

The 2005 Dodge Stratus Sedan Offers Bold Alternative to Ho-Hum Mid-Size Market

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OVERVIEW

Crisp handling, powerful performance, chiseled lines, a spacious interior and superb value define the 2005 Dodge Stratus sedan.

"When you get behind the wheel of the Dodge Stratus sedan, you feel like a kid in a candy store," said Darryl Jackson, Vice President—Dodge Marketing. "With its 200-horsepower, V-6 engine and performance-tuned suspension, the Stratus R/T sedan is a blast to drive. It's a mid-size sedan that drives like a sports coupe."

Dodge will offer two models of the Stratus sedan for 2005: Dodge Stratus SXT and Dodge Stratus R/T. Both models will be available in the new Dark Taupe over Light Taupe interior scheme for 2005.

2005 DODGE STRATUS SXT

The Dodge Stratus SXT is powered by a 2.4-liter, DOHC, 16-valve, four-cylinder engine that produces 150 horsepower (112 kW) and 160 lb.-ft. (218 N•m) of torque with a four-speed automatic transaxle. Also available, a 2.7-liter, DOHC, 24-valve V-6 engine that produces 200 horsepower (149 kW) and 190 lb.-ft. (258 N•m) of torque with a four-speed automatic transaxle.

All 2005 Dodge Stratus sedans equipped with the 2.4-liter, I-4 engine and sold in California, New York, Massachusetts, Vermont and Maine will be certified to meet California's Partial Zero Emission Vehicle (PZEV) standard. The vehicles get 22 miles per gallon in city driving and 30 miles per gallon on the highway.

Standard features on the 2005 Dodge Stratus SXT include air conditioning, tilt-steering column, power windows, power exterior mirrors, power door locks, front and rear floor mats, remote keyless entry, speed control, power front disc/rear drum brakes, 16-inch Split five-spoke Sparkle Silver aluminum wheels and AM/FM stereo radio with a single-disc CD player.

For 2005, Dodge Stratus SXT will offer a new special Sport Appearance package that will take on many of the design cues of the R/T, including 16-inch chrome clad wheels, rear spoiler, deck lid fog lamps and sporty Camelot instrument panel bezels. The SXT Sport Appearance package will be available in six colors: Midnight Blue Pearl Coat, Inferno Red Pearl Coat, Graphite Metallic, Bright Silver Metallic, Brilliant Black Pearl Coat and Stone White.

Optional features include supplemental side-curtain air bags, anti-lock brakes and low-speed traction control, power sun roof, a compass/temperature display, eight-way power driver's seat, an AM/FM stereo radio with cassette/CD player, automatic-dimming rearview mirror, and a premium headliner that includes illuminated visor mirrors, rear grab handles and front map lamp.

New exterior color options for 2005 include Linen Gold Pearl Coat, Magnesium Pearl Coat and Midnight Blue Pearl Coat. Available colors are Inferno Red Pearl Coat, Satin Jade Pearl Coat, Graphite Metallic, Bright Silver Metallic, Brilliant Black Pearl Coat and Stone White.

2005 DODGE STRATUS R/T

The 2005 Dodge Stratus R/T sedan is powered by a standard 2.7-liter, DOHC, 24-valve, V-6 engine that produces 200 horsepower (149 kW) and 190 lb.-ft. (258 N•m) of torque. The Stratus R/T has a performance suspension with front- and rear-stabilizer bars, four-wheel anti-lock disc brakes with low-speed traction control, 17-inch aluminum wheels in Sparkle Silver and a tuned exhaust with a chrome tip.

Standard features on the 2005 Dodge Stratus R/T include cloth seats with driver adjustable lumbar support, satin

silver instrument panel bezels, wide body-side moldings, premium headliner that includes illuminated visor mirrors, rear grab handles and front map lamp, a Premium Gold Sound system, which includes six speakers and a 120-watt amplifier, a compass/temperature display, fog lamps and a spoiler on the deck lid.

Optional features include supplemental side-curtain air bags, a sun roof, an eight-way power driver seat, leather and preferred suede-trimmed seating, leather-wrapped steering wheel with radio controls, leather-wrapped shift knob, security alarm system, central door locks, automatic-dimming rearview mirror, AM/FM stereo radio with cassette and a six-disc CD player. A new Light Taupe leather seat is also available on the Stratus R/T.

The Dodge Stratus R/T is available in six colors: Midnight Blue Pearl Coat, Inferno Red Pearl Coat, Graphite Metallic, Bright Silver Metallic, Brilliant Black Pearl Coat and Stone White.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

The Dodge Stratus sedan received the government's highest frontal crash rating from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in 2003.

Dodge Stratus sedan safety and security features include a rigid body structure for improved impact protection, internal trunk latch release, best-in-class brakes with optional ABS Plus and low-speed traction control, available supplemental side-curtain air bags and the standard LATCH (Lower Anchors and Tethers for CHildren) child seat anchorage system.

Standard security features include the Sentry Key® engine immobilizer, which prevents the engine from starting if an attempt is made to start the car without a properly programmed key. Available security features include central door locks and a security alarm system.

The 2005 Dodge Stratus sedan is manufactured at the Sterling Heights Assembly Plant in Sterling Heights, Mich., alongside the Chrysler Sebring Convertible and Chrysler Sebring sedan.

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