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Dodge Ram Strong on Safety

The first full-size pickup to offer side air curtains, the Dodge Ram received a “good” rating, the highest rating available, from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety’s (IIHS) offset frontal crash test.

Dodge Ram features standard next-generation driver and front-passenger air bags. The passenger-side air bag may be turned off on Dodge Ram Regular Cab models to accommodate child seats. Dodge Ram Quad Cab™ features standard rear seat headrests.

The 2005 Dodge Ram also includes a standard child seat anchorage system, known as the Lower Anchors and Tethers for CHildren system (LATCH). Lower child seat anchors and upper tether anchors help ease the installation of compatible aftermarket child seats.

Dodge Ram’s braking system features the largest four-wheel disc brakes in the segment. The system reacts to driver input quickly and precisely. Rear-wheel anti-lock brakes (ABS) are standard on all models, while four-wheel ABS is offered as an option. The standard P245/70R17 tires with 17-inch steel wheels are the largest standard tire and wheel combination in the segment. In addition to the numerous wheel and tire options are massive P275/60R20 tires with 20-inch polished cast aluminum wheels.

Ram also offers optional power-adjustable brake and accelerator pedals. This feature allows brake, accelerator and clutch (where equipped) pedals to move toward or away from the driver. Adjustable pedals are also available on Dodge Rams equipped with manual transmissions, a segment first.

The 2005 Ram 1500 is available in two cab choices, Regular Cab and Quad Cab and both 2WD and 4WD. The base model is the ST, with “Work Special,” Sport, SLT and Laramie packages available.

The Dodge Ram 1500 is built at the Warren Truck Assembly Plant in Warren, Mich., and at the St. Louis (Mo.) North Assembly Plant. The 5.7-liter HEMI® Magnum is built in Saltillo, Mexico.

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