

Porsche's New Cayenne Is Hot for Horsepower

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With the ability to sprint from a standstill to 60 miles per hour in under five seconds, the new Porsche Cayenne Turbo is hotter than a pepper to the taste buds of auto aficionados.

Since the model's introduction in 2003, Porsche's sport utility vehicle has been perceived by many car enthusiasts as having raised the bar for high-powered, luxury SUVs. The Cayenne has proved to be a great success for the perennial sports car manufacturer, and by June 2005, the Cayenne became Porsche's best-selling vehicle in North America.

Porsche's Cayenne is available in three models: a standard model, the Cayenne S and the Cayenne Turbo. In its latest incarnation, the Cayenne not only looks more powerful, it is more powerful, with engines offering as much as 500 horsepower. The highest-end model, the Cayenne Turbo, can reach a top speed of 171 mph.

But while features such as horsepower and speed are important to some consumers, perhaps the single hottest topic in today's automotive market is fuel efficiency. Accordingly, Porsche has enhanced its engine injection technology and improved the aerodynamics of the vehicle's design to significantly increase the model's rate of miles per gallon. That's good news for eco-conscious motorists looking to save money at the pump.

The Cayenne represents Porsche's only current model of SUV, and with all the extra space for passengers, Porsche seems dedicated to ensuring safety and protection in the case of an emergency. All models of the Cayenne come with a rollover sensor that can trigger both the belt latch tensioners and curtain air bags, thus helping to reduce the risk of injury for all occupants if a rollover occurs.

Standard equipment also includes Porsche's stability management system, which features such new functions as a pre-loading braking system and a control for trailer stability. With so many automated safety features, the Cayenne has a lot of brain in addition to its brawn.

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