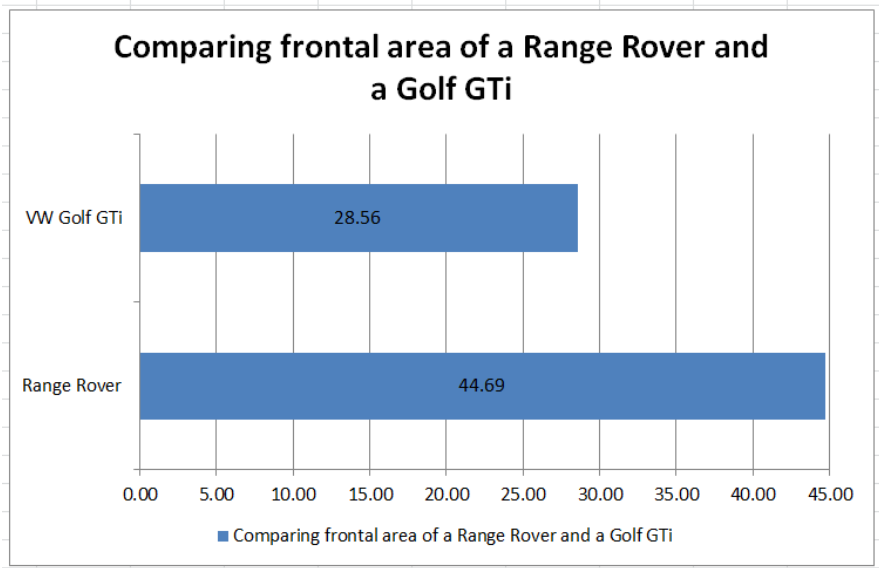
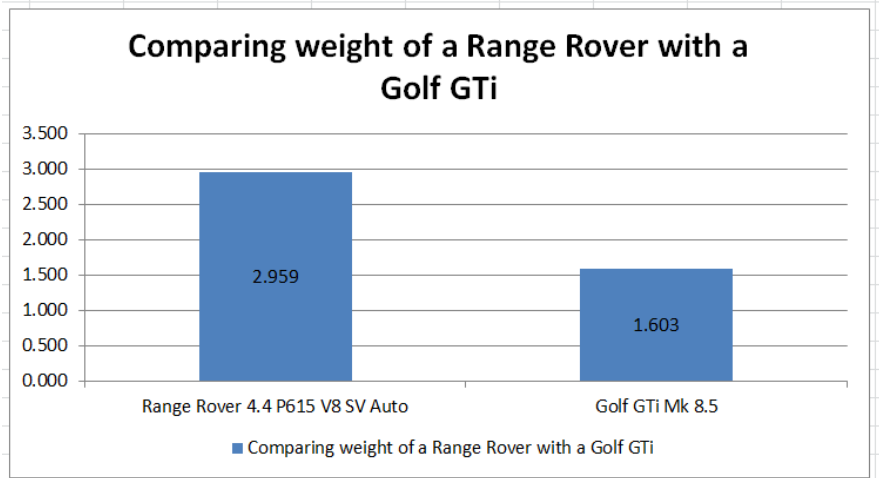


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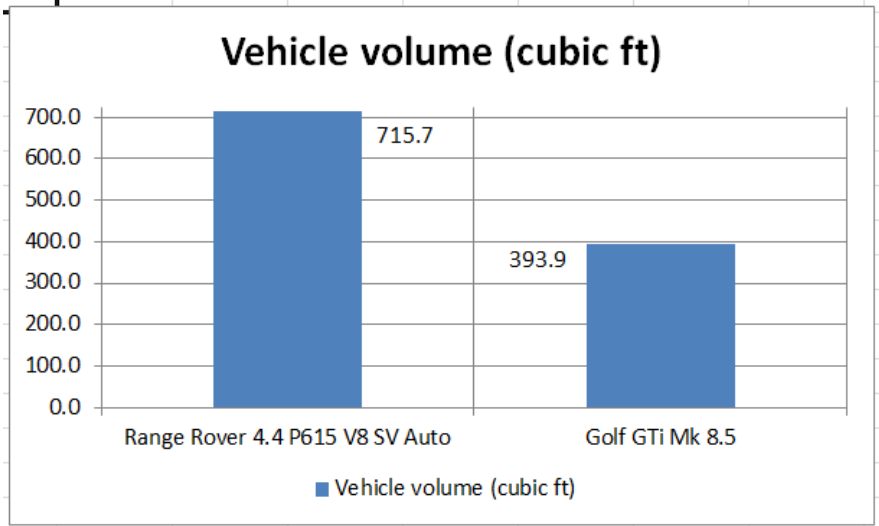


Frontal area of a Range Rover is 56% greater than a Golf GTi



Range Rover (2.56 tons) is 82% heavier than a Golf GTi (1.60 tons) - that's nearly a ton (or 1230 kg) heavier. Even cars that were once comparatively light have become much heavier over the decades. The VW Golf, which was the No 1 car in

Europe before the Peugeot 208, weighed about 775kg in its original 1974 incarnation. By the 2020s it had almost doubled in weight.



Another comparison is by volume – the VW Golf GTi. (393.9 cubic ft or 20.3 cubic metres) is only 75% of the Range Rover (715.7 cubic ft or 11.15 cubic metres), which is 82% bigger.

**Parking is also a problem with larger vehicles** - a Range Rover is 3.2" (0.269ft) longer than the standard parking bay and barely 7" under the standard bay width - **that leaves only 3.54" of space on each side to open the doors to get out and get in!** With a relatively compact Golf GTi you have just over 12 inches of spare between the door handle and the edge of a standard parking space. So if you are parked alongside a similar car parked in the centre of a standard parking bay you will have around 24 inches to open the door and get out or in.

Door opening space each side		Space ft	Space ft	Side space inches
Range Rover 4.4 P615 V8 SV Auto		-0.269	0.59	3.54
Golf GTi Mk 8.5		1.955	2.00	12.03

See the article in The Times on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. [Link](#)