The Forward Control Land-Rover is the most recent addition to the multifarious Land-Rover family. Based on the Long, 109 inch wheelbase, chassis it is able to cope easily with a 30-cwt. payload on roads and country tracks and with a 25-cwt. payload across the roughest terrain. It has been designed to combine the accepted Land-Rover four-wheel drive mobility and robustness with a load capacity up to twice that of the Long Land-Rover. Because it has larger tyres (9-00 x 16 in.), a greater ground clearance (10 in.), and a better weight distribution between the axles, the cross-country performance of the Forward Control is exceptionally good. It has the same speed range as the Long Land-Rover, can climb a gradient of 1 in 2 when fully laden and has a side tipping angle of over 40 degrees.

The Forward Control Land-Rover is primarily a load carrier and is available with various types of body suitable for the carriage of bulk loads and personnel. It can be supplied with a flat platform, a fixed-side body, or a drop-side body (left). A truck cab is standard equipment, but an open cab, rear seats and hoods are also available.
With truck cab, fixed-side body and ½-length hood.

With truck cab and flat platform body.

With open cab, full-length hood and drop-side body.

Although the Forward Control Land-Rover is completely unlike any other Land-Rover in appearance it retains 75% of the standard Land-Rover parts. This is of particular significance to fleet users as those parts which are most often serviced are identical with those fitted to other Land-Rovers. A wide range of optional equipment is available for the Forward Control Land-Rover. For instance, provision has been made for mounting the Land-Rover hydraulic winch between the chassis members under the centre of the body. Because the vehicle has been designed specifically to fill the requirement for a vehicle able to carry heavy loads across the most rugged country there are no rear power take-off facilities. It will, however, be possible to drive body-mounted equipment from a centre power take-off.
PETROL ENGINE. Four cylinders. Overhead inlet and exhaust valves. Bore 90-49 mm. (3-562 in.), stroke 88-9 mm. (3-5 in.), capacity 2,286 c.c. (139-5 cu. in.). Maximum b.h.p. 77 at 4,250 r.p.m. Maximum torque 124 lb. ft. (17 m.Kg.) at 2,500 r.p.m. Compression ratio 7 to 1.

Cylinders. Monobloc, cast integral with crankcase.

Cylinder Head. Detachable, cast iron and carrying all valve gear.

Crankshaft. Forged steel, three bearing. Fully balanced and with counter-weights.

Main Bearings. Three, thin shell, steel-backed copper-lead. Thrust taken at centre bearing.

Camshaft. Forged steel. Four bearings, white metal lined, steel backed. Drive by Duplex roller chain. Chain tension maintained by self-adjusting jockey sprocket controlled by coil compression spring and oil pressure.

Pistons. Low expansion aluminium alloy, tin plated. Two compression rings, and one scraper ring. Fully floating gudgeon pins.

Connecting Rods. Forged steel with thin shell steel-backed copper-lead big-end bearings.

Ignition. Coil and battery, automatic advance. Battery 12 v. 57 amper. hr.

Fuel Supply. 16 gallon (73 litres) tank located at rear of chassis. Additional fuel tanks available.

Carburetor. Downdraught.

Air Cleaner and Silencer. Oil-bath type with built-in centrifugal pre-cleaner.


Lubrication. By pressure from gear-type pump forcing oil to all bearings, timing chain and valve gear. Full-flow oil filter. Capacity 11 pints (6 litres).

CLUTCH. Single dry plate, 9 in. (0-23 m.) diameter.

TRANSMISSION. Transmission to rear and front axles by open propeller shaft via two-speed transfer box.

GEARS. Four forward speeds and reverse. Two-speed transfer box in conjunction with main gearbox gives eight forward speeds and two reverse.

Ratios: **Main Gearbox**

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REAR AXLE. Fully floating, spiral bevel type. Ratio 4:7 to 1.

FRONT AXLE. Fitted with differential similar to rear axle. Drive to front wheels through totally enclosed universal joints.

BRAKES. Hydraulically operated servo assisted foot brakes requiring light pedal pressure and infrequent adjustment. Front brakes have two leading shoes. Mechanically actuated handbrake operates on transmission shaft to rear axle.

STEERING. Worm and nut with recirculating ball; variable ratio 15:6 to 1 straight ahead, 23:8 to 1 full lock. Right or left-hand steering as required.

CHASSIS. Side and cross members of box section forming exceptionally rigid assembly.

BODY FRAME. Full length, channel section.

SPRINGS. Semi-elliptic front and rear. Telescopic type shock absorbers front and rear.

WHEELS. Detachable disc wheels. 9-00×16 tyres.

MAXIMUM DRAW BAR PULL. 3,920 lb. (1,778 kg.).

CENTRE POWER TAKE OFF. (At extra cost.) Arranged to drive (by V-belts) portable equipment mounted in the body.

BODY. Body panels of non-corrodible light alloy, all external steel fittings heavily galvanised. All bodywork finished in Land-Rover Mid-Grey.

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