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Aerio Well-Suited for U.S. Market

(NAPSA)—In an age of motorized monstrosities and highway heavyweights, a lot of people still like small cars. Some want the maneuverability, fuel economy and affordability they can get in a small car. Others simply like the ability to zip around town in an easy-to-park, fun-to-drive vehicle that's not a behemoth SUV.

Today these folks also want more for their money, like style and power, sportiness, room, and a certain urban edginess and personality.

One of the new choices in this class of cars is giving young car buyers and small-car fans something to talk about. The Suzuki Aerio is a breakout new vehicle, offered in two models, a small sedan and a sport crossover (SX) model. The sedan is offered in two trim levels, while the SX is available in one.

Competitors with Aerio in the small-car market are the Ford Focus SE, Honda Civic LX, Mazda Protégé 5 LX, and Nissan Sentra GXE, which are all priced above the Aerio S with automatic transmission. The Aerio and Aerio SX have more horsepower than the Toyota Matrix and Matrix XR, the Ford Focus SE and LX, Honda Civic DX and LX, Mazda Protégé 5 and Protégé 5 LX, and the Nissan Sentra XE and GXE.



Small-car fans are looking for maneuverability, affordability and fun.

Roominess is a hallmark for the Aerio. It has more total interior volume than most cars in the class and 14.6 cubic feet of trunk volume, more than every car in the class. The interiors are configured for a variety of passenger and cargo needs. Both models offer high front seating position for greater visibility, larger doors for easier access, and underseat storage.

The Aerios S is priced at \$13,499, and comes with air conditioning, power windows and mirrors and a roster of other features. It gets 26 mpg in the city and 33 mpg on the highway. The SX gets 26 mpg city/32 mpg highway so you'll go a long way on a little gas.

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