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CHEVROLET SUBURBAN



TRUCKS

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DODGE: Power is the key word for Dodge trucks in '92. Both the **3.9-liter V-6 and 5.2-liter V-8 Magnum-series** engines, offered in the mid-size **Dakota** and full-size **Ram pickups**, as well as the full-size **Ramcharger** sport/utility and **Ram Wagon**, have swapped their old throttle-body injection systems for new multipoint fuel injection and gained significant boosts in power output. The 3.9 has gained a healthy 55 horsepower and 30 foot-pounds of torque, to deliver **180 horsepower at 4800 rpm and 225 foot-pounds at 3200 rpm**. Meanwhile, the 5.2 puts out an extra 60 horsepower for a total peak of **230 horsepower at 4800 rpm along with 280 foot-pounds** of torque. Accompanying these engines are a new five-speed manual and a heavy-duty four-speed automatic transmission.

Other changes in the Ram lineup include the availability of a **D350 Club Cab**, a **W350 4x4** with dual rear wheels, and a 5.9-liter diesel engine option on Club Cab models.

The Ram 50 pickup line, which topped the most recent J.D. Power Compact Truck Initial Quality Survey, has been trimmed down, with extended-cab models, long-wheelbase 4x4 models, and the 3.0-liter V-6 engine no longer available.

JEEP: 1992 will be a short model year for Jeep. Namely because the '93 model year debuts in early '92 with the introduction of the all-new **Grand Cherokee**. Better known until recently by its "ZJ" code name, the Grand

Cherokee will be a larger, more contemporary and upscale version of Jeep's popular Cherokee. Speculation is that the Grand Cherokee will offer a full-time all-wheel-drive system as standard equipment, with a two-wheel-drive version optional. Power is expected to be supplied by Jeep's High-Output 4.0-liter inline six, although a 5.2-liter V-8 also is rumored to be in the works.

Meanwhile, the '92 **Cherokee, Wrangler, and Comanche pickups** return with minor changes. Wagoneer and Grand Wagoneer models have been discontinued.

FORD

The Big Three don't often redesign their full-size trucks and vans, so when they do, it's big news. For '92, Ford's **F-Series pickups**, which haven't seen a major redesign since 1980, have received a **dramatic facelift**, which includes a more rounded front-end treatment, new grille, redesigned mirrors, new body-side molding, and tailgate lettering. Interior changes include a new instrument panel, door trim panels, and seat trim. Scheduled for delayed release is a new **Flareside (step-side) short-wheelbase** model that's available with either a regular or extended cab. In addition, automatic

locking hubs are now standard equipment on all F-250/F-350 4x4 models.

The full-size **Bronco** sport/utility vehicle has also received the same **front-end redo** as the F-Series, including grille and mirrors. Inside, the Bronco gets a **new instrument panel**, steering wheel, and seat trim, plus its optional captain's chairs now include a power lumbar support.

Ford's biggest redesign of the year, however, is in the new **Econoline van/Club Wagon**, which makes it the **first full-size van to be significantly reworked in about 17 years**. Changes, designed to give it a more car-like feel, include all-new, more aerodynamic sheetmetal, flush glass, and wraparound head- and taillamps. In addition, the suspension has been retuned for better ride and handling. Front camber and

FORD F-150 FLARESIDE



caster adjustments have been added to the Twin I-Beam front suspension to improve tire wear. And the steering system has been tweaked to enhance steering feel. Inside, the Econoline gets a new instrument panel, high-back bucket seats, and a driver-side airbag, all as standard equipment. The Club Wagon, which is the passenger version of the Econoline, offers a new top-of-the-line Chateau version with an array of car-like standard features.

The compact **Ranger pickup and Explorer** sport/utility vehicle remain basically unchanged.

GENERAL MOTORS

CHEVROLET: The biggest news for Chevy trucks in '92 is the introduction of all-new versions of the venerable **Suburban, Blazer, and C/K-series Crew Cab pickup**.



JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE (PROTOTYPE)

The reworked Suburban is new inside and out. On the exterior, rounder lines, flush glass and door handles, door frames that blend into the roofline, and a front-end treatment borrowed from the full-size pickups give the Suburban a **more contemporary, aerodynamic look**. All exterior dimensions have been trimmed (over 5 inches in height and almost 3 inches in width), while the wheelbase has actually been extended by about 2 inches. Meanwhile, front and rear leg and shoulder room have been increased, and maximum cargo volume has been enlarged by almost 9 cubic feet. Other major improvements include a more rigid frame design, the addition of **independent front suspension**, a larger 42-gallon fuel tank, and a boost of 500 pounds in maximum trailering capacity for a total of 10,000.



Improvements includes a redesigned rear frame for increased torsional rigidity, **better ride rates and isolation** in the independent front suspension, and a **longer 168.5-inch wheelbase**.

In the compact category, the **S-10 pickup** and **S-10 Blazer** now offer the availability of GM's new **L34 high-performance 4.3-liter V-6** engine. With central port injection and a specially tuned manifold, this engine produces 195 horsepower and 260 foot-pounds of torque.

Other than this, Chevrolet's compact models, as well as the C/K pickups, and full-size Sportvan continue in '92 with only minor improvements.



The **four-wheel-drive full-size Blazer** also features a fresh, aerodynamic look that borrows styling cues from the C/K pickups. Overall length has been extended about 3 inches, while wheelbase has been lengthened by 5 inches. **New frame and suspension designs**, including an independent front, are also based on the full-size pickup. Rideability has been improved with upgraded sound insulation. Overall fit and finish is also better. Trailering capacity has been increased by 1000 pounds for a maximum 7000-pound rating, and the Blazer now features a **four-wheel anti-lock braking system** that operates in both two- and four-wheel drive.

Chevy completes its all-new triad of towing giants with a **reworked Crew Cab**. Again, aerodynamic styling cues are taken from the C/K pickups to produce a more contemporary look. The list of functional im-

GEO: The Tracker will continue to be offered as a two- or four-wheel-drive convertible, as well as a four-wheel-drive hardtop. The '92 models will offer a **redesigned instrument panel, new paint choices, new seat fabrics**, and tilt steering column. An **automatic transmission** is also now available for two-wheel-drive convertible models.

GMC TRUCK: GMC has been the most aggressive truck manufacturer in the industry over the past couple years, and '92 is no different.



Following on the heels of last year's Syclone pickup is the **Typhoon**, basically a two-door Jimmy outfitted with a performance package similar to the Syclone's. The **turbocharged port-injected 4.3-liter V-6** still delivers a healthy **280 peak horsepower and 350 foot-pounds of torque** for a reported 6.5-second 0-60 time. The Typhoon also features full-time **all-wheel drive, four-wheel anti-lock brakes**, a sport-tuned suspension, and luxuriously appointed interior with leather upholstery and numerous custom touches.

Also inspired by the Syclone is the **Sonoma GT**. This compact, regular-cab pickup includes GM's new **L35 high-performance 4.3-liter V-6** with central-port injection, which puts out **195 horsepower and 260 foot-pounds of torque** and is expected to do 0-60 in 8.5 seconds. The GT also includes a **sport chassis package**, with Bilstein shocks, 15-inch rally wheels, BFGoodrich Comp T/A tires, custom body cladding, black monochrome finish, and custom interior similar to the Syclone's.

This year also introduces a luxurious **SLT Touring Package for the four-door Jimmy compact sport/utility**. The SLT provides a soft ride suspension with Bilstein gas shocks (on four-wheel-drive models), leather upholstered seats, leather trim door panels, special gray aluminum wheels, extra insulation and sealant for improved sound-deadening, and a healthy list of standard equipment. All Jimmy models offer the option of the new **high-performance 4.3-liter V-6 to boost horsepower from 160 to 195 and torque from 230 foot-pounds to 260**. Other major upgrades include **four-wheel ABS as standard equipment** on all models, an electronic-shift transfer case on four-wheel-drive

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SUZUKI SIDEKICK

models, and redesigned bucket seats.

Filling out GMC's array of new models are the redesigned **Suburban**, **Yukon** (formerly V-Jimmy), and **Sierra Crew Cab**. These are basically the same as the equivalent models offered by sister division Chevrolet.

In the Sierra full-size pickup line, the **extended-cab Club Coupe** is now available with the short-wheel-base sportside bed. The remainder of the GMC line continues with minor improvements.

OLDSMOBILE: Olds' four-door **Bravada** sport/utility vehicle is another recipient of GM's **new high-performance 4.3-liter V-6**. This engine is an option to the standard 4.3 engine and will be put to good use propelling the Bravada's **full-time all-wheel-drive system**. This year also brings the availability of an optional CD player and external spare tire carrier. Other changes include a new 110-mph speedometer and **self-aligning steering wheel, with energy-absorbing column**.

IMPORT

DAIHATSU: Last year, the **Rocky**, in only its second year in the U.S., was spruced up with new two-tone color schemes, a full-time four-wheel-drive system, and rear ABS. For '92, we expect the Rocky to **remain basically unchanged** except for minor improvements.

ISUZU: With an all-new **Trooper** waiting in the wings for a late '92 release, the rest of Isuzu's truck lineup carries over without major changes. Speculation on the redesigned Trooper includes a more aerodynamically shaped body, Isuzu-built **V-6 en-**

gine, and upscale interior appointments. Meanwhile, the **Amigo** will gain an **optional automatic transmission** for '92, the pickups will offer new colors and minor refinements, and the **Rodeo**, which was introduced last year, will remain virtually the same.

MAZDA: The **Navajo** sport/utility continues to evolve, with a **two-wheel-drive** version and a more affordable DX trim level introduced for '92. Other than this and new paint choices, both the Navajo and Mazda's **B2200 and B2600i pickups** will carry over basically unchanged.

MITSUBISHI: The **Montero**, one of the pioneers of the compact sport/utility market, has been **totally redesigned** for '92. While Mitsubishi isn't saying much about it yet, a good indication of what to expect is the Montero's counterpart in Japan and Europe, called the Pajero. Look for **more rounded body lines with bulging fender flares**, upscale interior appointments, "Super-Select 4WD" system that allows full-time or part-time operation, **150-horsepower 3.0-liter V-6 engine**, electronic rear differential lock, coil-spring rear suspension, and **ABS**.

With all this focus on the Montero,

The Mitsubishi Pajero is the Japanese version of the yet-to-be-introduced Montero. Although only four-door versions will be available in the States, the body styling will be similar.

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Mitsubishi's **Mighty Max pickups** will carry over except for minor refinements.

NISSAN: Nissan's **pickup and Pathfinder** four-door sport/utility vehicle will continue into '92 with no major changes.

RANGE ROVER: There's talk of a **major new model** that may be

introduced as a late '92 release, but Range Rover is keeping mum on when, what, how, and why. Meanwhile, the regular Range Rover and its **County SE and Hunter** trim levels introduced in '91 will carry over into '92.

SUZUKI: Suzuki follows up last year's introduction of the four-door Sidekick with a new **16-valve version of its 1.6-liter four-cylinder engine**. With multipoint injection replacing the throttle-body injection used on Suzuki's conventional 1.6-liter engine, the new multivalve powerplant boosts peak horsepower by 15, to deliver **95 horsepower at 5600 rpm**. This engine can be matched with a new four-speed electronically controlled automatic transmission, with Normal and Power shift modes. Other improvements on the four-wheel-drive four-door are **automatic locking hubs and redesigned instrument panel and dash**.

Meanwhile, the rest of the Sidekick line, as well as the Samurai, continue into '92 with only minor cosmetic changes.

TOYOTA: Toyota's **pickup and 4Runner** sport/utility vehicle placed third and fourth respectively in J.D. Power's most recent Compact Truck Initial Quality Study. Changes for '92 include a **minor facelift**, consisting of a new grille and front bumper and the addition of the new Toyota logo. Four-wheel-drive models also get restyled steel wheels and a higher final-drive ratio. Inside, the 4Runner receives a new **leather package option**, lockable glovebox, and improved audio system.

The full-size **Land Cruiser** also remains basically the same except for minor improvements.