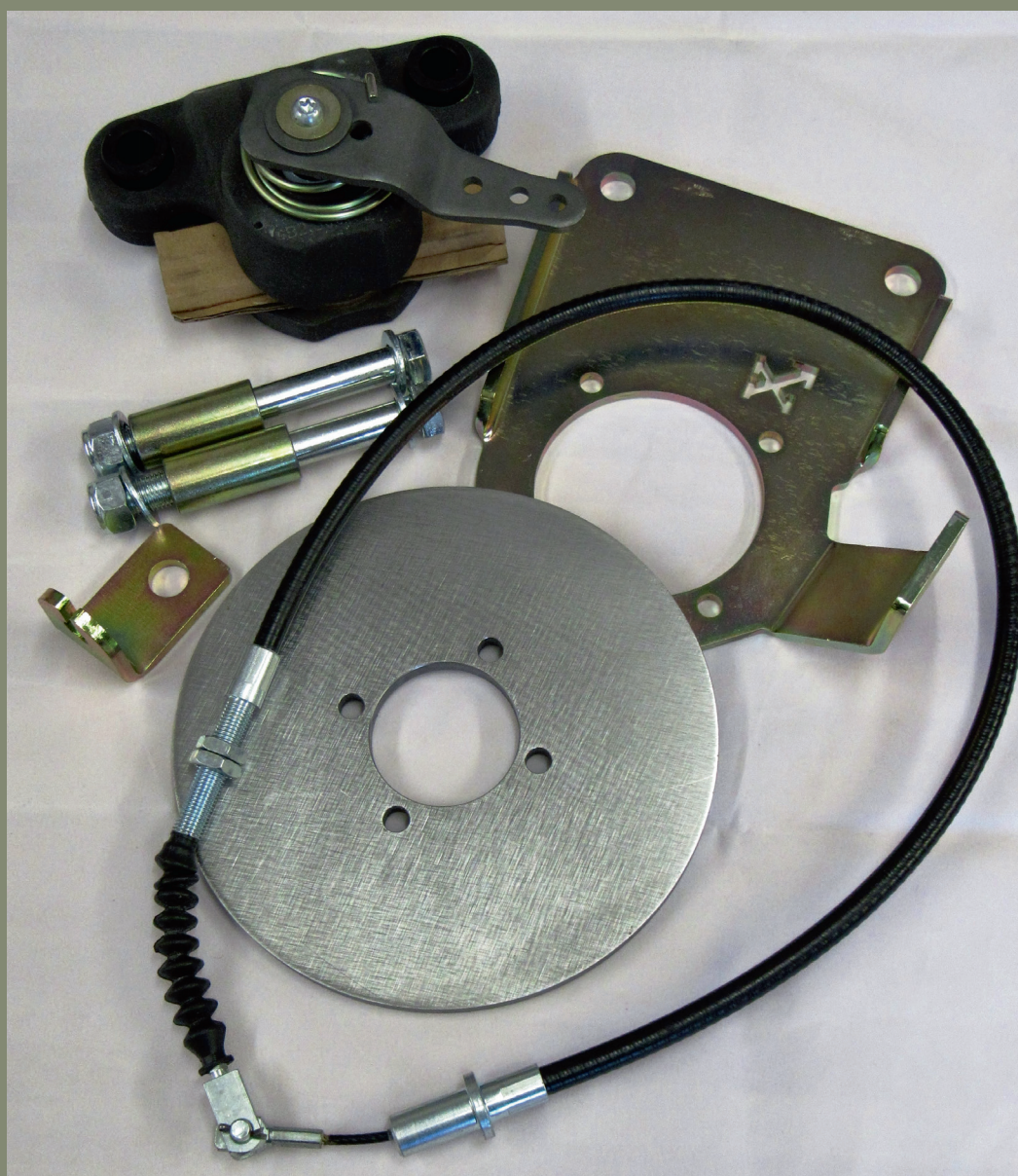
WHEN YOU’RE A KID, toys are your world. Some make it higher up the favourites list than others, of course; some will stick with you for years and years. Others may simply be a five-minute fad.

It’s amazing what can climb the ranks to be a child’s number one play companion, but an electric vehicle that makes you feel like mummy and daddy when they’re driving must have a head start on Monopoly.

Toylander specialises in this area – more specifically, in electric vehicles for kids which look like 4x4s. They’ve got a new one out, too – and whereas they’ve always been associated with models that look like Land Rovers, this one bears a much stronger resemblance to the mighty Unimog.

That’s a pretty funky thing to be based on, and indeed the Unilander does look pretty funky. Besides, at the age of five when you have to choose between an archaic pedal bike and one of these when you rock up to the school gates for the first time, only one is clearly going to be setting you off on the right track in life.

It’s the type of toy that has made us question our entire childhoods, to be frank. Still, onwards and upwards... if you’ve got a member of the family that can still be age-identified in months, or even just single figures, then this could be their next top toy. It’s all to be found at www.toylander.com.



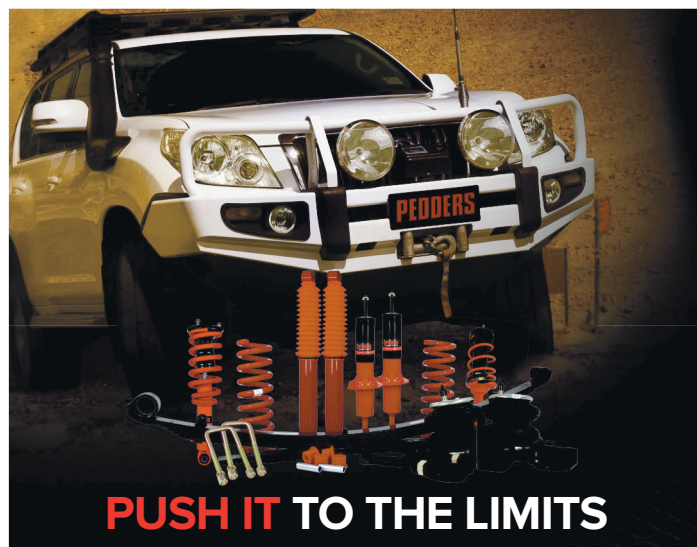


PEDDERS D-MAX KIT NOW AVAILABLE FROM ISUZU DEALERS

PICK-UPS ARE ALWAYS a compromise, as everyone knows. Trying to design a vehicle that can smoothly carry the crew with the loadbed empty or simply crammed is an almost impossible task. The Isuzu D-Max doesn't have a bad go at it, but now there is an officially approved upgrade that should make things better, especially off-road.

The Pedders TrakRyder Lift Kit is designed for the D-Max double-cab models and gives a lift that increases ride height by 35-40mm. The variable leaf design for the rear and the rest of the kit, including foam cell shocks, bushes and so on, mean better approach and departure angles off-road, even when the pick-up is fully laden, and better performance on rough ground. On the road the system gives increased suspension travel for a more comfortable ride.

The kit is easy to fit, through your Isuzu dealer, and costs £1357.15 ex VAT. That includes supply and fit.



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TRUCKMAN LAUNCHES TONNEAU COVER AND ROLL BAR COMBO

PICK-UPS CAN BE BOTH STYLISH AND PRACTICAL, but sometimes there is a bit of a conflict between the two qualities. Having a load bed is pretty handy but then it's also a bit handy for anyone to stick their hands in and 'borrow' tools, body parts or whatever else you have in there.

Auto Styling Truckman have a stylish answer to a practical problem, and they've added a unique twist too. They've launched the first aluminium tonneau cover that has a roll bar on it. The Upstone tonneau cover can even be fitted without any drilling, and can feature a stylish roll bar on the top near the cab.

Of course, for total security, you want the cover to lock on to the tailgate, and they offer a locking system with the cover. It just needs four holes drilled in the tailgate and there you are, all safe and secure. The system even reduces fuel consumption as it lowers drag over the load bed.

The roll bar doesn't get in the way of the tonneau cover hinging up, and blends in nicely. The Upstone tonneau cover comes in silver or black aluminium. They will fit every Double Cab and Extra Cab model from the major manufacturers, so if you want to find out more then check out www.autostylinguk.co.uk or www.truckman.co.uk



SEAT RETRIM KITS FROM BRITPART

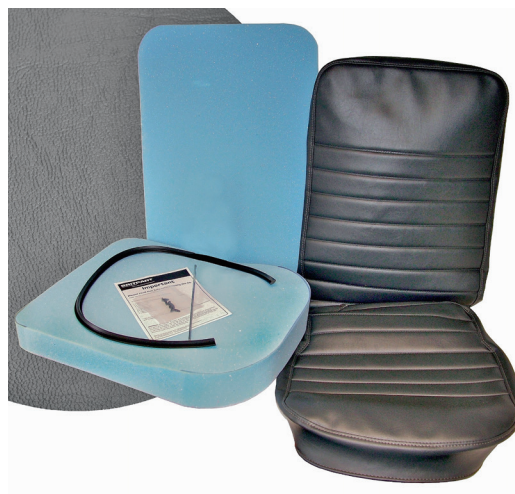
TIME TO GIVE YOUR DEFENDER'S SEATS a new lease of life? There's a variety of high-cost options to choose from, and extremely good some of them are too.

But if a full bespoke leather interior is a bit rich for you (or you've got a truck whose seats exist on a diet of mud, crumbs and dog), these new retrim kits from Britpart offer a DIY answer that won't break either the bank or, if they take one for the team, your heart.

Each kit includes pre-shaped foam and outer covers for the cushion and squab, a headrest cover and all the rods, retainers and fixings required to attach these to the frame of your seat. There are two different Outer Seat kits, one to suit trucks from the start of manufacture to 2007 and the other for Puma models from 2007 on, as well as a third Centre Seat kit for 1990-on Defenders.

If yours is a pre-2007 model, the choice of fabric styles includes vinyl twill, Techno, black, grey and XS-style black-and-charcoal. For Pumas and centre seats, it's the same line-up minus the XS-style option.

Prices vary depending on the fabric – and of course the dealer you're buying from. But as a rough rule of thumb, you can expect to pay from about £55 including VAT for a Centre Seat kit, and from about £70-100 for an Outer Seat.



YOU KNOW THE FEELING. The weather's getting hotter, even a bit stickier, and your rear is heating up far more than your front. With summer allegedly coming, now is the time to do something about that sweaty area behind you. Fortunately Britpart have a cooling solution.

Rear air-conditioning kits. They're just the thing for your 110 or 130 Defender and, although they're big-looking items, they just slot right in. You get all you need to connect to the air-con system including hoses and the interface manifold that connects to the existing system.

The kits don't work with Defenders with auto transmission but they'll fit most Defenders with manual gearboxes. To find out how you too can keep your cool in a very important area, check out Britpart on www.britpart.com or email them at uksales@britpart.co.uk



RECENTLY ADDED to the range on offer from Tyres Direct Online is the Achilles Desert Hawk X-MT. This is a mud-terrain with a three-step tread pattern and armoured sidewalls for greater traction and resistance to damage. The range available in the UK offers some of the less commonly seen sizes – in particular, for 17", 18" and 20" rims. Prices for most tend to hover around the £100-£115 mark, though 20" fitments cost a bit more. It's all at www.tyresdirectuk.co.uk.





RUGGED LOAD COVER FOR JK WRANGLER

RUGGED RIDGE has come up with a practical Rear Cargo Cover for your Jeep. It's a fabric cover that goes into the cargo area and is secured with a flexible side retention system. It means you can have the rear seats fully or partly folded, yet a front curtain wall will stop pets or whatever from coming forward into the main cabin area.

The material it's made from is a water-resistant woven ballistic fabric, so it'll keep out dirt, debris and of course pets. Since these were designed in Georgia, USA, we're assuming this includes pets with big fangs or big claws.

The covers are quick to put in or out, and will fit any four-door Jeep JK Wrangler model (2007-2016), with a cover for two-door models available later this summer. Check them out on www.RuggedRidge.com



Also new from Rugged Ridge are these Trail Runner classic steel wheels. These, like the Jeeps they're made to go on, are genyooine Yankee products, and they're built tough. They're also built to the latest standards and have a hub-centric design so the wheel is precisely centred which helps reduce any vibration.

There are five spokes, although if you look at it another way there are five kidney-shaped holes in the wheel. The wheels are finished in strong gloss black so they can take the knocks on the trail. There is also a moulded ABS 'center cap' giving you the choice of fitting it or not for a different look.

The 19x9" steels are available through Rugged Ridge's website, so if you want to look all rugged on the trail go to: www.RuggedRidge.com



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PROTECTIVE GRILLE FOR 2007-ON WRANGLERS



THE LATEST ADDITION to Nene Overland's Wild Jeep range of accessories for America's finest is this 1.5mm aluminium grille for the JK Wrangler. Suitable for all models from 2007 onwards, it's designed to

protect the radiator (and intercooler, if yours isn't a Rubicon) from flying stones and other debris.

Pressed from sheet alloy to give a very precise finish, the grille has a distinctive diamond pattern

mesh that's built-in, not stuck on afterwards. It comes as standard with the black finish you see here, but Raptor coating is available as an optional extra – as indeed is any colour finish you want.

The grille costs a reassuringly expensive £349 plus VAT and is supplied for DIY fitting with all the fixings you need to do the job. To find out more, just pay a visit to www.neneoverland.co.uk.

TIMBERWOLF PROMISES THE PICASSO TOUCH

TIMBERWOLF FABRICATIONS is Timber Trail 4x4's response to the burgeoning market for individual off-road accessories and bespoke equipment. It's the deartment of the company that deals with in-house

fabrication work, constructing parts that are designed to do the job yet remain uncomplicated and easy enough to install.

'We wanted to cover all skills and their demands in the market,' says the company adamantly. 'If you want an item already built up, then come to Timberwolf Fabrications. If you'd prefer to build it yourself and make it different along the way, then you know who to turn to. And if you want to colour-match your accessories then we can provide the parts for you, pre-built for you and ready for you to add your Picasso touch.'

The company's aim is to bring you an ever-growing range of items that are fit for the cause but can still be either built by you, painted by you or just supplied bolted on and ready to go, off the shelf and straight on to your vehicle.

Timberwolf Fabrication's two-inch shock turret kits, for example, are available either flat-packed (pictured left), built up and unpainted or 'Ready-2-Go' (pictured right). Prices for the 2" turret kit options are £35, £40 and £75 respectively. Get yourself across to www.timbertrail4x4.com to see more.

