

Automotive Answers

The Key To Saving On New Cars

(NAPSA)—Auto customers have helped drive down new car, truck and SUV prices over the past year. Many car manufacturers now offer models for significantly less than they did just one year ago. However, prices aren't all that have changed. Available and standard features have changed as well.

As a result, with a little research, savvy car buyers can now get much more bang for their buck. For instance, Saturn recently announced that it will lower sticker prices or add features to every vehicle in its 2006 lineup.

Analysts say the 2006 Vue presents a particularly attractive value—combining a lower price with enhancements to its interior and exterior design. The Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of a popularly-equipped 2006 Vue (front-wheel drive, automatic, four-cylinder) has been reduced to \$19,345, more than \$1,800 less than the 2005 model.

Vue V6 models, which feature a 250-horsepower engine and best-in-class (compact V6 SUVs) 28 miles per gallon EPA highway fuel economy, also have a reduced price. The VUE V6 model starts with a base MSRP of \$21,990, down over \$1,200 from last year.

All Vues feature a new front-end design and a restyled interior, with new accents on the dash, a new center console and a more premium appearance. Saturn has also made the Vue's power package standard, including power windows, door locks and side-view mirrors; remote keyless entry; cruise control; automatic headlights; map lights and an auto-dimming mirror with compass and outside temperature gauge.



Many car manufacturers have lowered prices and increased standard features on 2006 models.

Pricing levels for the Saturn Ion have also been restructured. For example, the MSRP for a popularly-equipped Ion 2 sedan (with optional air-conditioning and automatic transmission) has been reduced by nearly \$1,500 to \$14,350. Similarly, the price of the 205-horsepower Ion Red Line has been reduced to \$19,990, down nearly \$1,500 from 2005.

All 2006 Vue and Ion models feature all-new radios with an auxiliary input jack that allows for plug and play connectivity with devices such as an iPod.

The MSRP for the seven-passenger Relay 2 sport van has been reduced by about \$900 to \$23,590.

In addition, all Saturn vehicles feature the OnStar safety and security system as standard equipment, along with one-year of free Safe & Sound service.

Saturn also has announced plans to introduce three new vehicles next year: the Sky roadster, Aura midsize sedan and the Outlook midsize crossover utility vehicle.

For more information, visit www.saturn.com.