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GMC Sonoma GTX

Decked out in bright Raspberry Red and dropped three inches out back and an inch lower than stock up front, the Sonoma GTX is basically a Sportside Syclone. The GTX shares the Syclone's turbocharged 4.3-liter V-6 (utilizing twin stainless-steel exhausts) and all-wheel-drive system, but is fitted with a composite cargo box with flared fenders. Delco electric shocks dampen suspension movement while a heads-up display, including turbo boost gauges, allows the driver to keep eyes focused forward.



ASC El Camino Z34

Memories of Chevrolet's long-gone El Camino are alive in ASC's Lumina El Camino Z34. Based on a Chevy Lumina Z34 drivetrain, the El features a custom cargo box with a swinging tailgate that melds with the rear bumper. The Pearl Tangerine concept rides on 17-inch billet aluminum wheels and turned quite a few heads at the show.



Nissan Quest/Mercury Villager

Engineered by Nissan Research and Development in Michigan, styled by Nissan Design in San Diego, California, and built by Ford in Ohio from Nissan sheetmetal stamped in Smyrna, Tennessee, this minivan is obviously a group effort. Powered by a 150 horsepower 3.0-liter V-6 backed by an automatic transmission, the Quest/Villager utilizes front-wheel-drive, McPherson struts up front and a solid axle/leaf spring setup at the rear. Despite its size, there's room for seven adults.

Isuzu Trooper

Five-years in the making, the long-awaited redesign of the legendary Isuzu Trooper is complete and the results are impressive. The new Trooper will offer two versions of an all-new alu-



minum 3.2-liter V-6 in both single and double overhead configurations at 175 and 190 horsepower respectively. A four-link/coil spring rear suspension replaces the old Trooper's leaf spring setup while independent double-wishbones are used up front. The Trooper is available with optional all-wheel ABS braking and comes standard with rear-wheel ABS. Isuzu hopes to give the top-of-the-class Ford Explorer a good run for the money with this upscaled Trooper.



Ford F-150 SuperFlare

Highlighting the new-for-'92 Ford Flareside at Detroit was Ford's Super-Flare F-150, decked out in monochrome cobalt blue and featuring an interesting cab step/rollbar combination that begins behind the front wheels and flows up around the cab and is fitted with integrated airfoil driving lights. Twin power domes are molded in the hood while the rear is fitted with a duck tail spoiler and chrome tips for the truck's dual exhaust setup. Inside, the SuperFlare features leather apportionments and bucket seats with a center console housing a Digital Signal Processor that controls the sound system and a cellular phone.