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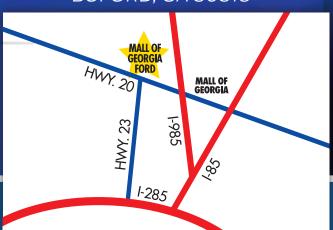
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We hope that you enjoy this year's show.



Richard Pugmire

#### IN MEMORIAM

It is with a heavy heart that we said goodbye to one of our long-term board members and one of Atlanta's finest, Richard Pugmire. He will be deeply missed and truly made a great mark in the automotive community leaving behind a wonderful legacy.



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Additionally, **CAFFEINE & EXOTICS** will be back again this year displaying a showcase of exotic and high performance cars.

> As always, the Auto Show will be presenting a number of SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS. Marvel's Spider-Man and Black Panther will appear on March 24 and 25. Black Panther will make an additional appearance on Friday, March 23. Scooby-Doo will also be on-site on March 24 and 25, sponsored by Comcast Spotlight.

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### **ACURA MDX HYBRID**

The Acura MDX hybrid is the first ever hybrid in the Acura SUV lineup with its innovative powertrain technology, some of which is borrowed from the NSX supercar. The Sport hybrid is slightly quicker than the gasoline-only powered MDX and averages 27 miles per gallon versus 22 in the regular model. The 2018 model has an updated information system and Apple and Android compatibility is standard in all MDX models. The hybrid uses a 3.0-liter V6 with three electric motors for 321 combined horsepower. A 7-speed automatic transmission drives the all-wheel drive system, which is standard in the hybrid. The hybrid comes standard with two trim packages with the technology option offering 20-inch wheels, remote start, navigation and blind-spot alert. The advanced package adds heated and ventilated front seats, upgraded leather, heated second-row captain's chairs with a center console and LED fog lights. Both versions come standard with crash-mitigation braking, lane-keeping assist and adaptive cruise control.

**SPECS Hybrid SUV DRIVETRAIN** 3.0-liter V6 w/ Electric Power, 321 HP, 7-speed Automatic **FUEL ECONOMY** 26 City / 27 Highway **BASE PRICE** 

\$51,960

### ALFA ROMEO STELVIO

#### **SPECS**

TYPE Crossover **DRIVETRAIN** 2.0-liter Turbo 4-cylinder, 280 HP, 8-speed Automatic **FUEL ECONOMY** 22 City / 28 Highway **BASE PRICE** \$41,995

Alfa Romeo has introduced the Stelvio crossover, as its third entry after re-introducing the brand to the U.S. market last year. Available in three variants, the Stelvio offers all-wheel drive as standard equipment across the board. Standard features include keyless ignition, leather seating, power tailgate, Brembo brakes for the 18-inch wheels and adjustable driver settings. Technology, features include a 6.5-inch display screen, rearview camera, Android and Apple compatibility and 8-speaker audio system. Upgraded models add 19-inch wheels, larger, 8.8-inch screen, satellite radio, heated steering wheel and front seats. More available safety features including blind-spot and rear cross-traffic warning, lane departure warning, frontal collision warning and auto braking and automatic high beams are optional. The standard engine is a 2.0-liter, four-cylinder with 180 horsepower with an 8-speed

automatic transmission. Higher-end models offer a Ferrari-derived twin-turbo 2.9-liter V6 with 505 horsepower. Based on the Giulia sedan, the Stelvio has less cargo room than some rivals but the powerful power plants can't be matched.



### A5 SPORTBACK

The Audi A5 Sportback is a dazzling display of styling and performance with standard all-wheel drive. A smaller version of the Audi A7, the A5 offers comfortable seating for four with fold-down rear seats to compliment the large cargo area beneath the sloping roofline that sets it apart from the A5 coupe. Standard equipment includes a panoramic sunroof, three-zone A/C and Apple and Android compatibility, leather seating, walnut trim, top-view camera system, heads-up display and digital instrument cluster. Optional features include navigation, heated front seats, LED headlights, satellite radio, driver parking assistance, blind-spot and lane keeping systems and sport package seats. Power comes from the 2.0-liter, turbocharged in-line four-cylinder with 252 horsepower with a 7-speed dual-clutch automatic, along with Audi's Quattro all-wheel drive system. If that's not enough horsepower, Audi also offers the S5 Sportback with 354 horsepower from the 3.0-liter turbo V6.

#### **SPECS**

**TYPE** Hatchback **DRIVETRAIN** 2.0-liter, Turbo in-line 4-cylinder with 252 HP, 7-speed Dual Clutch **FUEL ECONOMY** 24 City / 34 Highway **BASE PRICE** \$42,600



#### **BUICK ENCLAVE**

One of three SUVs in the Buick lineup, the Enclave offers three-row seating and a new 3.6-liter V6 with 302 horsepower and a 9-speed automatic transmission. The Enclave has been redesigned for 2018 with more room for the second- and third-row passengers. The Enclave also shed pounds for better performance and economy. The base model only comes with front-wheel drive while all wheel drive is available on all other models. Even the base model comes with an impressive list of features including keyless ignition with remote start, heated front seats, rear parking sensors, LED headlights and adjustable second-row bucket seats, Standard technology includes rearriew camera, 8-inch display screen, Bluetooth, Apple and Android integration, OnStar with 4G LTE and WiFi hotspot, satellite ratio and USB ports front and rear. Upper trim levels offer leather seating, sunroof, lane departure warning, heated second-row seats, power folding

third-row seats, navigation, rear cross-traffic alert and a heavy duty towing package, allowing up to 5,000 pounds. **SPECS** 

**TYPE** SUV DRIVETRAIN 3.6-liter V6, 302 HP, 9-speed Automatic **FUEL ECONOMY** 18 City / 26 Highway **BASE PRICE** 

\$39,995

### 2019 CHEVROLET SILVERADO

of driver assistance packages and safety features.

#### **SPECS**

**TYPE Pickup DRIVETRAIN** 4.3-liter V6, 285 HP, **6-speed Automatic FUEL ECONOMY** 18 City / 24 Highway (Estimated) **BASE PRICE** N/A

Chevrolet will be rolling out its fourth generation of the half-ton Silverado later this year. The new 2019 version was unveiled at the Detroit auto show in January ... 100 years after the first Silverado was delivered. The all-new Silverado is bigger in nearly every category with a 20 percent increase in its short bed cargo space that is seven inches wider. The tailgate also is raised or lowered by the key fob or in-truck knob. The new truck shed 450 pounds by using a combination of aluminum (doors, hood, tailgate) and steel. The new model's wheelbase is 3.9 inches longer, enabling more rear seat room in crew cabin models. With eight trim levels, Chevrolet is offering a total of six different powertrain combinations with a 10-speed automatic on most models. The new engine lineup includes two new V8s and an inline 6-cylinder turbo diesel. The new V8s can adapt fuel flow between one and seven cylinders as conditions warrant for improved fuel economy. The interior is also renewed with an 8-inch display screen available along with a host

### **CHRYSLER PACIFICA HYBRID**

Minivans have never been known for great fuel economy, however, the new Chrysler Pacifica Hybrid has a solution for that. The Pacifica Hybrid is actually a plug-in hybrid, giving you up to 33 miles of all-electric driving. When not in hybrid mode, a 3.6-liter V6 kicks in. The system can recharge the batteries in around two hours. The batteries are stored beneath the floor board behind the front seats, which means Chrysler's unique "stow and go" system is eliminated. That makes the Pacifica Hybrid a seven-passenger van, Like the regular Pacifica, the Hybrid offers standard features such as power sliding doors, keyless ignition, automatic headlights with LED taillights and fog lights, powered driver's seat with lumbar support, tilt/telescoping steering wheel, second-row power windows and a 60/40 split folding third-row seat. Safety features include rearview camera (displayed on the 8.4-inch screen), rear

parking sensors, blind-spot and rear cross-traffic monitoring. Bluetooth with voice commands for Apple and Android systems, HD and satellite radio are also standard. Upper trim levels offer navigation, a power tailgate, remote engine start, heated front seats, leather upholstery and window shades for the second- and thirdrow seats, panoramic sunroof and optional rear-seat entertainment system with DVD player and overhead screen or Blu-ray player with seat back screens.

**SPECS TYPE** 

Crossover DRIVETRAIN 2.0-liter Turbo 4-cylinder, 280 HP, 8-speed Automatic **FUEL ECONOMY** 22 City / 28 Highway **BASE PRICE** 

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### **DODGE CHALLENGER HELLCAT**

Not since the late 1960s has there been such a battle among the so-called "pony cars". The Ford Mustang, Chevy Camaro and Dodge Challenger all have retro styling from that era, and lately, are in competition to see who can put more ponies under the hoods. Dodge has several versions of the Challenger, including the supercharged 707-horsepower V8 SRT Hellcat. But even that pales in comparison to the 808 horsepower Challenger Demon, which is intended primarily for drag strip racing. But for pure fun, the Hellcat is up to the task, jumping from 0 to 60 in 3.6 seconds on the 20-inch tires. A 6-speed manual is standard with an optional 8-speed automatic, which is actually quicker than the manual. The Challenger features keyless ignition, powered driver's seat, folding rear seats, and automatic headlights. Tech features include a 7-inch display screen, rearview camera, Bluetooth and Apple and Android integration. However, you can add navigation, leather seating, heated and ventilated front seats, heated steering wheel, satellite and HD radio and a larger display screen.

#### **Sport Coupe DRIVETRAIN** Supercharged 6.2-liter V8, 707 HP, 8-speed Manual **FUEL ECONOMY** 13 City / 22 Highway

\$63,795

**BASE PRICE** 

**SPECS** 

**TYPE** 



### **FIAT SPIDER**

#### **SPECS**

**TYPE** Roadster DRIVETRAIN 1.4-liter In-line 4-cylinder, 160 HP, 6-speed Manual **FUEL ECONOMY** 26 City / 35 Highway **BASE PRICE** 

For decades, the Mazda MX-5 Miata was the only small roadster available. However, Fiat entered the arena when it re-introduced its Spider moniker on its version last year. Fiat borrowed several key elements from Mazda but used its own engine, transmission and suspension to give the Spider its own identity. Like the Miata, the Spider is small with snug room for two people up front and a small trunk in back. Fiat offers three trim levels, including the top-of-the-line Abarth that gets a more power version of the 1.4-liter, four-cylinder engine. The two base models produce 160 horsepower, while the Abarth bumps that up to 164 horsepower. A 6-speed manual is standard or an optional 6-speed automatic. The base model is just that with few bells and whistles. However, you can add optional packages to add a larger, 7-inch display screen, rearview camera, rear parking sensors, leather seating, blind-spot and rear cross-traffic alerts, satellite radio and GPS capability with the dealer-installed navigation system. The Spider is fun to drive, especially with the top down, which is easily lowered.



### FORD EXPEDITION

If you're hauling people or ponies, the Ford Expedition is well up to the task. With seating for eight, a turbocharged V6 engine and towing capacity up to 9,000 pounds, the Expedition will get you from here to there in comfort and style. The interior has been redesigned for 2018 with a better looking control panel. The Expedition gets a new 375-horsepower turbocharged V6, mated to a 10-speed automatic transmission. The top-of-the-line Platinum edition bumps horsepower to 400. An extended wheelbase version, called the Max, offers more cargo space in back. Eight people can ride in comfort in the standard version but fully adjustable bucket seats are available for the second row. Ford offers several optional packages that can add self-parking, heated second-row seats, power folding third-row seats, hands-free tailgate, WiFi hotspot and smartphone charging, remote engine start with keyless ignition, heated and ventilated front seats, power adjustable pedals and a host of safety features with rear view camera, blind-spot and rear cross-traffic

SPECS **TYPE** SUV DRIVETRAIN 3.5-liter Twin Turbo V6. 375 HP. **10-speed Automatic FUEL ECONOMY** 17 City / 24 Highway **BASE PRICE** \$51,695

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### **GENESIS G90**

When it comes to full-size luxury sedans, the Genesis G90 is rivaling the best from Europe. Introduced last year as the luxury division of Hyundai, the Genesis brand has quickly earned its place as a solid choice for buyers looking for quality at an affordable price. Buyers can choose a color and one of two engines and rear- or all-wheel drive. Both trims now offer a CD/DVD player and the 3.3T models add adaptive LED headlights. The 5.0 Ultimate adds a rear entertainment system with two 10.3-inch screens in back. The 3.3T comes with a turbocharged 3.3-liter V6 with 365 horsepower while the Ultimate offers a 5.0-liter V8 with 420 horses. Among the standard features are keyless ignition, 19-inch wheels, heads-up display, leather seating, 22-way powered driver's seat, till telescoping steering wheel, heated steering wheel, wireless charging pad, 12.3-inch display screen with rear view camera, maxigation with voice controls, Bluetooth, HD and satellite radio and premium Lexicon surround-sound audio system. Safety features surround the big sedan from front to back.

SPECS TYPE Luxury Sedan DRIVETRAIN ter Turbo V6, 365

3.3-liter Turbo V6, 365 HP, 8-speed Automatic FUEL ECONOMY 17 City / 24 Highway

\$68,350

**BASE PRICE** 



#### **SPECS**

TYPE
Pickup
DRIVETRAIN
4.3-liter V6, 285 HP,
6-speed Automatic
FUEL ECONOMY
18 City / 24 Highway
BASE PRICE

\$29,000

It's often overlooked when talking about half-ton pickups because the GMC Sierra is a close sibling to the Chevrolet Silverado. However, the Sierra holds its own with a host of cab configuration, three bed sizes, three engine choices and available four-wheel drive. The base engine is a 4.3-liter, 285 horsepower V6 with a 6-speed automatic transmission. A 5.3-liter V8 (355 horsepower) is the middle choice and a 6.2-liter V8 (420 horsepower) is available for heavier use. Both V8s come with an 8-speed automatic. The upper trim levels offer a variety of standard features and optional packages. The SLT trim comes with heated, leather seating, heated steering wheel, navigation, sunroof, front and rear parking sensors and power-sliding rear window. A rearview camera is displayed on the 7-inch display screen along with audio and climate controls. Options include power-adjustable pedals,

remote start, remote locking tailgate, tilt/telescoping steering wheel, WiFi hot spot
with smartphone charging and trailering enhancements. Driver assistance
options add forward collision and lane departure warnings and low-speed
automatic emergency braking. GMC also offers two off-road packages
with beefed up shocks and an underbody shield.

### **HONDA CLARITY HYBRID**

Honda's Clarity sedan might be giving everyone a glimpse into the future. The Clarity offers three variants under the hood: a gasbattery plug-in, a battery-only version and another that operates on hydrogen. The electric only and hydrogen models are limited to California and Oregon. The plug-in version is available in all 50 states. The plug-in version can travel 48 miles on electric power before the 103-horsepower, 1.5-liter inline four cylinder kicks in to give a total range of 340 miles. The electric system also powers the front wheels, forgoing a CVT as found in most hybrids. There are three driving modes, econ, normal and sport, and three ways to deploy the battery charge. The Clarity is slightly smaller overall than the Accord and has a more rounded profile and weighs more than the Accord because of the battery pack. The interior has many of the Accord features with easy to use controls and a variety of option packages. In addition to savings at the pump, the Clarity also qualifies for the current \$7,500 federal tax credit.

#### CDECC

TYPE
Plug-in Hybrid Sedan
DRIVETRAIN
1.5-liter Plug-in
Electric Hybrid, 212 HP,
Single Speed
FUEL ECONOMY
42 Average
BASE PRICE
\$34,290

#### **HYUNDAI SONATA**

The 2018 Sonata has been restyled inside and out to compete in the mid-size sedan market. The new model also has updates to the suspension and steering for improved ride quality and driver response. All models come standard with blind-spot, lane keeping and rear cross-traffic warnings as standard equipment. There are nine trim levels and three engine choices, including a pair of turbocharged options. The base, 2.4-liter engine has 185 horsepower and is mated to a 6-speed automatic transmission. Two turbo trim levels get a 245-horsepower turbo 2.0-liter and a new 8-speed automatic. A turbo 1.6-liter with 178 horsepower with a 7-speed dual-clutch automatic is available in the eco models. The base model offers automatic headlights, a tilt/telescoping steering wheel, 7-inch display screen, rearview camera, Bluetooth and Apple and Android compatibility. The Eco trim is equipped the same, except for the engine choice. Upper trim levels offer a long list of features including larger display screen, heated leather seats, sunroof, paddle shifters and enhanced safety options.

**TYPE** Sedan DRIVETRAIN 2.4-liter Turbo V6. 185 HP. **6-speed Automatic FUEL ECONOMY** 28 City / 37 Highway **BASE PRICE** 

\$22,050

### **INFINITI QX50**

**SPECS** 

TYPE SUV **DRIVETRAIN** 2.0-liter Variable **Compression-turbo** Four-cylinder, 3268 HP, CVT **FUEL ECONOMY** 19 City / 27 Highway **BASE PRICE** 

\$68,350

The Infiniti QX50, five passenger SUV, is totally redesigned inside and out and comes with a new variable compression turbocharged four-cylinder engine. The new engine is capable of varying the compression ratio for better fuel economy and more horsepower. when needed. The QX50 is in the middle of Infiniti's SUV/crossover family and comes loaded with a host of systems for comfort and driving. Dual screens on the center dash share navigation, climate and entertainment controls. A 9-inch display area offers additional information on the heads-up display system. Four USB ports and Bluetooth offer a variety of ways to stream media or information.



Safety features offered include Infiniti's ProPilot program that helps in stop-andgo traffic, and assistance with acceleration, braking and steering, surround view camera, front and rear parking sensors and reverse front seats, hands-free tailgate operation, quilted leather upholstery enhanced with wood and aluminum trim and 19- or 20-inch

### JEEP WRANGLER

It may be one of the most anticipated new models to hit dealers in years. The 2018 Jeep Wrangler JL offers many upgrades and advantages over the outgoing JK version. It still looks like a Wrangler, with a windshield that folds flat, has two or four doors and removable door and roof panels, which are much easier to operate. A new 3.6-liter V6 with 285 horsepower is the engine of choice with a 6-speed manual or optional 8-speed automatic. A 2.0-liter, turbocharged in-line four, mild-hybrid engine is available but only with the automatic transmission. Both engines feature start/stop functionality. The display screen comes standard at 5 inches

power windows, heated seats and steering wheels and remote start are optional. A rear view camera and lane departure warnings are the and blind-spot warnings are optional. Lighter and slightly longer, the JL still provides the



#### **SPECS**

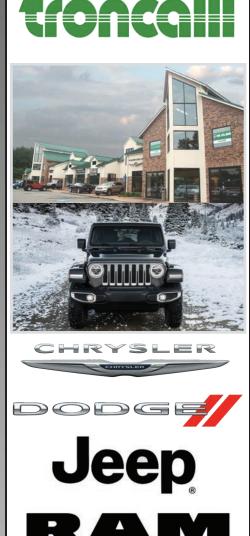
Truck **DRIVETRAIN** 3.6-liter V6, 285 HP, 6-speed Manual, **8-speed Automatic FUEL ECONOMY** 18 City / 23 Highway **BASE PRICE** 

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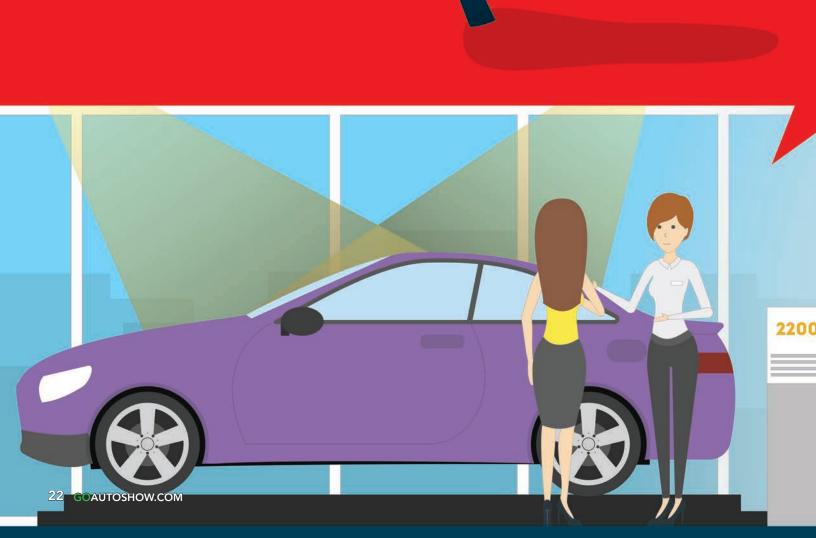
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## AND THE ROLE THEY PLAY IN THE AUTOMOTIVE BUYING DECISION

Shoes. Makeup. Purses. That's what some people think of when they consider what women are shopping for these days. But guess what? Women now buy 54% of the cars in the United States. That's right. More than half!! And they influence 84% of all vehicle purchase decisions.

So, what are they looking for in their car choice?

Women tend to search for practical options, purchasing something that symbolizes freedom and independence. In general, they prefer small and maneuverable cars, but also find design, space, safety and quality of materials important. Of course, color and spaciousness also play a factor.

They shop for options that simplify life, such as parking assist, clear lighting, and integrated systems for their mobile devices. The women with children are definitely going to consider entertainment options to keep the children occupied. Because they spend so much time behind the wheel, from work commutes to running taxi for the kids, they're eager to find anything that can make car-time easier and more intuitive.

"When women shop for a car, they think about comfort, confidence and style," says Scotty Reiss of A Girls Guide to Cars, a website created to help women navigate this traditionally male-oriented space. "Men put a higher priority on technical specs and performance."

"When women shop for a car, they think about comfort, confidence and style..."
-Scotty Reiss

In general, men may want to know more about the power and speed of a vehicle. Women want to know that, too, but also want to know how easy it's going to be to get the child's car seat in and out of that third row, or how many sets of football or lacrosse gear can fit in the trunk. And yes, they want to know about fuel economy, because who has time (or desire) for stopping at the gas station more often than is absolutely necessary?

And of course, they want to know the price is perfect for their budget. And in this high-tech world, you can bet they've done some digging on what the fair price should be, before they've even set foot in the show room.

When it's all said and done, for the gals, it tends to be mostly about the lifestyle the car enables. It's an appreciation for what the vehicle brings to the family, and enables her to do as a woman and mom.

### **KIA STINGER**

Kia has been producing a string of vehicles that offer great value and comfort. However, nothing approaches the new Stinger, a sporty sedan that offers performance that rivals some of the best sport-touring cars from Europe. The base Stinger is powered by a 2.0-liter, four-cylinder with 255 horsepower and an 8-speed automatic transmission. However, the GT version comes with a 365-horsepower, 3.3-liter turbo V6. It will go from 0 to 60 in 4.7 seconds. Rear-wheel drive is standard with all-wheel optional. While impressive performance is a strong selling point, the Stinger offers an interior with luxury appeal and comfortable room for five. Heated front seats and steering wheel, leather upholstery, front and rear parking sensors, automatic headlights, 7-inch display screen for the rear view camera, Bluetooth, satellite radio and Apple and Android compatibility are standard. Optional

choices include a sunroof, 8-inch display screen, Harman Kardon audio system, 19-inch wheels, Brembo brakes, heads up display and other driver assistance systems are optional. Even in a fully loaded version, the Stinger is thousands of dollars less than its European competitors.

**SPECS** 

**Sport Sedan** DRIVETRAIN 2.0-liter Turbo four-cylinder, 255 HP, 8-speed Automatic **FUEL ECONOMY** 22 City / 29 Highway **BASE PRICE** 

\$31,900

### **LEXUS LS**

**SPECS** 

**TYPE Luxury Sedan** DRIVETRAIN 3.5-liter Twin Turbo V6, 416 HP, **10-speed Automatic FUEL ECONOMY** 22 City / 32 Highway **BASE PRICE** 

\$38,210

As its flagship sedan, the Lexus LS has been redesigned for 2018 with a new twin-turbo V6, 10-speed automatic transmission and passenger comforts and safety features throughout. Longer and lower, the LS features a new coupe-like profile for a sporty appearance in all three models, including the F-sport and new multi-stage hybrid version. A newly-designed 3.5-liter V6 offers 416 horsepower that can be controlled with paddle shifters. A 12.3-inch display monitor offers a new angle for the driver to help give a panoramic view when passing other vehicles. Rear seat passengers are swathed in comfort with the optional executive package with seats that can be heated with a massage feature that can be adapted for different areas of the body. Several driver assistance packages offer pre-collision warning for vehicles or pedestrians with braking assistance and automatic steering away

from the obstacle. The lane trace assist option helps recognize when roads are dimly lit and can automatically slow the sedan if entering a curve too fast. Adaptive headlights also swivel for an enhanced view of the road.



### LINCOLN NAVIGATOR

The all-new Lincoln Navigator has a fresh look inside and out with a new grill and LED headlights. A new turbocharged 3.5-liter V6 with 450 horsepower is under the hood. A 10-speed automatic transmission drives the rear wheels or optional four-wheel drive on upper trim levels. With four trim levels, Lincoln offers a feature-loaded Premiere edition with 20-inch wheels, keyless ignition,

parking sensors and second row captain's chairs with heating. Also included is a 10-inch display screen, navigation, rearview camera, blind-spot with rear cross-traffic alert and Apple and Android compatibility. Upper levels offer heated steering wheel, power-folding running boards, surround view parking camera and wireless charging pad. The technology package

mitigation with automatic braking, heads-up parking system and towing package.



#### **SPECS**

**TYPE** SUV DRIVETRAIN 3.5-liter V6, 450 HP, **10-speed Automatic FUEL ECONOMY** 16 City / 23 Highway **BASE PRICE** 

\$72,055

#### MAZDA6

In the competitive mid-size sedan field, the Mazdaó stands out with its lively driving nature from the 184-horsepower, 2.5-liter, four-cylinder, which is the only engine choice. A 6-speed manual, something you don't see much of anymore, is standard on the Sport and Touring models. A 6-speed automatic is standard on the Grand Touring and optional on the other two trims. The Grand Touring can be equipped with Mazda's brake regenerative system for improved fuel economy, aided by active grill shutters. The GT also offers optional heated rear seats, heated steering wheel, ambient lighting and premium leather with a black headliner. Standard features start with keyless ignition, rearview camera, tilt/telescoping steering wheel, Bluetooth, HD radio and internet streaming.

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ring wheel, Bluetooth, HD radio and internet streaming.
Touring models add blind-spot monitoring with rear
cross-traffic alerts, heated front seats, sunroof,
satellite radio and LED headlights. Moving

to the top of the line with the GT, you get auto high beams, forward collision warning, lane keeping assistance, heads-up display, navigation, paddle shifters and powered driver's seat.

#### **SPECS**

TYPE
Mid-size Sedan
DRIVETRAIN
2.5-liter Inline
Four-cylinder, 185
HP, 6-speed Manual,
6-speed Automatic
FUEL ECONOMY
27 City / 32 Highway
BASE PRICE

\$22,835

#### **SPECS**

\$29,097

TYPE
Crossover
DRIVETRAIN
| 1.5-liter, 3-cylinder with
134 HP, 6-speed Manual
| 2.0-liter, 4-cylinder with
189 HP, 6-speed Manual
Standard
| 1.5-liter, 3-cylinder,
Electric Hybrid Motor with
221 HP
FUEL ECONOMY
24 City / 34 Highway
BASE PRICE

### **MINI COUNTRYMAN**

The Countryman is MINI's answer for those who love the sporty nature of the MINI but want more room. The Countryman is the largest model with nearly twice as much cargo area as the regular MINI. A fuel-efficient plug-in hybrid joins the lineup for 2018 along with a sporty John Cooper Works version. The hybrid joins a turbocharged three-cylinder and the 2.0-liter turbo four with 189 horsepower, which is available on the Countryman S or John Cooper Works models. The hybrid offers 12 miles of travel per charge. A 6-speed manual is standard with a 6-speed automatic or 8-speed automatic available with different models and engines. Front wheel or all-wheel drive is also available. Also new for 2018 are

a rear view camera and rear parking sensors as standard equipment. The interior still retains the toggle switch controls along with standard keyless ignition, leatherette seating, sunroof and 6.5-inch display screen. An 8.8-inch screen is optional along with navigation, heads-up display, 19-inch wheels, wireless phone charger, powered tailgate and Harman Kardon audio system are optional



#### **NISSAN ROGUE**

differential, hill descent control and brake lock

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For a compact SUV, the Nissan Rogue packs a lot of features in a relatively small space. With optional seating for seven and a 7.0-cubic yard cargo area, the Rogue is one of the most versatile models in this class. Nissan had added its ProPilot Assist system that can self-accelerate, brake and steer the Rogue in dense highway traffic. Apple and Android compatibility is standard on all models this year. There are three trim levels, all well equipped. A slightly smaller, Sport model is also available. The standard engine is a 170-horsepower 2.5-liter, four-cylinder with a CVT. All-wheel drive is optional on upper trim levels. There is also a hybrid version on the upper levels. The instrument panel includes a 7-inch touchscreen with rear view camera, Bluetooth and push-button ignition. The top-level trim offers 18-inch wheels, leather seating, surround view camera system, heated steering wheel, navigation and Bose audio system.

The rear seats adjust nine inches for added comfort.

All-wheel drive models include a locking center

along with MINI exclusive accessories.

**SPECS** 

TYPE
SUV
DRIVETRAIN
2.5-liter
Four-cylinder,
170 HP, CVT
FUEL ECONOMY
26 City / 33 Highway
BASE PRICE
\$24,800

### **RAM 1500**

The half-ton pickup market is dominated by the big three: Ford, Chevrolet and Ram. Despite having one of the oldest designs on the market, the Ram wins accolades for its smooth ride, helped by its class-exclusive coil spring rear suspension and optional selfleveling air suspension. Choosing which Ram 1500 suits you best is the challenge with 11 different versions of body styles and bed lengths, along with three engine choices. The base work truck comes with a regular cab while the crew cab offers four doors. Most models come with a 3.6-liter V6 with 305 horsepower. A 5.7-liter V8 with 395 horsepower is available on several models. For those wanting maximum towing capability, the 3.0-liter V6 diesel has 240 horsepower but can tow up to 9,000 pounds. The

2019 Ram crew cab is four inches longer than before and has dropped several hundred pounds overall. Three display screens are available, including a 12-inch with dual screens.

**TYPE** Pickup **DRIVETRAIN** 3.6-liter V6, 305 HP, 8-speed Automatic **FUEL ECONOMY** 17 City / 25 Highway **BASE PRICE** 

\$27,095

### **SUBARU ASCENT**

#### **SPECS**

(Estimate)

TYPE Crossover **DRIVETRAIN** 2.4-liter Turbo Flat Four-cylinder, **260 HP, CVT FUEL ECONOMY** N/A **BASE PRICE** \$35,000

The all new Ascent is Subaru's second venture into the three-row SUV/crossover market. With seating for seven or eight, the Ascent is Subaru's largest vehicle in the lineup and offers Subaru loyalists a new option when needing something larger than the popular Outback. Available in three trim levels, power for all versions comes from a 260-horsepower, turbocharged flat-fourcylinder engine with power to all four wheels. Subaru claims the Ascent can tow up to 5,000 pounds. Standard on all models are automated emergency braking, adaptive cruise control and lane departure warning. A 6.5-inch display screen is standard on the base model but grows to 8 inches on the upper levels, which also offer a Wi-Fi hotspot, heated seats for the front two rows, power. tailgate, blind-spot and rear cross-traffic alerts. Features on the upper two trims include leather seating, ventilated front seats, rain-sensing wipers, navigation, panoramic sunroof and camera-based rearview mirror. Built in Indiana, the Ascent will reach dealer showrooms this summer.

Buyers will also appreciate the

telescoping steering wheel, flat floor with extra storage behind the front seats and the

powered tailgate.

### **TOYOTA CAMRY**

When Toyota redesigned the Camry, it gave the best selling mid-size sedan on the market a mild makeover on the outside with a lower, leaner looking profile. However, the biggest change isn't noticeable from the outside. For the first time in three decades, the 2018 Carry has a double wishbone rear suspension that offers a smoother, quieter ride with better handling and steering. The new suspension also takes up less interior room, allowing Toyota to improve the interior size and features. There are five trim levels to choose from but most are upgrades to available features. All Camrys come standard with a new 2.5-liter, four-cylinder with 203 horsepower. A 3.5-liter V6 now offers 301 horsepower. Both engines are paired to a new 8-speed automatic transmission. A hybrid version of the Camry is also available. Camrys come well equipped with full power accessories, Bluetooth, rearview camera and safety

features. All 2018 models come with Toyota's adaptive cruise control with automatic braking, especially useful in heavy commuter traffic, auto-

**SPECS TYPE** Sedan **DRIVETRAIN** 2.5-liter Four-cylinder, 203 HP, 8-speed Automatic **FUEL ECONOMY** 29 City / 41 Highway **BASE PRICE** 

\$23,495

### **VOLKSWAGEN TIGUAN**

The newly designed Tiguan for 2018 offers more legroom, cargo space and an optional third row of seating. The new Tiguan is 10 inches longer than the previous model and comes in four trim levels. All are powered by a 2.0-liter, turbocharged four-cylinder engine with 184 horsepower and an 8-speed automatic transmission. Front-wheel drive is standard but all-wheel is available on all models. Keyless ignition, simulated leather upholstery, 8-inch display screen, heated front seats, HD and satellite radio and dual-zone climate control are standard on the SE models. The SEL adds a sunroof,

powered tailgate, navigation, remote start and information for traffic, weather and nearby fuel prices, All-wheel drive models have 7.9 inches of ground clearance and automatic hill descent for those times you want to leave the pavement. The premium level

adds lane departure warning, front and rear parking sensors, automatic high beams and overhead parking camera. The upgraded audio system is compatible with Apple and Android devices that can be controlled by a smartphone app.



**SPECS** 

**TYPE** Crossover DRIVETRAIN 2.0-liter Turbo Four-cylinder, 185 HP. 8-speed Automatic **FUEL ECONOMY** 22 City / 27 Highway **BASE PRICE** \$24,595

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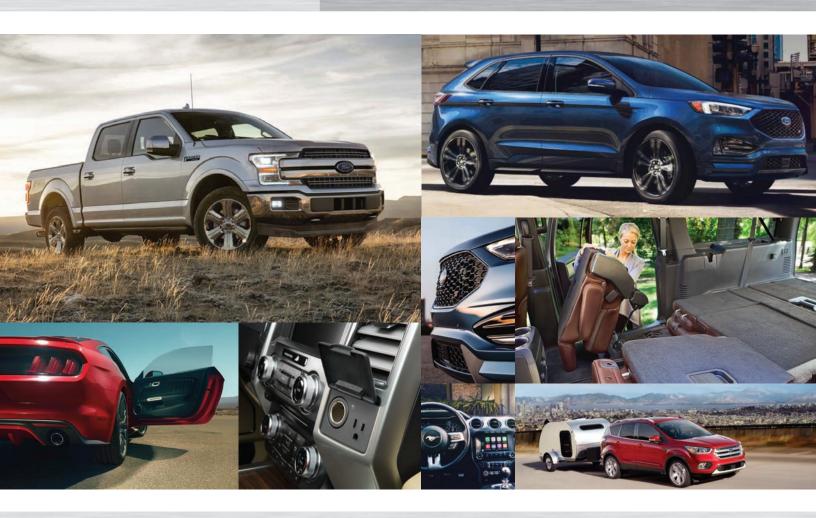
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Over the years the Georgia Tech team alone has grown to over 50 members, ranging from a wide variety of engineering and communication sub-teams. In their fourth year of competition, the Georgia Tech EcoCAR 3 team has made substantial improvements. The team has challenged themselves to learn from previous mistakes, improve performance, integrate innovative design systems, and increase efficiency. Last year Georgia Tech landed an overall 3rd place, while receiving three first place trophies for ADAS evaluation event, controls and SMS presentation, and mechanical presentation. Georgia Tech is enthused about their

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progression throughout the competition and is confident that improvements made to the vehicle in year four will improve their scores considerably. Through these innovative design changes, the team is eager to continue developing and testing the vehicle in preparation for this year's competition.

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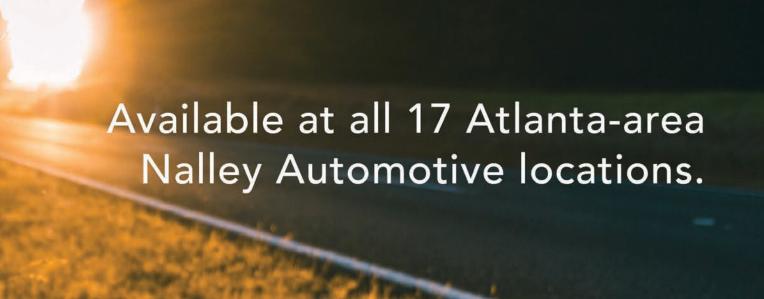
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2018 Buick **Regal Sportback** 





### LOOK TO CARMAKERS ARGING FOR MORE PERFORMANCE AND FUEL EFFICIENCY

By Russ Heaps

Russ Heaps has been covering the automotive industry since 1986. His car reviews and analysis have appeared in newspapers, magazines and the Internet. He is a charter member of GAAMA, the Greater Atlanta Automotive Media Association.



Turbocharging isn't new, but it's widespread popularity is, at least relatively speaking. Although invented early in the 20th century, bolting a turbocharger to a small engine to produce extra horsepower, as well as manage fuel economy was little more than an experiment until the Swedish carmaker, Saab, adopted

turbocharging as a core feature in the late 1970s.

Saab soldiered on with turbos for more than 30 years, developing new turbo technologies and evolving turbocharging a respected alternative to generating more horsepower with ever larger engines. As carmakers today struggle to make cars, trucks and SUVs more

fuel efficient while maintaining some degree of acceptable performance, turbocharging 4-cylinder engines is becoming almost commonplace.

In 2018, more vehicles than ever will offer a turbocharged 4-cylinder as standard equipment

2018 Chevrolet Equinox



or as an option. Here are seven all-new or redesigned examples.





## 2018 Buick Regal Sportback

Buick totally redesigned its midsize Regal for 2018. As part of the Regal renovation, Buick gave it a 250-horsepower 2-liter turbocharged 4-cylinder engine to generate thrust. Front-wheel-drive versions mate this four-banger with an all-new 9-speed automatic transmission. Opting for AWD replaces the 9-speed tranny with an 8-speed automatic. FWD models deliver a government-estimated 22 miles per gallon in the city and 32 mpg on the highway. Checking the AWD box drops predicted fuel efficiency to 21 mpg city and 29 mpg highway.

## 2018 Kia Stinger

Totally new for 2018, the Kia Stinger that has received so much praise and great press is the Stinger GT with its 365-horsepower 3.3-liter twinturbo V6. But, there's another, less boisterous version simply called Stinger. This four-door sportback gets its kick from a 255-horsepower 2-liter turbocharged 4-cylinder engine. The second-generation Kia-built 8-speed automatic transmission turns either the rear or all four wheels on models equipped with AWD. It can sprint from 0-to-60 miles per hour in less than six seconds. Government estimates place the fuel economy for RWD Stingers at 22 mpg city and 29 mpg on the highway. With AWD, those estimates drop by 1 mpg in the city, but highway mileage is unchanged.



2018 Volkswagen Atlas

## 2018 Volkswagen Atlas

All new, the 2018 Volkswagen Atlas is assembled in Chattanooga, Tennessee. A sevenpassenger, midsize CUV it uses either a turbocharged 4-cylinder or a V6 for power. Both feature Start/Stop technology to reduce fuel consumption. It's 4-cylinder is a turbocharged 2-liter engine generating 235 horsepower. An 8-speed automatic transmission delivers engine output to the front wheels. AWD isn't available for Atlas grades with the 4-cylinder. Estimated fuel economy is 22 mpg city and 26 mpg on the highway.

## 2018 Honda Accord

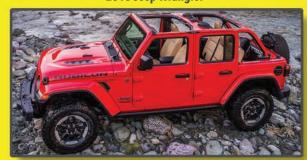
Totally redesigned for 2018, the Honda Accord continues to be a wildly popular midsize sedan. In shedding some size and weight, the updated Accord also gave up its V6 for a 250-horsepower 2-liter turbocharged 4-cylinder engine. The base engine is a 4-cylinder, as

well, but is normally aspirated. Nope. The big news is the 2L turbo, which delivers more torque (273 lb.-ft.) than any previous generation Accord. In Sport trim, it can be mated with a 6-speed manual transmission; otherwise, it's bolted to a 10-speed automatic transmission. The government estimates mileage at 22 mpg city and 32 mpg highway when equipped with the 10-speed automatic tranny.

## 2018 Jeep Wrangler

It's been 11 years since the last Jeep Wrangler update; so, it was about time one of the most highly recognized vehicles in the world got a makeover. While designers and product planners took the opportunity to strengthen Wrangler's appeal in nearly every way, the engineers went for some extreme changes under the hood. For the first time in its 75-plus-year history, the 2018 Wrangler will wind up with four engine choices. One of the choices is the 275-horsepower 2-liter turbocharged 4-cylinder capable of making 295 lb.-ft. of torque. The base engine in the powertrain lineup, the 2L turbo will use an all-new 8-speed automatic transmission to turn all four wheels. At this writing, estimated fuel-economy numbers aren't available.

2018 Jeep Wrangler



## 2018 Chevrolet Equinox

Completely redesigned for 2018, the Chevrolet Equinox features a turbo-only three-engine lineup. Only the Silverado outsells Equinox within the Bow Tie brand; so, it's an important vehicle for Chevy. Two of its engines are turbocharged fours. Delivering 170 horsepower, the base engine is a 1.5-liter turbocharged 4-cylinder that's mated to a 6-speed automatic transmission. Its estimated fuel economy is 26 mpg in the city and 32 mpg on the highway for the front-wheel drive. Opting for AWD drops mileage to 24 mpg in the city and 30 mpg on the highway. Chevy also offers a 252-horsepower 2-liter turbocharged 4-cylinder delivering output to the wheels via an all-new 9-speed automatic transmission. Estimated mileage is 22 mpg in the city and 29 mpg highway for front-wheel drive. City mileage remains the same for AWD models, but drops to 28 mpg on the highway.





## 2018 Audi A5 Sportback

Although heavily based on the Audi A4, the 2018 A5 Sportback is new to the United States. Like the Buick Regal and Kia Stinger, the A5 Sportback is a hatchback with an attitude. Standard is Audi's allwheel quattro drive that puts 60 percent of torque to the rear wheels unless some wheel slip begins to occur. Get-up-and-go comes from a 252-horsepower 2-liter turbocharged 4-cylinder engine. A 7-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission hustles engine power to the wheels. The A5 can gallop to 60 miles per hour from a standstill in 5.7 seconds. Government estimates place fuel economy at 24 mpg in the city and a very impressive 34 mpg on the highway.

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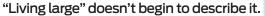
Escape is designed to make life your easier. It starts with available Intelligent Access with push-button start. Want to carry lots of cargo? No problem. The rear seats fold to provide up to 68 cu. ft. of cargo capacity. Accessing the rear of the vehicle is also a breeze with a foot-activated liftgate. And to help you while backing up the vehicle, a rearview camera is standard and a Reverse Sensing System is available.

## 2018 Ford Explorer Platinum

The Explorer Platinum's interior awes in its premium Nirvana leather with micro-perforation and quilted inserts, dual-panel moonroof, heated second-row bucket seats, and a heated, leather-wrapped steering wheel with real wood accents and unique stitching. And its exterior stands out with its satin-chrome finish.



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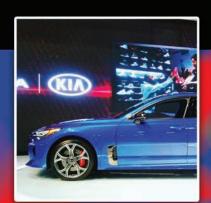
Social Media was a big hit at the 2017 Atlanta International Auto Show! Attendees enjoyed connecting online via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and the official Auto Show phone app!

The show's hashtag, #AIAS17, was consistently tagged in posts and reached thousands of people across the social media channels. One of the key highlights this year was the Social Media Photography Contest! Each day of the show, attendees had the chance to win the Photo of the Day. At the end of the show, one of the daily winners was selected for the ultimate Grand Prize. The objective was simple - take a photo and caption it with the show hashtag to be entered into the contest. The more photos, the better chances of winning!

There were so many great submissions that this was no easy task. However, after careful review, we selected each photo that we felt best represented the show. Each of the daily winners won eight tickets to the 2018 Auto Show (a \$96 value) and also won a display of their photos in the 2018 Show Guide.

Immediately following the show, we took the five winning photos and placed them online for the public to vote on their favorite photo to take home the Grand Prize! The Grand Prize winner won the aforementioned Auto Show tickets and placement in 2018 Show Guide PLUS a \$50 Visa Gift Card. Check out last year's winners (and be sure to join in the fun this year)!

> BE SURE TO JOIN IN THE FUN THIS YEAR! **SEE PAGE 38 FOR DETAILS!**



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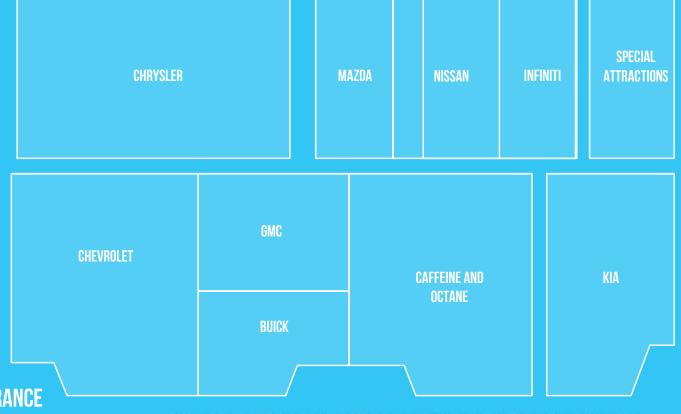


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THE OFFICIAL SHOW MAP OF THE 2018
ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW

## RELLING INTO TH AIRLESS FUTUR



## By Ryan R Rees

Ryan Rees has been writing about automobiles and automotive subjects for some 50 years. A former newspaper writer, editor and columnist, he also has been involved in motorsport public relations. Until retiring to southern Utah recently, he and his wife, Marilyn, wrote a popular weekly auto review column, The Car Couple.

> hen it comes to automotive care, few people give their tires a second thought.

> Few people take the time to regularly check the air pressure in their tires, the alignment or balance. According to tire manufacturers, a typical passenger car tire can lose up to 1 percent of its air

every month. Over time, that can add up to a substantial loss of air and cause irregular wear and contribute to decreased fuel economy.

> The tires everyone is accustomed to were first developed in 1888 by John Dunlop. The doughnutshaped black tires are known as pneumatic, or air-filled tires, and are produced in some 455 factories around the world.

Tires have undergone several changes through the years with tubeless tires becoming prevalent in the 1940s. Radial tires came on the market a decade later and runflat tires are a recent addition. All the changes have made tires that last longer, give better traction and reduce the amount of rubber being used.

However, tire technology is undergoing major radical а change in the near future.

Today, several manufacturers are exploring airless tires that ride on a solid hub with flexible polyurethane spokes and an outer band of rubber tread. The inner spokes absorb road forces while driving, same as pneumatic tires.

Michelin, one of the forerunners in this technology says its "Tweels" will last three times as long as a traditional tire but use much less rubber because only the outer tread needs to be created or disposed of, not the entire tire.

While some of its products are down the road, some versions of the Tweels are being used now on commercial vehicles such as bobcat loaders in low speed applications.

Michelin is also developing a tire concept it calls Vision. This technology involves airless construction from renewable sources that can be "recharged" with 3D printing of the tread portion to adapt to different driving conditions in different seasons and different conditions such as snow or sand. The structure of the tire can also monitor road conditions and send that information to the driver.

Korean manufacturer, Hankook, is working in a different way using geometric construction to create tires that never go flat because they aren't filled with air. The non-pneumatic tires are comprised of three main features, the center frame, the geometric inner core and the outer layer with a rubber tread. The center frame eliminates the need for existing retrofitting vehicles because it can be manufactured to meet current measurements.

In testing, the innovative iFlex tires have reached 80 miles per hour without incident and withstood severe curves, braking and acceleration.

At Bridgestone, new technology is based on a concept called **Contact Area Information Sensing** (CAIS). The future technology collects data and evaluates road surface condition information in seven categories and transfers that information to the driver through an in-car display. This information can allow a driver to react quicker to changing road conditions, especially in colder climates where snow, ice and especially black ice can be a problem.

For more than 130 years, tires have primarily been made of rubber. However, Goodyear is working with DuPont to develop

what it calls Biolsoprene, a biobased alternative to petroleumbased isoprene. The development will help reduce the tire and rubber industry's dependence on products derived from oil.

Two unique products they are working with are soybean oil and rice husk waste.

Using soybean oil can potentially increase tread life by 10 percent and greatly reduce petroleumbased oil products, according to the company.

Rice husk waste is usually headed for landfills but the ash from burning the husks to produce and become electricity environmentally friendly source for silica to be used in tires.

But until some of these innovative future products actually reach the marketplace, it's still a good idea to regularly check your tire pressure.

And, if you've forgotten the ageold axiom, you can test your tire tread wear by sticking a penny into the groove with Lincoln's head upside down and facing you. If you see all of Lincoln's head, it's time to replace your tires. And you might be able to replace them with tires that do not require air in the near future.



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## GEORGIA TEENS HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT DISTRACTED DRIVING

ast year, The Atlanta International Auto Show and The National Road Safety Foundation (NRSF) launched the Drive Safe Atlanta PSA Contest, which invited young people from throughout the Peachtree State to submit their ideas for a public service message warning of the dangers of distracted driving.

Distracted driving is a major problem; it's a factor in more than 3,300 traffic fatalities every year. Teen drivers, who have less experience behind the wheel, are especially at risk.

That's why The NRSF and the Atlanta Auto Show teamed up to engage young people in helping spread the word about distracted driving to their peers, their families and all Georgia drivers.

Distraction is caused by much more than cellphones and texting, although those are the things that get the most attention. "Distraction can come from anything that takes your eyes and your mind off the road," says Michelle Anderson of The National Road Safety Foundation, a non-profit group that's been

addressing driver safety issues for 55 years with free videos and teaching materials.

Last year's winner was Gabriel Howland, a student at the Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School. He won \$2,000 and the chance to work with an Emmy Award-winning director to make his concept into a 30-second TV spot that had its debut at the Atlanta Auto Show before airing nationwide on more than 150 TV stations on "Teen Kids News." This year's winner will be announced at the Auto Show and his or her PSA will be shown on TV nationwide. You can see Gabriel's spot and this year's winner online at ww.nrsf.org/teenlane/contests/drivesafeatlanta.



left to right: David Reich, NRSF; Harris Blackwood, Director, Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety; 2017 Winner, Gabriel Howland; Aaron Goodson, Teacher at Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School; Michelle Anderson, NRSF.







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## CHECKTO

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## **ABOUT CHECK TO PROTECT**

CHECK TO PROTECT is a national campaign to encourage drivers to check the recall status of their vehicle and have open recalls fixed immediately. It is led by the National Safety Council (NSC), along with founding coalition partner FCA US (Fiat Chrysler Automobiles). This campaign comes at a time when an unprecedented number of vehicles, 53 million, are on the road with unresolved safety recalls. That's more than one in four cars on the road. This poses an urgent and serious risk to drivers and passengers.

The campaign is particularly focused on drivers of older (five years old or older) and used cars because the recall compliance completion rate is only 44 percent for these vehicles, compared to 83 percent for newer vehicles. This may be because drivers of older and used vehicles are further removed from dealerships, and therefore may not be reached by the traditional recall notification systems.

CHECK TO PROTECT aims to reinforce the significant risks unaddressed recalls can pose for families. In a November 2016 survey of owners of older vehicles more than four in 10 respondents say they would wait to take in their car for repair if they received a recall notice (as opposed to getting the recall fixed immediately) and five percent say they wouldn't take in their car at all. In the survey, approximately one-third of respondents reported receiving a recall on their vehicle.



## THERE IS A STRONG NEED TO RAISE AWARENESS OF NHTSA'S ONLINE VIN LOOKUP TOOL.

According to a November 2016 survey of older and used car owners, nearly 70 percent of respondents reported they would be very likely to check to see if their vehicle has an outstanding recall, and more than 70 percent said checking via a website would be their preferred method." However, research by the Auto Alliance (Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers) and Global Automakers found that only four in 10 respondents knew the NHTSA VIN lookup tool existed.iv

## **CHECKING A VEHICLE'S RECALL STATUS IS EASY.**

RECALL

Drivers can enter their vehicle identification number (VIN) at checktoprotect.org or directly on NHTSA's website for a full report of their vehicle's recall status. The 17-digit VIN can be found in the lower left corner of a car's windshield or on the inside of the driverside door. It is also located on a car's registration card and possibly on insurance documentation. Getting a recall repaired is free of charge to the vehicle owner.

## CHECK TO PROTECT IS LOOKING AHEAD FOR LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO RECALL NONCOMPLIANCE.

CHECK TO PROTECT aims to bring together the automotive industry, traffic safety advocacy groups and federal and state government to help overcome barriers to recall compliance.

Drivers report not addressing a recall for a variety of reasons.v

They don't have time: Many report they either do not have time or are waiting for a more convenient time to take their car SAFETY to the dealership.

They deem the recall not serious: Vehicle owners tend to make their own judgments about the severity of their recall. Respondents said they waited because the recall was not serious or concerning enough to get fixed, and some said they would wait until the recall became an issue before taking it in for repair.

They are waiting on the automaker or dealership: Sometimes the parts needed to address a recall are not immediately available from the dealership, causing owners to delay taking their vehicle in for repair.

In July 2017, CHECK TO PROTECT launched a nation-wide advertising and outreach campaign to motivate vehicle owners to check the recall status of their vehicles and encourage them to visit a dealership for a free recall repair.

CHECK TO PROTECT was launched in summer 2017 by the National Safety Council and FCA US. FCA US is providing the initial funding for CHECK TO PROTECT, but coalition membership is open to all automakers and traffic safety advocacy groups in the United States.







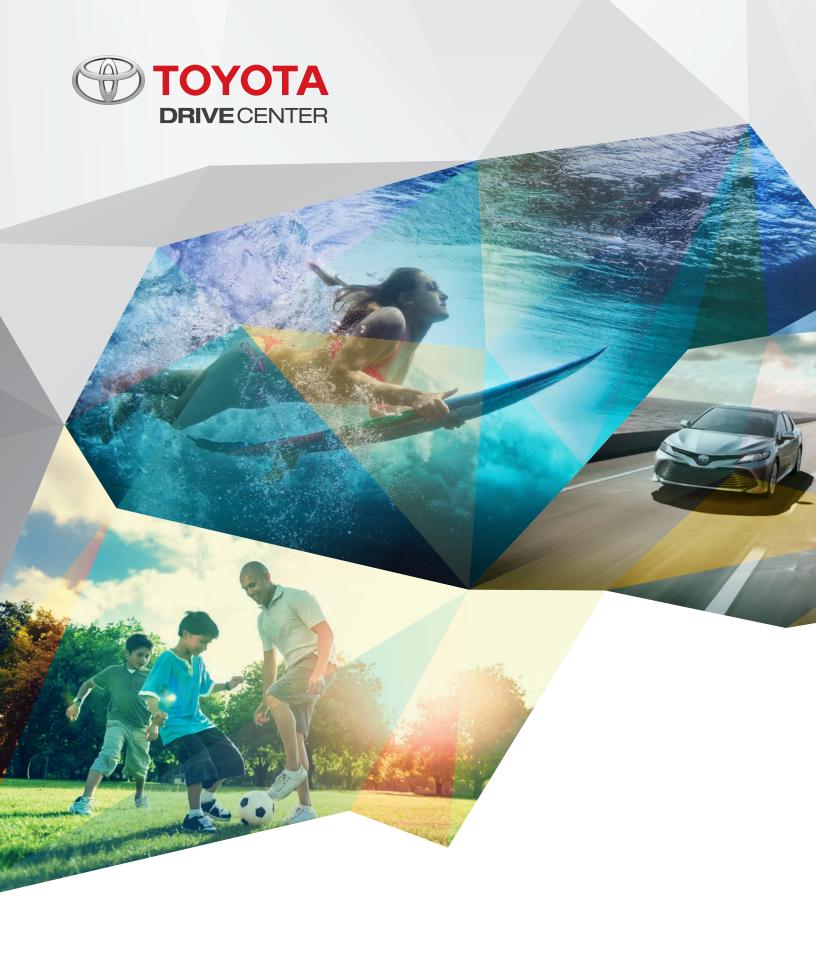
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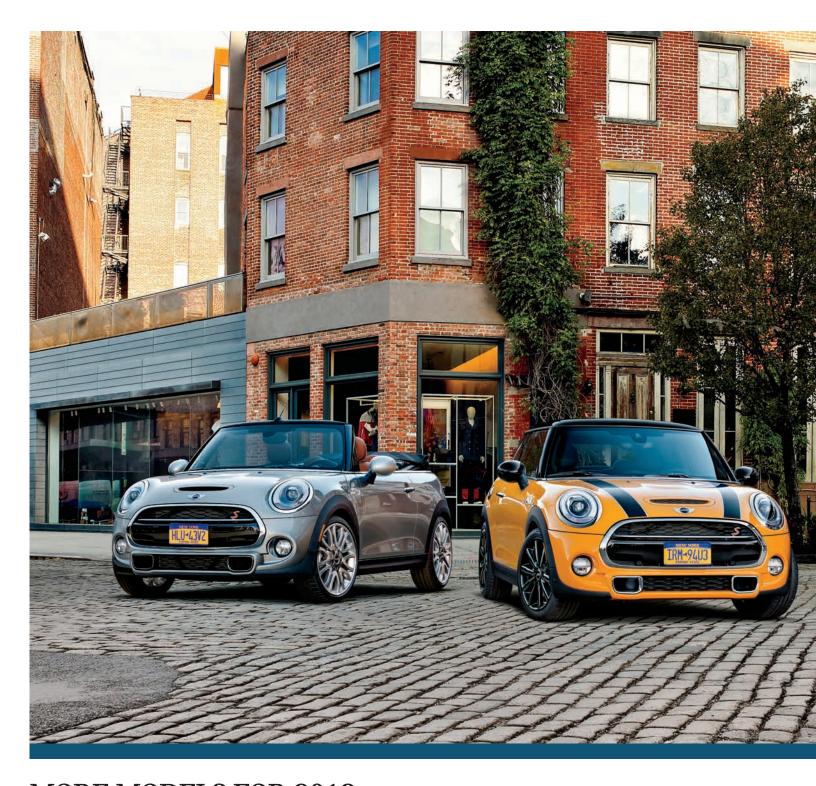
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## c1880 Chicago Horse-**Drawn Police Wagon**

The windy city's finest, patiently waiting for the invention of motorized patrol cars.

AN IRONIC LOOK BACK AT THE WORLD'S

## Police Cars

For every law that's been made throughout history, some dang fool, somewhere, has broken it. Here are some of the novel ways law officers have taken to the road to track down the morally a challenged.

c1962 German Isetta State **Police Car** 

Would love to

have seen this little one-cylinder bubble car try to catch a Porsche 911 on the Autobahn.



## 1912 Ford Model T Paddy Wagon

Dedicated lawmen rounding up all the citizens they caught having fun on Sunday.



## 1924 Los Angeles **Holding Cell Sidecar**

Perhaps the punishment for moving violations was 30 days in a moving jail.

### c1960 Scottish Pedal-Powered (!) Police Car

This motorless wonder probably struggled to apprehend a fast-walking jaywalker.

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## A CLASSIC: 1963 Ford Galaxie 500 Police Interceptor

Hard to sneak up on speeders and other hoodlums when they learned to spot a 'cherry top' light from a mile away.

### BY TOM TORTORICI

Tom writes about the fascinating social history of motor vehicles.





### c1875 Horse-Drawn **Hook & Ladder**

Trudging uphill with just 3 horsepower, firemen had to get out and run alongside – then were too exhausted to actually fight the fire.

AN IRONIC LOOK BACK AT THE WORLD'S

## Fire Trucks

In the early days, a knocked-over kerosene lantern could set an entire neighborhood of wooden buildings ablaze. When the primitive fire rigs finally arrived, they squirted a little

water as a token desture, then waited for the inferno to burn

itself out.



### **c1903 Steam-Powered Pumper**

Pausing to take a picture before rushing to the orphanage fire.

## c1953 Italian **Fire Supply Rig**

Made to squeeze through narrow, crowded city streets, these tiny 3-wheelers toted gear and water-hopefully to a small fire.



While some firefighters clung to the backs of swerving trucks, Detroit crews-and their hosespreferred to arrive in comfort and style.



### c1960 Japanese All-Terrain Water Tanker

If cars didn't get out of the way, well, it could alwavs iust roll over them.

### A CLASSIC: 1955 Maxim Reserve Tanker

Some fire departments apparently decided a convertible would be nice for iding to fires on pleasant spring days.

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### c1885 Canadian Horse-Drawn Ambulance

Why was it painted black like a hearse? Plainly, after a long, slow ride, things could go either way.

AN IRONIC LOOK BACK AT THE WORLD'S

## Ambulances

These days, you always pull over to let a speeding ambulance go by. But in times past, you might be sitting at the curb for a while, waiting for some of these old rigs to plod past on their way to the infirmary.





## **1917 WWI Army** Bicycle Ambulance

Hope the wounded soldier isn't in too much of a hurry, and the field hospital isn't on a hill.



## **1914 City Ambulance**

This crew looks like it was sent out for a typhoid epidemic, but is afraid to get out of the ambulance.



## c1928 French Motorcycle **Sidecar Ambulance**

With no suspension and cobblestone streets, patients arrived sicker than when they left.

### A CLASSIC: 1964 Cadillac **S&S Ambulance**

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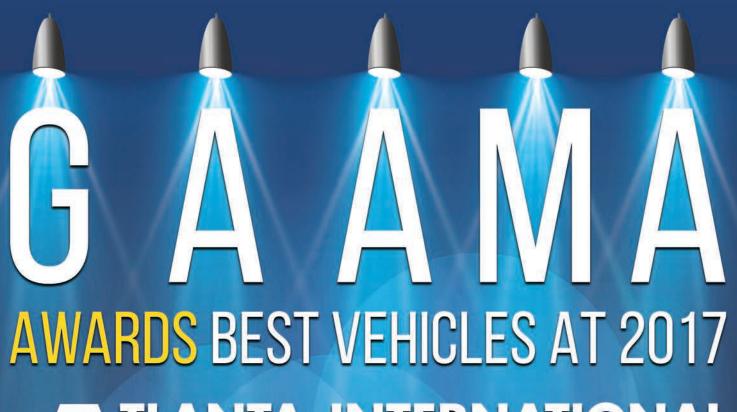
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GAAMA's objective is to further professionalism of the automotive media, provide a forum for newsworthy people and products connected with the automotive industry and to bring together people whose activities are related to the field of automotive journalism, public relations and related fields for the mutual benefit of all parties.

JUDGES CHOICE: KIA STINGER Last year, journalists from the Greater Atlanta Automotive Media Association (GAAMA) selected the best of show at the 35th Annual Atlanta International Auto Show, produced by the Metro Atlanta Automobile Dealers Association (MAADA), and held at the Georgia World Congress Center from Wednesday, March 22, through Sunday, March 26.

"The Atlanta Auto Show is the biggest and best one yet," said Christopher Lawrence, president of GAMMA and president of AutoAcademics.net, an automotive consultancy that aims to assist consumers in making intelligent, unbiased, and logical automotive choices. "The judges cover the auto industry for a variety of outlets including newspapers, magazines and websites and looked at the cars for performance, value, new technology and overall experience. With increasing competition each year, it's a challenge to identify the best cars at the show."

The Kia Stinger won the Judges' Choice Award because of its progressive design, luxurious amenities, and performance-based componentry. It's a fastback sports sedan that is available in rear- or all-wheel drive, and hit showrooms at the end of 2017.

In addition to the Judges' Choice, the following vehicles were also cited by the judges as being best in their category:

- Bang for the Buck: 2017 Mazda MX-5 RF
- Green: 2017 Chevrolet Bolt
- **Luxury: 2018 Lexus LS 500**
- **Performance:**

2018 Mercedes-AMG GT C Roadster

- **SUV/Crossover:** 2018 Volkswagen Atlas
- Truck: 2017 Ford Raptor

The awards were presented at GAAMA's annual meeting that took place at the auto show.



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### Nissan

Car manufacturers call it the democratization of technology when it filters down from expensive luxury nameplates to more affordable vehicles. Nissan offers an ideal example of that concept on its 2018 Nissan Rogue. It features – in fact, it's the first Nissan to feature – the Nissan ProPILOT Assist system. To qualify, a buyer must opt for the top grade Rogue, but it still costs less than \$35,000.

Nissan calls it hands-on-wheel technology, but it uses a camera mounted behind the rearview mirror to recognize the painted lines marking the lane and then keeps the Rogue in the center of the lane. It only works when lanes are clearly marked; but when that's the case, it will even steer Rogue through curves. ProPILOT only engages when the adaptive cruise control is on, which also maintains a safe distance from the vehicle in front of it. When necessary, the adaptive cruise will bring Rogue to a full stop and then accelerate when traffic begins moving again. ProPILOT will also be available on the 2018 Nissan Leaf.





### Audi

Traffic Jam Assist (TJA) is what Audi calls its low-speed autonomous system including both self braking and acceleration, as well as hands-free steering within a lane. For speeds of 37 miles per hour or less, TJA works in conjunction with the adaptive cruise control with stop & go to do the driving for short periods (15 seconds or so). This is the system found in the 2016 A4 and Q7. It is a Level 2 system.

Coming in the 2018 A8, though, will be Audi's Level 3 Traffic Jam Assist. Although the driver will still be ultimately responsible for what the car does, it will be able to take full command of the car at speeds up to 35 mph, as long as certain criteria are met. Like Cadillac's Super Cruise, the advanced TJA will monitor the driver's level of concentration. The system will also ensure the A8 is on a limited-access road with sufficient lane markings. In addition to the sensors and cameras widely used with all autonomous systems, the A8 will also employ a laser scanner with a 145-degree field of view.

hen listening to the experts on future mobility, you will hear three central topics: electrification, car sharing and self driving. Today these are the three legs of the future-mobility stool. Of course, technology is moving at breakneck speed; so, this could all change tomorrow. But, as of now, these are the targets.

Virtually every carmaker is working on some sort of autonomous technology. Adaptive cruise control that maintains a preset distance from the car in front of it, and lane-departure warning that sounds an alert when the car drifts out of its lane

are technologies available in a wide range of cars. They are also a couple of the building blocks to fully autonomous vehicles (AVs).





The government and autonomous-technology developers have agreed upon a 6-tiered system for defining self-driving technology, from Level 0 with the human driver in full control to Level 5 that can operate without a human driver at all. Regardless of what a manufacturer might boast to the contrary, most of the autonomous systems found in 2018 cars are basically Level 2. Level 2 cars can assist the driver in steering, accelerating and braking, but the driver is still in full command. Level 3 cars still require a driver behind the wheel at the ready to regain control, but can operate fully on their own in certain situations, such as on a freeway. Because they are few and far between, even today's few Level 3 cars require a fully engaged driver.

Several carmakers now offer systems that straddle the line between Level 2 and Level 3. Although we are likely to see higher-end luxury brands with the first Level 4 and Level 5 AVs, mainstream carmakers like Nissan offer Level 2 autonomous systems now.

### Hyundai

Hyundai has advanced the time line for officially launching its Highway Driving Assist 2 (HDA2) system. This will be, in essence, a Level 3 system capable of not only stopping and starting with traffic flow, as well as keeping within its lane, but will also be able to change lanes on its own. Originally planned for 2020, HDA2, Hyundai tells us it will now appear in some 2018 models.

In the meantime, though, some of this technology is already available in some of its 2018 vehicles. The Sonata, for example, offers a Tech Package with automatic emergency braking and pedestrian detection, lane-keep assist and smart cruise control with start-stop. Not as sophisticated as the HDA2 system, when equipped with the Tech Package, the current 2018 Sonata will basically steer itself, starting and stopping when necessary. The driver needs to keep some grasp of the steering wheel, but can let the car steer itself in many situations. It's clearly a Level 2 system.



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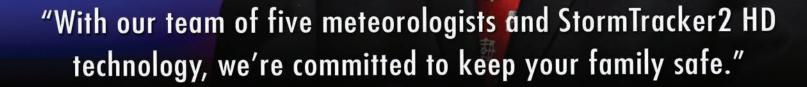


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