

2005 Dodge Stratus Coupe Puts Fun in Functionality, 'Fun To Drive'

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OVERVIEW

With its bold design, spacious interior and 3.0-liter, 200-horsepower V-6 engine, the 2005 Dodge Stratus coupe is a "Best Buy" for consumers looking for performance and value.

Consumers Digest magazine rated the Dodge Stratus coupe an Automotive Best Buy for the 2004 model year, saying it offers the most value for the money, based on a variety of measures including styling, performance, fuel economy, purchase price and ownership costs.

The Dodge Stratus Coupe also won the 2004 J.D. Power Initial Quality Study Award for the sporty car segment. The survey is based on responses from buyers and lessees of new 2004 model-year cars and trucks after 90 days of ownership.

"The Dodge Stratus coupe provides the power and pizzazz that coupe buyers want at a price they can afford," said Darryl Jackson, Vice President—Dodge. "With its bold styling cues, low stance and cross-hair grille, the Stratus coupe is unmistakably Dodge."

For the 2005 model year, Dodge will offer two Stratus coupe models, including Stratus SXT and R/T.

2005 DODGE STRATUS SXT

Standard features on Dodge Stratus SXT include power mirrors and windows, air conditioning, electronic speed control, tilt steering column, a six-speaker AM/FM radio with a four-disc CD changer, 16-inch aluminum wheels and performance tires, and a rear spoiler. Optional features include supplemental side air bags, a power sun roof and a six-way power driver seat.

Dodge Stratus SXT is powered by a 2.4-liter, 16-valve, four-cylinder engine with a five-speed manual transmission that produces 147 horsepower (110 kW) and 158 lb.-ft. (214 N•m) of torque. A four-speed automatic transmission is also available.

With more than 34 inches of leg room and more than 102 cubic feet of interior space, Stratus SXT mimics the roominess of a large car. Additional stowage flexibility is created when the 60/40 split-folding rear seats are deployed.

For 2005, new color choices are Brilliant Silver Metallic and Silver Beige Metallic. Additional available colors include Deep Red Pearl Coat, Indy Red, Dark Titanium Metallic, Satin White Pearl Coat, Deep Blue Pearl Coat and Black.

2005 DODGE STRATUS R/T

With the standard five-speed manual transmission or the optional four-speed automatic transmission with AutoStick®, a sport-tuned suspension and 17-inch aluminum wheels, Dodge Stratus R/T capably combines V-6 power and performance. Its 3.0-liter, V-6 engine produces 200 horsepower (149 kW) and 205 lb.-ft. (278 N•m) of torque.

Premium features on Dodge Stratus R/T include a leather steering wheel and shift knob, steering wheel-mounted radio controls, seven Infinity® speakers, fog lamps, illuminated visor vanity mirrors, four-wheel disc brakes and an AM/FM radio with four-disc CD player.

A range of additional features are available on the Stratus R/T model, including a power sun roof, 17-inch chrome aluminum wheels, supplemental side air bags, anti-lock brakes with low-speed traction control and AutoStick, which is available on vehicles that have an automatic transmission. Additional options include leather-trimmed seats, six-way

power driver seat, auto-dimming mirror, and compass and temperature display.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

The 2005 Dodge Stratus coupe features the BeltMinder warning system as standard equipment. When the system senses a non-belted driver, it periodically activates a chime and illuminates a light in the instrument cluster to remind the driver to buckle up.

Driver- and front-passenger air bags and a rear seat center shoulder seat belt are standard equipment on all Dodge Stratus coupe models. Supplemental side air bags are available as options.

Dodge Stratus coupe also features a standard LATCH (Lower Anchors and Tethers for CHildren) child seat anchorage system and an emergency internal trunk lid release. Available anti-lock brakes with low-speed traction control on vehicles with automatic transmissions also help prevent wheel lockup in hard braking situations. A Sentry Key® engine immobilizer make it difficult to start the engine without a customized owner's key. The Dodge Stratus coupe also has the Homelink® universal three-channel home security system transceiver.

The 2005 Dodge Stratus coupe is built at the Mitsubishi Motors North America Manufacturing assembly plant in Normal, Ill.

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