



2009 NISSAN FRONTIER

Improving its impressive packaging, the 2009 Frontier gets updated with a new front fascia grille and headlight design and new 16-inch and 18-inch wheels. A PRO-4X off-road model is added, along with new Frontier Crew Cab LE/PRO-4X Value Truck Packages that offer an array of popular optional equipment at a greater value than if purchased separately.

The 2009 Nissan Frontier offers on- and off-road performance with the use of a 4.0-liter V6 engine with best-in-segment horsepower, torque, towing and payload specifications. The Frontier is offered in both King Cab and Crew Cab styles and in 4x2 and 4x4 drivelines.

For 2009, Frontier features a restyled front fascia/grille design and new headlight design. LE models offer new 18-inch aluminum-alloy wheels, SE models feature new 16-inch aluminum-alloy wheels and PRO-4X models receive new machine-finished 16-inch aluminum alloy wheels. Two new exterior colors are available -- Red Brick and Navy Blue. Frontier provides exceptional acceleration, towing capacity and all-around off-roading ability, due in large measure to its powerful V6 producing 261 horsepower and 281 lb-ft of torque. An advanced 2.5-liter 4-cylinder engine, with 152 horsepower and 171 lb-ft torque, is also available on the base Frontier King Cab 4x2 model.

Base model estimated mpg: 16/20
Estimated starting price: \$22,210

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2009 NISSAN GT-R

The all-new 2009 Nissan GT-R is no longer the unobtainable object of desire on a video game or in the movies, the GT-R is now on sale for the first time in North America.

The Nissan GT-R is built on an exclusive all-new Premium Midship platform. This platform enables the use of a world's first independent rear transaxle ATTESA E-TS all-wheel drive system, which optimizes weight distribution and handling capability. This layout places the transmission, transfer case and final drive at the rear of the vehicle, without the use of traditional torque tubes, allowing the suspension to operate independently and optimizing tire grip at each corner.

The 2009 GT-R features an all-new hand-built 3.8-liter twin turbo V6 producing 480 horsepower and 430 lb.-ft. of torque.

Handling duties are managed by a 4-wheel independent suspension system mounted to high-precision six-point front and rear subframes.

Stopping power is provided by Brembo mono block six-piston front and four piston rear calipers with large 15-inch Brembo full-floating cross-drilled two piece rotors and low-steel high-stiffness brake pads.

GT-R-specific lightweight forged 20-inch wheels are shod with nitrogen-filled Bridgestone high-performance summer run-flat tires specifically designed for the GT-R.

Base model estimated mpg: 16/21
Estimated starting price: \$76,840

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2009 NISSAN MAXIMA

The all-new 2009 Nissan Maxima marks a return to the longtime Nissan flagship sedan's roots as a commanding sports car -- a vehicle that is unique in both appearance and driving feel, with renewed relevance for today's active and ambitious sedan buyers.

The Maxima is offered as two well-equipped models, 3.5 S and 3.5 SV. The exterior design theme for the new Maxima is "Liquid Motion" -- focusing on the flow of its powerful and beautiful surfaces.

The look starts with Maxima's aggressive stance and powerful fender volume, which is not unlike many exotic sports cars on the market today. This deeply sculpted body/fender treatment is seldom used for mass market vehicles because of the engineering and manufacturing complexity required to physically accomplish it. Maxima's new stance is created by a slight reduction in wheelbase and overall length, along with a wider front and rear track.

The new Maxima offers more horsepower and torque, providing quicker acceleration response and a special "Maxima Sound" -- a satisfying, sporty sounding exhaust note. For 2009, Maxima features a standard 3.5-liter VQ-series V6 engine, enhanced and refined to take its driving performance to new levels.

The 2009 Maxima's 3.5-liter V6 is now rated at 290 horsepower and 261 lb-ft of torque.

Base model estimated mpg: 19/26
Estimated starting price: \$29,290

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2009 NISSAN MURANO

The all-new 2009 Murano has a new exterior, interior and enhanced technology. Murano's premium driving feel results from a combination of a new advanced platform, continued refinement of Murano's V6 engine and new Xtronic CVT.

The 2009 Murano's exterior features a wide front end with a dynamic front fascia design, a wide grille with large integrated headlights, strong body side character lines with pronounced 18-inch or 20-inch wheels and tires and a distinctive rear end set off by an expansive rear glass area and LED taillights.

Murano's interior comes complete with new instrument panel and center stack design, new seat design with available double-stitched leather-appointed seating surfaces, use of premium materials -- leather and aluminum -- a storage compartments and ambient lighting.

The 2009 Murano is powered by a revised 265-horsepower 3.5-liter DOHC V6 backed by a new advanced Xtronic Continuously Variable Transmission, with a FWD or AWD drivetrain.

New available exterior features for 2009 include rain-sensing windshield wipers, a power liftgate, enhanced RearView Monitor with rear view camera and a large, dual panel power sliding glass moonroof and 2nd row skylight. Eight colors are offered, including three new colors -- Deep Sapphire, Tinted Bronze and Saharan Stone.

Base model estimated mpg: 18/23
Estimated starting price: \$26,870

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2009 NISSAN PATHFINDER

The Nissan Pathfinder, which expanded its lineup in 2008 with the addition of an available 5.6-liter V8 engine, continues in the 2009 model year with revised packaging and equipment availability, including the addition of standard 18-inch machined aluminum alloy wheels on Pathfinder LE V6 models (previously standard on LE V8 models only). Other changes include the addition of standard side and curtain airbags on all models and a new auto-door lock function. Two new exterior colors are also available for 2009.

With standard three-row seating and the choice of two powerful engines, Pathfinder combines first-class amenities with rugged family adventure capabilities.

The Pathfinder interior offers a range of amenities, including available leather-appointed seating, heated steering wheel, Nissan Intelligent Key with twist start, Nissan Navigation System with 9.3GB Music Box Hard Drive, Bluetooth Hands-free Phone System, XM Satellite Radio and RearView Monitor.

Pathfinder's 5.6-liter V8 engine is rated at 310 horsepower and 388 lb-ft of torque, which helps it to achieve 7,000 pounds of towing capacity.

Also available is Pathfinder's 266-horsepower 4.0-liter version of the award-winning Nissan VQ-series V6 engine. Both engines are available with 2-wheel or 4-wheel drive.

Base model estimated mpg: 15/22
Estimated starting price: \$27,210

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2009 NISSAN QUEST

The 2009 Nissan Quest continues as a distinctive minivan on the market -- as well as one of the roomiest minivans in its segment.

Changes for 2009 are minimal -- the addition of new automatic door locks and one new exterior paint color: Tuscan Sun.

The 2009 Quest is offered in four well equipped models -- 3.5, 3.5S, 3.5SL and 3.5SE.

Quest provides sedan-like power and handling from its standard 235-horsepower 3.5-liter V6 engine, 5-speed automatic transmission and responsive suspension design. The 3.5-liter V6 is tuned to produce 235 horsepower and 240 lb-ft torque (premium fuel).

A unique highlight of the Quest interior is the SkyView glass-paneled roof, which utilizes roof-mounted glass panels for the 2nd and 3rd rows that help enhance the use of natural light throughout the vehicle. A full-length rear overhead console is available with the SkyView glass-paneled roof. It creates aircraft-like interior comfort zones with personal reading lamps and air vents.

The Nissan Quest received the National Highway Safety Administration's highest rating -- 5 stars -- for front-impact and side-impact crash safety.

Base model estimated mpg: 16/24
Estimated starting price: \$25,950

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2009 NISSAN ROGUE

Rogue's exterior is designed to present an image of modern sophistication -- both aggressive and sporty. Its sleek, masculine styling includes dynamically arched forms and powerful rear shoulder lines.

Rogue features available Xenon headlights, available power sliding glass moonroof with dark gray glass, and an available roof rail system with detachable cross bars (accessory). Rogue's interior, like its exterior, is designed to stand out in class with its sophisticated integration of a cockpit-like driver's space and exceptional utility.

Enhancements for the 2009 Nissan Rogue include new auto speed-sensing door locks; fold-down front passenger seat, driver seatback pocket, dual-level center console tray and mood lighting for SL models; drive computer and outside temperature display added to SL models; two luggage side cargo hooks and dual visor vanity mirror illumination for SL models; the Leather Package option is now available for Rogue FWD SL models; and Bluetooth Hands-free Phone System and Nissan Intelligent Key added to the Rogue FWD Premium Package.

The 2009 Nissan is available in Rogue S and Rogue SL, each with a standard 170-horsepower 2.5-liter 4-cylinder engine, Nissan's advanced Xtronic CVT, Vehicle Dynamic Control and 4-wheel disc brakes with Anti-lock Braking System.

Base model estimated mpg: 22/27
Estimated starting price: \$20,220

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2009 NISSAN SENTRA

The Nissan Sentra offers style, space, quality, performance and interior flexibility for active lifestyles. For 2009, Sentra is offered with a standard 2.0-liter 4-cylinder engine, standard 6-speed manual transmission or available fuel-efficient Nissan Xtronic CVT (Continuously Variable Transmission).

Sentra is also available in Sentra SE-R and Sentra SE-R Spec V models -- both featuring sporty styling, enhanced performance and additional standard equipment vs. non-SE-R models.

Sentra SE-R features Nissan's refined 4-cylinder engine rated at 177 horsepower and 172 lb-ft of torque matched with an Xtronic CVT with paddle shifters for smooth, sporty performance.

The 6-speed manual-equipped Sentra SE-R Spec V features a high-output version of the engine, with top end engine modifications that help it achieve 200 horsepower and 180 lb-ft of torque. Contributing to the Spec V's performance is unique suspension tuning, larger diameter brakes and an optional Limited Slip Differential.

For 2009, Sentra offers minor revisions including revised trunk lid design; new velour charcoal and beige seat cloth and door trims; revised driver-side and passenger-side seatbacks; additional 12-volt power points; MP3 playback capability; and new auto speed-sensing door locks.

Base model estimated mpg: 25/33
Estimated starting price: \$16,700

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2009 NISSAN TITAN

The Nissan Titan full-size pickup continues to build on its reputation as rugged, reliable, spirited choice for active truck buyers seeking style, innovation and excellent value.

The Titan again blends distinctive exterior styling, a thoughtful full-feature interior and a tough, powerful drivetrain, making it one of the most versatile offerings in class. Changes for 2009 include revised features and equipment packages -- including new Max Utility Packages that combine some of the most popular towing and bed utility items.

Other enhancements for 2009 include the addition of matte black finish grille and body-color front bumper for Titan XE models and an auto-door locking feature to all power door lock-equipped vehicles.

The 2009 Titan is offered in King Cab and Crew Cab body styles with a choice of 4x4 and 4x2 drive configurations, along with two wheelbases and four bed lengths. Titan is available in four well-equipped models -- XE, SE, PRO-4X and LE.

Titan is also available as a Flexible Fuel Vehicle designed to run on E85 Ethanol as a no-cost option.

The 2009 Titan is built on Nissan's rugged F-Alpha pickup platform and features a powerful 5.6-liter V8 rated at 317 horsepower and 385 lb-ft of torque, a standard 5-speed automatic transmission and a maximum towing capacity of up to 9,500 pounds for King Cab and 9,400 pounds for Crew Cab (when properly equipped).

Base model estimated mpg: 13/17
Estimated starting price: \$26,150

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2009 NISSAN VERSA

The Nissan Versa appeals to buyers seeking fuel efficiency without sacrificing performance or roominess.

Versa offers one of highest standard horsepower/torque ratings and the largest interior in the entry-level segment -- along with excellent quality, reliability and durability.

The front-wheel drive Versa is offered in two body styles, a 5-door hatchback and 4-door sedan -- each available in two well-equipped models, the Versa 1.8 S or the Versa 1.8 SL.

The exterior of the Versa Hatchback and Sedan, with their long 102.4-inch wheelbases and short front and rear overhangs, feature a dynamic look and attention to detail, as seen in the large halogen headlights, signature Nissan grille and large taillights.

A Sport Package adds a higher level of performance styling with a roof-mounted rear spoiler, lower body side sill extensions, unique front and rear fascia and fog lights.

All 2009 Versas feature a standard 1.8-liter 4-cylinder engine and a choice of three transmissions: an available Nissan Xtronic CVT, available 4-speed electronically controlled automatic with overdrive or 6-speed manual transmission.

With 122 horsepower and 127 lb-ft of torque, the 1.8-liter engine is powerful and responsive, while also delivering excellent fuel economy.

Base model estimated mpg: 26/31
Estimated starting price: \$12,990

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2009 NISSAN XTERRA

The Nissan Xterra receives a number of enhancements for 2009 -- including a redesigned front end appearance, new Roof-Mounted Off-Road Lights, new wheel designs, new seat materials and colors (with leather-appointed seats standard on SE models), new trim level content and standard roof-mounted curtain side impact airbags with rollover sensor. Changes to Xterra enhance the differentiation between the four available models -- X, S, Off-Road and SE -- making it easier for buyers to determine the model for their needs and lifestyles.

Optional packages have been simplified for with two packages: Technology Package and X Gear Package.

All Xteras feature a 4.0-liter V6 engine rated at 261 horsepower and 281 lb-ft of torque, along with a rugged "F-Alpha" truck platform for adventure-ready performance. Xterra is available with a choice of 6-speed manual or 5-speed automatic transmissions and in a choice of part-time 4-wheel drive or 2-wheel drive.

Xterra's exterior styling includes large flared fenders, a versatile roof rack with latching lid and a rear bumper design with side steps for easy access to the roof rack. It also offers a large, powerful looking hood and headlights.

There are two new grille treatments -- a Sandblast Aluminum finish for X, S and Off-Road models and Satin Chrome finish for Xterra SE models.

Base model estimated mpg: 16/20
Estimated starting price: \$23,310

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2009 PONTIAC G5

A more efficient version of the 2.2L Ecotec engine delivers a dramatic increase in fuel economy for the 2009 Pontiac G5. The 2.2L engine uses variable valve timing to optimize fuel economy at all speeds, for an EPA-estimated highway rating of 37 mpg. It also brings a slight horsepower increase.

In addition to increased power and fuel economy, the 2009 G5 coupe offers a wide range of standard comfort, convenience and safety features wrapped in a sporty coupe design. Also new for the '09 G5 lineup is the addition of Bluetooth connectivity with the OnStar system (OnStar is now standard on all models).

Changes and new content reflect revisions to popular equipment packages. They include: Sun and Sound Package -- content includes a new, AM/FM/CD radio with MP3 playback with premium Pioneer seven-speaker sound and a power sunroof. New MYLINK Package -- content includes 16-inch machine-face wheels, four-wheel ABS, cruise control, chrome exhaust tip, leather-wrapped steering wheel and shift knob, steering wheel audio controls and Bluetooth capability.

Both the G5 base and GT models employ the Ecotec 2.2L four-cylinder engine. It is rated at 155 horsepower and 150 lb.-ft. of torque. The Pontiac G5 delivers a crisp driving experience, using a MacPherson strut-type front suspension, semi-independent torsion beam rear suspension, and front and rear stabilizer bars for more exact body roll control.

Base model estimated mpg: 25/37
Estimated starting price: \$16,935

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2009 PONTIAC G6

Pontiac G6 provides an exhilarating family of distinctive, midsize cars that offers something for every driver looking for a responsive vehicle.

The lineup includes the base G6 sedan; the GT sedan, coupe and convertible; and the performance-oriented GXP sedan and coupe, with aggressive design and sharp reflexes.

New for 2009, the 164-hp 2.4L engine is offered with a six-speed automatic transmission that delivers EPA-estimated fuel economy of 22 mpg in the city and 33 on the highway.

For more power, GT models feature a standard 3.5L V-6 rated at 219 horsepower or 221 horsepower. The GT convertible has an optional 3.9L V-6 rated at 222 horsepower. The G6 GXP coupe and sedan are powered by GM's 3.6L V-6 with 252 horsepower.

The chassis of G6 models are tuned to complement their respective powertrains with responsive handling, and are installed on the same strong chassis that includes a class-leading 112.3-inch wheelbase.

In addition to the new powertrain combination, lineup changes for 2009 reflect alignment with buyer popularity. The changes include: XM Satellite Radio standard; Remote vehicle starting system standard on GT and GXP models, optional on base models; Rear spoiler now standard on GT; four new exterior colors: Quicksilver Metallic, Summit White, Gold Mist Metallic and Silver Green Metallic.

Base model estimated mpg: 22/33
Estimated starting price: \$20,295

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2009 PONTIAC G8

The Pontiac G8 is the first North American application of GM's new global rear-wheel-drive architecture. The 2009 lineup comprises three models: G8, G8 GT and the new G8 GXP.

The base G8 receives a 3.6L V-6 rated at 256 horsepower. The G8 GT is powered by a uniquely configured 6.0L small-block V-8, rated at 361 horsepower and features Active Fuel Management technology, which allows the engine to switch from V-8 power to four-cylinder. The GXP packs a 6.2L V-8 that tops 400 horsepower.

The GXP takes the G8's responsive driving, refined passenger environment and aggressive good looks to a new level, with distinctive design cues, unique interior elements and a stirring driving experience. It rewards the driver with sharp, immediate responses, and a well-balanced road feel during spirited driving.

A Brembo braking system matches the GXP's boost in performance with an equivalent increase in stopping power. The system includes 14-inch vented front and 12.76-inch rear disc rotors, with special quad-piston alloy calipers in front.

The GXP rides on unique 19-inch polished aluminum wheels with a special machined face. Performance summer tires are standard and a comparable all-season tire is available.

Base model estimated mpg: 17/25
Estimated starting price: \$27,995

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2009 PONTIAC SOLSTICE

The Pontiac Solstice lineup expands in 2009 with a new, sleek coupe model. The Solstice coupe is equipped with a removable roof that enables an open-air driving experience, yet offers a greater range of all-season driving opportunities.

The new coupe is available in base and GXP models -- the latter powered by a 2.0L 260-hp turbocharged Ecotec engine with direct injection technology. The base Solstice is powered by a 2.4L Ecotec four-cylinder engine producing 173 hp.

Content changes for all 2009 models are few, but bring popular performance and safety features to all models as standard equipment. They include: Anti-lock brakes and StabiliTrak electronic stability control system; limited-slip differential; revised appearance on standard 18-inch wheels. Bluetooth capability is integrated with Solstice's standard OnStar system for 2009.

The Solstice coupe features a fixed roof aft of the B-pillars, complete with side windows and a rear liftglass that opens to provide access to the cargo compartment. The roofline slopes rearward in a classic fastback, including stylized "trails" that run from the front of the roof to the rear, culminating with a stylish and functional ducktail-style rear spoiler.

The removable roof panel over the passenger compartment can be removed by one person and the roof has a carved out inner contour that greatly enhances headroom.

Base model estimated mpg: 19/25
Estimated starting price: \$23,870

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2009 PONTIAC TORRENT

With the capability of an SUV and excellent ride and handling traits, the Pontiac Torrent is a stylish crossover that's ready for all active lifestyles.

For 2009, that combination is offered in both a base model and the high-performance Torrent GXP -- a unique vehicle with the power, performance and agility one expects of a Pontiac and the capability of a sport-utility vehicle.

Changes to the 2009 Torrent lineup upgrade popular entertainment and safety options to standard equipment on all models, including XM Satellite Radio and head-curtain side-impact airbags.

Standard features on the Torrent include five-passenger seating, power door locks with remote keyless entry, power windows, air conditioning, tilt steering, rear liftgate with defogger and washer/wiper, flat-folding front passenger seat for longer cargo items and a sliding rear seat with 60/40 split seatback and two-position recline.

The base Torrent features an efficient 3.4-liter V-6 engine generating 185 horsepower and 210 lb.-ft. of torque. The Torrent GXP takes the SUV driving experience to an unexpected level of performance. It boasts a powerful V-6 engine and a sport-tuned suspension system, enabling 0-60 mph performance of less than 7 seconds. The muscle in this package comes from GM's 3.6L V-6 engine that supplies 264 horsepower and 250 lb.-ft. of torque.

Base model estimated mpg: 17/24
Estimated starting price: \$24,740

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2009 PONTIAC VIBE

The all-new 2009 Pontiac Vibe is a modern re-mix of a classic hit, infusing the functionality of a compact crossover with a bolder attitude of athletic styling, increased performance and tight handling.

Packing more off-the-line power than ever before, the 2009 Vibe delivers responsive performance. A 132-horsepower 1.8L four-cylinder is standard on base models. Customers desiring higher performance can opt for the larger, 2.4L DOHC engine with 158 horsepower.

Driving dynamics of the new Vibe have been refined to deliver a responsive driving experience, with a special focus on reduced noise, vibration and harshness. An array of chassis control systems enhances ride and handling, as well as safety.

The popular all-wheel-drive and GT models return to the Vibe lineup for 2009. The 2009 Vibe includes a number of all-new and enhanced features, including: More powerful 1.8L base engine and a new, high-output 2.4L engine. Athletic exterior styling with a faster windshield; all-new sheet metal and lighting elements; Refreshed, driver-focused interior styling with more harmonious integration of the controls; Standard electronic vehicle stability control and tire pressure monitoring systems; Six standard airbags and active head restraints; Enhanced functionality with integrated cargo management system and fold-flat front seat on all models equipped with the 2.4L engine.

Base model estimated mpg: 26/32
Estimated starting price: \$15,985

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2009 SCION iC

The iC sports coupe carries over unchanged for the 2009 model year after receiving minor changes last year. The iC Spec Package is discontinued for 2009.

The iC's sporty package is distinguished by an upper mesh grille, lattice lower grille and projector-type low beam headlights with black trim in front, and tail lights similar in style to the headlights with round combination lamps.

A 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine powers this Ultra Low Emission Vehicle to produce a punchy 161 horsepower. The iC features a five-speed manual transmission or an available electronically controlled four-speed automatic transmission. The iC comes standard with front airbags, front seat-mounted side airbags, side curtain airbags, three-point seatbelts in all five seating positions and a first aid kit. The iC also has a driver's knee airbag.

Standard features include the panorama glass power moonroof, air conditioning, cruise control, exterior mirrors with integrated turn signal lights, power door locks and mirrors, rear cargo tonneau cover, auto up/down power windows with jam protection, in-key remote keyless entry, rolling-code engine immobilizer security system, auto-off headlights, electronic hatch release, chrome-plated exhaust tip and a unique audio unit cover.

Base model estimated mpg: 20/27
Estimated starting price: \$17,000

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2009 SCION xB

The Scion xB enters the 2009 model year by appealing to young urban trendsetters with its fresh styling and performance. It features a surprising level of refinement and is packaged with an array of standard equipment including a 160-watt maximum output Pioneer audio system with iPod connectivity.

The head-turning xB receives one new exterior color, Stringray Metallic. With its elongated headlights that wrap around the side of the vehicle, rectangular grille, and pronounced fenders, the xB projects an aggressive appearance. Soft angles between its wide and flat paneling and a high beltline give the xB its iconic boxy shape.

A 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine produces 158 horsepower, 55 more than the previous generation.

The xB is mono spec. Customers only need to choose exterior color and transmission type. The xB comes with a generous list of standard features including power steering, windows, door locks and mirrors; remote keyless entry; air conditioning; four-wheel anti-lock brakes with Electronic Brake Distribution, Brake Assist; driver and front passenger airbags; front seat-mounted side airbags; front