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America's Favorite Convertible Company Drops Top on New 2005 Chrysler Crossfire

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- Top down in 22 seconds
- Further establishes Chrysler as America's convertible brand, joining the new Chrysler PT Cruiser Convertible and Sebring Convertible
- Roadster is one of nine new vehicles to be launched this year by the Chrysler Group

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Just one year after launching the Chrysler Crossfire coupe, Chrysler introduces the new 2005 Crossfire Roadster. First unveiled at the 2004 North American International Auto Show (NAIAS), Chrysler Crossfire Roadster will arrive in dealerships this spring.

"The new 2005 Chrysler Crossfire Roadster combines stunning, head-turning design with proven engineering," said Larry Achram, Vice President – Virtual Engineering and Crossfire, Chrysler Group. "Crossfire Roadster effectively captures the spirit of the Crossfire coupe, one of the most beautiful coupes on the road today."

Proven Performance

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The new Crossfire Roadster is low-slung with a sculpted appearance. Under the hood is a 3.2-liter 90-degree, 18-valve SOHC V-6 engine available with a six-speed manual or a five-speed automatic transmission.

Crossfire Roadster comes standard with Electronic Stability Program (ESP), brake assist, and high-performance, W-rated Continental SportContact 2 tires that are certified to 168 miles per hour. Similar to the Chrysler Crossfire coupe, Crossfire Roadster features a speed-sensitive rear spoiler that automatically deploys when the vehicle reaches 60 miles per hour.

Top Down in 22 Seconds

"While the top goes down in seconds, the ultimate measure of a roadster's engineering is how quiet the vehicle is with the top up," said Achram. "We designed Crossfire Roadster to be a 150 mile-per-hour roadster. The result is a stunning roadster that is tight, solid and quiet."

To remove the top, simply release and pull down the center-mounted handle located on the windshield header, turn the handle, which releases the convertible fabric top and lowers the side glass, and lift the front of the top approximately eight inches. Press the button on the center console and the hard tonneau opens up, the soft fabric top folds in, and the hard tonneau closes again.

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