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For many years, Jeep has been known for its remarkable outdoorsy vehicle designs. Now, Jeep is getting their head in the game by rounding out these impressive capabilities to cover all other areas drivers on the road today prioritize.

In the 2018 Jeep Cherokee and the 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee, you'll find that you'll be able to tackle the work week just as confidently as you do your weekend adventures. In this comparison guide, you'll learn about how these two vehicles stack up against each other to help you decide which is the better fit for you and your lifestyle.

Let's get started by lifting up the front hoods and seeing what the mechanics of the Cherokee and the Grand Cherokee have to offer!

CHEROKEE VS GRAND CHEROKEE: PERFORMANCE

The 2018 Jeep Cherokee is standardly equipped with a 2.4L 4-cylinder MultiAir® engine, 9-speed automatic transmission, and front-wheel drivetrain. This standard engine gives you a good balance of power and efficiency with a power output of 180 horsepower and 170 lb-ft of torque and an EPA-estimated 30 highway/21 city MPG. You'll get 2,000 pounds of towing capability with this power.

In addition to this engine, the Cherokee offers an optional 3.2L V6 VVT engine. This V6 engine takes power to the next level with an impressive power output of 271 horsepower and 239 lb-ft torque. With this much power and other optional equipment, you'll be able to tow a whopping 4,500-pound maximum trailer weight.

The 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee, on the other hand, has four high-powered engines in its mechanical lineup as compared to the Cherokee's two. Standardly, the Grand Cherokee is powered by a 3.6L V6 VVT engine, 8-speed automatic transmission, and rear-wheel drivetrain.

The standard 3.6L V6 engine puts out 295 horsepower and 260 lb-ft of torque allowing for a standard towing capacity of 6,200 pounds. This is just the beginning of the Grand Cherokee's capabilities. Opting for the available high-powered Supercharged 6.2L HEMI® V8 engine will more than double your power to an insane 707 horsepower and 645 lb-ft of torque.

With this engine's power output, the standard 8-speed automatic transmission, and the available Quadra-Trac® Active On Demand 4x4 System, you'll be able to tow as much as 7,200 pounds. Bring the family boat or camper along on your next adventure or load up a trailer for your next big move with ease.



All six of these engines are able to be paired with the Cherokee's and the Grand Cherokee's optional 4x4 drivetrains. Opting for this drivetrain will optimize your control and handling on both the paved highway and the scenic back roads.

CHEROKEE VS GRAND CHEROKEE: ADVENTUR-ABILITY

Jeep is known for its outdoor-friendly equipment. The 2018 Jeep Cherokee and the 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee, which were designed with off-roading and adventuring in mind, sport special mechanical specifications that are geared towards conquering all that the road less traveled by has to offer.

	2018 JEEP CHEROKEE	2018 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE
CRAWL RATIO	56:1	44.2:1
WATER DEPTH	Up to 19 inches	Up to 20 inches
TURNING RADIUS	38.1 feet	18.5 feet
APPROACH ANGLE	29.9°	36.1°
BREAKOVER ANGLE	22.9°	25.7°
DEPARTURE ANGLE	32.2°	27.1°

What these specifications boil down to is how capable your Cherokee or Grand Cherokee is of tackling your off-roading adventures. As Trail Rated® vehicles with these types of specifications, you can count on having impressive traction and control, even in more than a foot of water or cresting a steep hill.

CHEROKEE VS GRAND CHEROKEE: INTERIOR

Cargo Space

In the Cherokee, you'll have 24.6 cubic feet of cargo space while the Grand Cherokee gives you 36.3 cubic feet of cargo space with all five seats in use. However, you can maximize the Cherokee's interior space by utilizing its standard 60/40 split-folding rear seat.

Put all three rear seats down to access the Cherokee's 54.9 cubic feet of maximum cargo space. You can also put just one or two of the rear seats down to fit just the right amount of people and just the right amount of stuff. As for the Grand Cherokee, you'll have 68.3 spacious cubic feet on your side with all three rear seats folded down.

The designers of the Cherokee and Grand Cherokee have also given you the option to add an available fold-flat front passenger seat to expand your packability even more. This foldable front seat will allow you to pack long items like kayaks, snowboards, and paddles.



Passenger Space

Whether you're going to work or on a cross-country road trip, you'll need to have enough room to bring everything and everyone you want with you. Both the Jeep Cherokee and the Jeep Grand Cherokee can hold five passengers with the following passenger dimensions:

	2018 JEEP CHEROKEE	2018 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE
TOTAL PASSENGER VOLUME	105 cubic feet	105 cubic feet
FRONT / REAR LEGROOM	41.1 / 40.3 inches	40.3 / 39.2 inches
FRONT / REAR HEADROOM	39.4 / 38.5 inches	39.9 / 39.2 inches
FRONT / REAR HIP ROOM	53.8 / 49.9 inches	57 / 56.2 inches
FRONT / REAR SHOULDER ROOM	57.6 / 55.1 inches	58.7 / 58 inches

As you can see, the Cherokee and Grand Cherokee offer the same amount of passenger space. However, it's distributed a bit differently because of the slightly different body shapes of the two vehicles. This isn't the only space you'll have in either vehicle, though. Both the Cherokee and the Grand Cherokee provide plenty of cargo space.

Comfort Features

You won't just have plenty of space in the Cherokee and the Grand Cherokee. Both vehicles offer an array of standard and available features geared towards comfort starting with standard premium cloth upholstery, front-row middle armrests, and a rear armrest with a cup holder.

In the Cherokee, you'll get standard 6-way adjustable front seats while the Grand Cherokee gives you 4-way adjustment settings. However, the Grand Cherokee standardizes the dual-zone front automatic climate system in all of its trims. This feature is standard in the upper trim levels of the Cherokee.

In addition to these standard features, you'll have access to available features like leather upholstery, 8-way power-adjustable front seats, heated front seats, and heated steering wheels in both the Cherokee and the Grand Cherokee. The latter model takes it a step further with available ventilated front seats to keep you cool on those hot days.



Technology Features

Staying connected in the Cherokee and the Grand Cherokee is a breeze with the Uconnect® technology offered in both vehicles. This award-winning system enhances convenience 10-fold with standard Bluetooth® audio streaming, voice command recognition, and hands-free phone calling.

You have many upgrade options for this system available to you in both models as well. Upgrade to the Uconnect® 3C NAV system for access to turn-by-turn navigation, a 8.4-inch high-resolution touchscreen display, and Siri® Eyes-Free.

One additional feature the whole family will enjoy in the Grand Cherokee is the Blu-Ray® DVD Player with Seatback-Mounted Video System. Opt for this feature and the rear passengers will be able to enjoy full-length films on the two 9-inch high-resolution screens placed in the back of the front passenger headrests.

You can also opt for smartphone integration technology in the Grand Cherokee. Apple CarPlay™ and Android Auto® let you safely access all of your favorite smartphone apps right from the infotainment display. Stay connected even when you're behind the wheel.



CHEROKEE VS GRAND CHEROKEE: SAFETY FEATURES

Whether you're on the interstate or making your own path on the mountains, safety is key. Luckily, both the 2018 Jeep Cherokee and the 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee offer a plethora of passive and active safety features that you can count on.

Passive Safety Features

When it comes to passive safety, you'll see a few differences between the Cherokee and the Grand Cherokee. For starters, the Cherokee features ten advanced airbags including full-length side-curtain airbags and knee bolster airbags for both the driver and the front passenger. Additionally, this model is designed with high-strength steel to take the brunt of the crash and maximize protection.



As for the Grand Cherokee, you'll have seven airbags including multistage driver and front passenger airbags, side-curtain airbags, front side-mounted side airbags, and a driver-side inflatable knee bolster airbag. Additionally, this vehicle includes front and rear crumple zones that are designed to absorb crash energy and redirect back out of the vehicle.

Active Safety Features

The 2018 Jeep Cherokee and the 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee offer an array of additional active safety features to compliment their many passive safety features. These active safety features, which are geared more towards the urban driving setting, act as your second set of eyes on the road. Learn more about the active safety features you can count on in the Cherokee and the Grand Cherokee below:

- **ParkView® Rear Back Up Camera:** This camera gives you a clear live video feed of what's behind your vehicle when you're going in reverse. You'll also have dynamic gridlines to help you stay lined up.
- **Blind-Spot Monitoring:** This feature uses dual radar sensors on either side of your vehicles to monitor your blind spot zones and will notify you when there's a vehicle in your blind spot that you may not be able to see.
- **LaneSense® Lane Departure Warning with Lane Keep Assist:** This feature will determine where your lane lines are and will let you know if you begin to veer from in between these lines. You'll be notified with visual and audible warnings and will even go as far as give you corrective nudges to get you back on track.
- **Park-Assist:** Parking assist is a system made up of four sensors located on the front and rear fascias of the vehicle. These sensors will help you get into parking spots by letting you know what you're getting too close to other vehicles or objects around you.
- **Automated Parking:** Up your parking abilities with this advanced feature. With the push of a button, your vehicle will recognize an open parking spot and then maneuver itself into said space while you just operate gear shift, brake, and accelerator.



2018 JEEP CHEROKEE VS 2018 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE: THE VERDICT

In this comparison, you learned that the 2018 Jeep Cherokee and the 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee have capabilities that go far beyond the remarkable off-roading skills they're famously known for. Deciding between the two isn't a matter of which is better – it's a matter of which is a better fit for your personal lifestyle. Get behind the wheel to fully experience what the Cherokee and the Grand Cherokee have to offer!



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