

Dodge Reveals New Shape of American Muscle with 2003 Dodge Magnum SRT8 Sports Tourer Concept

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- Dodge Packages a Powerful Punch in Bold New Proportion
- Dodge Magnum Sports Tourer Showcases HEMI® Power and Rear-Wheel Drive Performance
- Production Version of Dodge Magnum Concept Vehicle To Arrive in Dodge Showrooms in 2004

It's been more than 30 years since Dodge ruled the streets with HEMI® power and rear-wheel-drive performance. Dodge unleashes power in an all-new proportion with the introduction of its Dodge Magnum concept.

"Dodge Magnum is the new shape of American muscle," said Dieter Zetsche, President and CEO, Chrysler Group. "With its innovative packaging, performance and utility, there's nothing else like it. While Chrysler Pacifica is the premium sports tourer, Dodge Magnum is the performance sports tourer that packs a powerful punch and the functionality of an all-wheel drive sport utility. Armed with HEMI inside and rear-wheel drive, Dodge Magnum delivers power in a package that offers unmatched flexibility and versatility."

While Dodge Magnum is a concept vehicle, it provides a strong hint at the first version of Chrysler Group's much-anticipated next generation of rear-wheel drive "LX" vehicles. A production version similar to the Dodge Magnum concept vehicle will go on sale in 2004 under the Magnum name.

The legendary engine that powered Dodge's muscle cars of the 1960s has been re-engineered and reborn as a modern, high performance, fuel-efficient and durable powerplant known as the all-new 5.7-liter HEMI V-8. The Dodge Magnum concept vehicle features a supercharged version of the 5.7-liter HEMI.

Dodge brings back rear-wheel drive to transfer all this power to the pavement through an all-new independent five-bar rear-drive layout. The Magnum powertrain and suspension system work together for a precise balance of performance and handling, making optimum use of all four tire contact patches. For ultimate power distribution, an all-wheel-drive version of the production Dodge Magnum also will be available.

"In terms of performance, design and function, the Dodge Magnum will leave its mark as one of the coolest vehicles on the road," said Zetsche. "It is aimed squarely at the next wave of automotive enthusiasts looking for passionate performance, an all-new proportion, and a vehicle you can use for just about anything."

Following Are "At-A-Glance" Features in the 2003 Dodge Magnum Concept:

Performance

- 5.7-liter supercharged HEMI® V-8 engine
- Electronically-controlled five-speed automatic transmission with AutoStick®
- Rear-wheel drive configuration
- Short- and long-arm front suspension
- Independent five-bar multilink rear suspension
- Rack and pinion steering
- Front P275/40R20, rear P295/40R20 tires
- Deep-dish 20x9" front, 20x10" rear split five-spoke wheels
- Dual exhaust

Amenities

- Heated leather seats
- Navigation radio with integrated six-disc CD changer

- Leather-wrapped steering wheel with flush-mounted audio and trip computer controls
- Power tilt-telescoping steering wheel
- Automatic temperature control
- Competition gauges similar to those found in Dodge Viper
- Racing-style milled aluminum pedals with Dodge Viper hole pattern
- Removable cooler in left quarter trim
- Dark Slate Gray interior with Ochre accents

Utility

- Spacious interior
- Trailer towing capability
- All-wheel drive
- "Extreme access" liftgate

Flexibility

- Unique rear gate opening
- Cargo volume of 27.0 cu.ft.
- Fold flat 60/40 split rear seats with fold-out armrest
- Under-floor storage module

Safety

- Antilock brake system
- Traction control
- Electronic stability control
- Vehicle architecture supporting all-wheel drive system
- Twin piston aluminum calipers with 345 mm vented rotor front brakes
- UConnect™ hands free communication system

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