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**Press Release**

**Velar Joins the Ranks of Europe’s Safest SUVs**

**Range Rover is the latest brand to capitalise on increasing popularity of SUVs in Europe with the launch of the brand new Velar.**

The SUV segment has continued to grow more than any other and sales of small SUVs are expected to reach two million in 2018.  Fifteen popular SUVs, large and small, have already been tested by Euro NCAP since the start of 2016. These include sport utility vehicles by established players, such as the Jeep Compass and the Audi Q5, as well as new entrants like the Seat Ateca, Škoda Kodiaq and the Alfa Romeo Stelvio.

The Range Rover Velar is the latest car in the category tested by Euro NCAP and has achieved a five-star safety rating. In this increasingly crowded segment, the Velar becomes one of the best overall performers, with good results in all aspects of safety.

Michiel van Ratingen, Secretary General of Euro NCAP, said, “Twenty years on from when Euro NCAP started, it’s encouraging to see a competitive safety environment still working. All of the SUVs we have tested in the last couple of years have had a five-star rating and the Velar is towards the top of the table in all areas of assessment.  That’s great news for consumers, who are able to buy the kind of cars they like with the confidence that they offer high levels of protection.”

Euro NCAP expects to publish the results of several more recently launched SUVs before the end of this year. Included in these will be the long awaited Jaguar F-Pace, with which the Velar shares much of its architecture.

For full results, visit [www.euroncap.com](http://www.euroncap.com). For media information, please contact media@euroncap.com.

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