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1984 Plymouth Voyager Minivan: The *Garageable* Revolution

February 4, 2019, Auburn Hills, Mich. - Introduced in 1984, Chrysler's truly revolutionary front-wheel-drive minivans were an instant success – attractive and practical alternatives to the traditional station wagon and full-sized vans.

The concept of a compact people-mover with maximum interior and minimum exterior dimensions had been around since the 1970s, but problems with entry height to accommodate passengers of all sizes and overall height to fit in the family garage kept the idea on the back burner.

With its transverse-mounted front-drive engine and low, flat floor, Chrysler's remarkably versatile new “K” platform technology solved all such problems.

Chrysler Chairman Lee Iacocca drove this milestone vehicle off the assembly line at the company's Windsor Assembly Plant on November 2, 1983 – and straight into automotive industry history. Three decades and 14.6 million minivans later, Chrysler still dominates the segment it created with the original Plymouth Voyager and Dodge Caravan.

Wheelbase: 112 in. (284 cm)

Length: 175.9 in. (447 cm)

Weight: 3,100 lbs. (1,408 kg)

Engine: Overhead cam in-line four-cylinder, transverse-mounted.

Horsepower: 96 hp (72 kw)

Displacement: 2.2 L (135 cu. in.)

Bore/Stroke: 8.8 cm x 9.2 cm (3.44 in. x 3.62 in.)

Compression: 9.0:1

Transmission: Torqueflite three-speed transaxle.

Suspension: Front independent MacPherson struts, rear coil spring

Brakes: Front disc, rear drum, power assist

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