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The 2006 Chrysler Crossfire Brings Import Buyers to the Brand

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With five performance-focused models and an added specialty package, the 2006 Chrysler Crossfire lineup continues its 150-mph crisscross from the German Autobahn, to Route 66, to highways around the world.

In addition to Coupe, Roadster and SRT (see Chrysler Crossfire SRT6 description) versions of Chrysler's flagship sports car, the 2006 Chrysler Crossfire family now includes an optional special edition package available on the Crossfire Roadster model.

The package is offered with either an automatic or manual transmission and is exclusively available with an Inferno Red Crystal Pearl Coat exterior paint. Inside, Dark Slate Gray cloth seats are featured, while SRT6-style cast-aluminum wheels, a black windshield surround and satin silver door handles and hallmark side louvers grace the exterior of special edition package cars.

"With the addition of this new special edition package, we look for the Chrysler Crossfire to continue outselling all of its European luxury competitors as it did last year," said Jeff Bell, Vice President – Chrysler Marketing. "Aimed squarely at the crosshairs of the two-seat sports car segment, the Crossfire lineup is well-positioned to offer driving enthusiasts a 150-mph run for their money in a stunningly styled car that features proven technology."

Proven Engineering in Coupe and Roadster Models

First available for 2005, the Chrysler Crossfire Roadster was developed in parallel with the Coupe from its inception, which enhanced the Roadster's structural rigidity. Combined with stunning design features from the Coupe, the 2006 Chrysler Crossfire Roadster's proven engineering ensures that drivers will enjoy a tight, solid and quiet ride, with exceptional body torsional stiffness of 29.2 Hz.

Under the hood, a 3.2-liter 90-degree, 18-valve, V-6 SOHC engine delivers 215 horsepower (160 kW) and 229 lb.-ft. (310 N•m) of torque at 3,000 rpm to both Coupe and Roadster drivers.

Coupe and Roadster versions of the 2006 Chrysler Crossfire are equipped with a standard Electronic Stability Program (ESP), which is designed to help drivers maintain control during extreme steering maneuvers and low traction conditions. The Crossfire's ESP senses when the car is starting to spin (oversteer) or plow (understeer) and attempts to correct the vehicle's course by automatically controlling the throttle and applying the brakes at individual wheels. This provides directional stability in turns, even on uneven surfaces.

All-speed traction control also is standard on all Chrysler Crossfire models. This feature senses drive-wheel slip and individually brakes the slipping wheel and/or reduces excess engine power until control is regained. This enhances the Crossfire's mobility and prevents wheel slip when accelerating on slippery surfaces. It also provides a measure of directional stability control and helps keep the car on its intended course.

The Crossfire Coupe and Roadster's standard four-wheel anti-lock disc brakes with brake assist keeps the cars straight and retains steering capability while braking on slippery surfaces by preventing wheel lock-up.

"Proven engineering features like ESP and traction control give Chrysler Crossfire customers a thrilling ride with all the security that the latest driving technology can offer," said Larry Achram, Director – Virtual Engineering and Crossfire. "Incorporating proven technology ensures that the Crossfire's performance matches the driving expectations promised by its sleek sports-car styling."

Exceptional Styling, Inside and Out, Coupe or Roadster

With a low-slung, sculpted appearance, the 2006 Crossfire features distinctive lines and dynamic proportions.

The Crossfire's rear view is instantly recognizable with a tapered, "boat tail" appearance that emphasizes the sports car's 19-inch rear wheels. Both Coupe and Roadster versions feature a retractable spoiler designed into the rear of the vehicle that activates when the car reaches 60 mph. The center high-mounted stop lamp (CHMSL) runs the width of the deployable rear spoiler on the Roadster.

To achieve an even more dynamic appearance on the Crossfire Roadster, satin silver painted sport bars appear just behind the driver and passenger seats. They ride in two race-inspired fairings integrated into the top of the tonneau cover, which complete the Roadster's rakish look.

With its long hood and fast back, the 2006 Chrysler Crossfire also has a dynamic side view. The car's broad shoulders envelop 19-inch rear wheels, while the front wheels measure 18 inches. The larger rear wheels give the side profile a poised stance.

Both Coupe and Roadster models sport a distinctive side view character line that moves precisely and rapidly from front to rear. The character line "crosses" to a negative formation as it travels from the front through the rear fender, giving credence to the name "Crossfire."

A central spine runs from the bottom of the front fascia through the grille, hood and into the rear deck and fascia. Inside the Crossfire's twin cockpit interior, this same center spine shape bisects the center console, shifter and instrument panel. From the driver's seat, the center spine shape appears to continue from the instrument panel through the windshield and onto the hood.

The Crossfire Limited seats are trimmed in leather with Chrysler's signature winged badge embossed into both headrests. The ignition switch is located on the instrument panel as opposed to the steering column, while the car's precise, white-on-black gauges feature black bezels and satin silver trim rings. The center console has a metallic finish that flows from the top of the instrument panel through the center of the car to achieve a twin cockpit look. Satin silver accents are featured throughout the interior including the doors, steering wheel and instrument cluster.

2006 Chrysler Crossfire Coupe and Crossfire Roadster Features

Available on the 2006 Chrysler Crossfire Roadster, the special edition package is offered with either an automatic or manual transmission and is exclusively available with an Inferno Red Crystal Pearl Coat exterior paint. SRT6-style cast-aluminum wheels, a black windshield surround and satin silver door handles and hallmark side louvers are included in the special edition package, as are Dark Slate Gray cloth seats.

The 2006 Chrysler Crossfire Coupe includes a standard six-speed manual transmission, a monochromatic Black exterior, a Dark Slate Gray interior, performance cloth seating, Continental SportContact 2 tires, an AM/FM/CD radio with four speakers, power windows, speed control, dual-zone temperature control, four-wheel anti-lock brakes with brake assist, ESP and all-speed traction control. Optional Continental all-season performance tires also are available.

The 2006 Chrysler Crossfire Coupe Limited is available with either a six-speed manual transmission or a five-speed automatic transmission with AutoStick®. Standard features on the Crossfire Coupe Limited include power windows, speed control, heated leather power seats, Michelin Pilot Sport 2® tires, a 240-watt Infinity® Modulus® AM/FM/CD audio system with digital amplifier and dual subwoofers, dual-zone temperature control, four-wheel anti-lock brakes with brake assist, ESP, all-speed traction control, tire pressure monitoring system, heated mirrors, fog lamps and a universal garage door opener. An Infinity Modulus AM/FM/CD audio system with GPS navigation and Continental All-season Performance tires also are available as options.

The 2006 Chrysler Crossfire Roadster includes a standard six-speed manual transmission, a monochromatic Black exterior, a Dark Slate Gray interior, performance cloth seating, Continental SportContact 2 tires, an AM/FM/CD radio with four speakers, a power convertible fabric top, full power hard tonneau, heated glass back light, power windows, speed control, dual-zone temperature control, four-wheel anti-lock brakes with brake assist, ESP and all-speed traction control. Optional Continental All-season Performance tires also are available.

The Chrysler Crossfire Roadster Limited is available with either a six-speed manual transmission or a five-speed automatic transmission with AutoStick. Standard features on this model include a power convertible fabric top, full power hard tonneau, power windows, speed control, heated leather power seats, Continental SportContact 2 tires, a 240-watt Infinity Modulus AM/FM/CD audio system with digital amplifier and dual subwoofers, dual-zone temperature control, four-wheel anti-lock brakes with brake assist, Electronic Stability Program (ESP), all-speed traction control,

tire pressure monitoring system, heated mirrors, fog lamps and a universal garage door opener. An Infinity Modulus AM/FM/CD audio system with Global Positioning System (GPS) navigation and Continental All-season Performance tires also are available as options.

Color Availability

The 2006 Chrysler Crossfire Coupe Limited is available in seven colors: Oyster Gold Crystal Metallic (new), Machine Gray Crystal Pearl Coat (new), Aero Blue Pearl Coat, Alabaster, Black, Inferno Red Crystal Pearl Coat and Sapphire Silver Metallic. Available interior colors include Dark Slate Gray, Dark Slate Gray/Medium Slate Gray and Dark Slate Gray/Cedar.

The 2006 Chrysler Crossfire Roadster Limited is available in eight colors: Oyster Gold Crystal Metallic (new), Machine Gray Crystal Pearl Coat (new), Classic Yellow, Aero Blue Pearl Coat, Alabaster, Black, Inferno Red Crystal Pearl Coat and Sapphire Silver Metallic. Available interior colors include Dark Slate Gray, Dark Slate Gray/Medium Slate Gray, Dark Slate Gray/Cedar and Dark Slate Gray/Cool Vanilla.

Production

The 2006 Chrysler Crossfire Roadster and Crossfire Coupe are manufactured in Osnabrück, Germany, in conjunction with Karmann, a long-time DaimlerChrysler partner.

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