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2007 Chrysler PT Cruiser: Product Chronology

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PRODUCT CHRONOLOGY

2006 MODEL YEAR

Complete upgrade of the PT Cruiser

POWERTRAIN

- Increased power—new for 2006 (230 horsepower [171.5 kW]/245 lb.-ft. [332 N•m] of torque) 2.4-liter, 16-valve, DOHC SMPI intercooled High-Output Turbo four-cylinder engine with heavy-duty Getrag five-speed manual transmission (standard on GT model or this engine with optional four-speed electronic automatic transmission and AutoStick® on GT model)
- New nine-spoke, 16-inch aluminum wheel offering on Limited models available in painted silver or optional chrome-clad finish (new for 2006)
- New 15-spoke, 17-inch chrome-clad aluminum wheels standard on GT models (new for 2006)
- Power-assisted disc/drum brakes, ABS disc/drum brakes or performance four-wheel disc brakes with ABS and low-speed traction control depending on model selection
- Ride-, touring-, or sport-tuned suspension depending on model selection
- Power-assisted steering (18:1 ratio)

EXTERIOR: Modifications incorporating “face of Chrysler” design cues include (new for 2006):

- Redesigned front and rear fascias on all models
- Redesigned front grille with chrome-accented horizontal bars standard on all models
- Larger Chrysler “winged” badge on hood on all models
- Redesigned headlamps with lower scalloped edge on all models
- Modified taillamp(s) with white turn signal lenses (amber bulb)
- Round fog lamps (on Limited and GT models) and lower grille incorporating open mesh design (all models)
- Body color strip spoiler at rear of roof panel for improved aerodynamic performance on Base, Touring and Limited models
- Eight exterior color offerings, including Marine Blue Pearl Coat and Magnesium Pearl Coat (both new for 2006)

INTERIOR: modifications include (new for 2006):

- All-new instrument panel and door trim panel design
- Refreshed seat trim and fabrics for all models incorporating sport contour trim outlines for improved lateral support
- Interior color offerings: Pastel Slate Gray (all models) and Pastel Pebble Beige (Touring, Limited and GT models)
- Larger, more visible instrument cluster graphics with silver gauge faces and white-night lighting
- Higher-output, quieter HVAC system combined with flush shut-off outlets
- Ergonomic refinements including positioning of radio head unit above HVAC controls; relocation of heated seat and hazard flasher switches to center stack and raised rear window controls (positioned on rear of center console)
- Satin Silver center stack bezel on all models; GT model includes Mini-Carbon pattern
- Larger glove box

- Chrysler signature analog clock
- Center console with fore/aft sliding armrest and covered storage. Unit includes two fold-out cup holders for rear seat occupants; available battery-fed power outlet inside console bin for concealed cell phone charging and clamshell upper compartment (under lid) for concealing small items
- Bright-accented ringed front cup holders on Limited and GT models
- Front courtesy/map lamps on Touring, Limited and GT models
- Standard six-way power driver seat with manual lumbar on Limited and GT models
- MP3 play capability on all radios (new for 2006)
- Audio input jack on base AM/FM single CD radio can be used for any audio input source (e.g., portable MP3 player, portable cassette player, portable CD player)
- AM/FM six-CD changer radio can play CDs burned with MP3 files
- Speakers re-positioned to rear doors for enhanced bass response, most notably in rear of cabin (new for 2006)
- Boston Acoustics® premium audio system, optional on Touring, Limited and GT models, includes six premium speakers, first production-offered subwoofer on PT, and 368-watt amplifier (new for 2006)
- Enhanced noise, vibration and harshness (NVH) applications include dash panel silencer and strategically placed sound damping materials to reduce road and powertrain noise (new for 2006)

SAFETY AND SECURITY

- Advanced multi-stage driver and front passenger air bags and driver-side inflatable knee blocker and Occupant Classification System (OCS), which detects passenger seat occupant to determine on/off status of air bag (new for 2006)
- Redesigned ignition key with Sentry Key® vehicle immobilizer and integrated fob for available remote keyless entry (new for 2006)
- Height-adjustable three-point seat belts with pretensioners, constant force retractors and traveling inboard buckles, front-three-point, rear-three-point
- Supplemental side air bags
- Security alarm system for doors and liftgate on Limited and GT models
- Enhanced accident response system
- Rear door child protection
- Electronic Vehicle Information Center (EVIC) with reconfigurable display in cluster includes compass, outside temperature, audio information, average fuel economy, distance to empty and elapsed time on Touring, Limited and GT models)
- Enhanced electrical features including power speed-sensitive locks and power accessory delay (new for 2006)
- HomeLink® universal garage door opener standard on Limited and GT models

2005 MODEL YEAR

New model lineup—Chrysler PT Cruiser, Chrysler PT Cruiser Touring, Chrysler PT Cruiser Limited and Chrysler PT Cruiser GT

New Chrysler PT Cruiser model lineup offers one-of-a-kind PT Cruiser styling in a sport tourer package and an established record of high quality at a compact car price

Linen Gold Pearl Coat included in exterior color offerings

Standard HomeLink® universal garage door opener on Limited and GT models (buttons on driver's visor)

2004 MODEL YEAR

New 2.4-liter turbo with 180 horsepower (134 kW), 210 lb.-ft. (285 N•m) of torque, and four-speed automatic transaxle powertrain option, available on Touring and Limited models. Includes special power-assisted disc/drum brakes and large-diameter chrome exhaust tip

New exterior colors: Deep Plum Pearl Coat replaces Deep Cranberry Pearl Coat; Bright Seamist Green Metallic Clear Coat replaces Steel Blue Pearl Coat; Cool Vanilla Clear Coat replaces Stone White Clear Coat

SIRIUS Satellite Radio(a) option available on all models; includes one-year subscription

UConnect® Hands-free Communication System option (late availability) on Touring, Limited and GT models

Liftgate-mounted spoiler: optional on PT Cruiser, Touring and Limited; standard on GT

Chrome Accents Group expanded with leather-wrapped steering wheel with Bright Silver painted spokes and bright pedal package

New 16-inch chrome-clad aluminum wheel for 2.4-liter Turbo applications

2003 MODEL YEAR

New GT price class, includes:

- 2.4-liter, I-4, DOHC intercooled High-Output Turbo engine
- Heavy-duty five-speed manual transaxle
- Optional automatic transaxle with Auto Stick
- Satin Silver painted shift knob
- Satin Silver shifter bezel (automatic transaxle only)
- Body color front and rear fascias (unique from Limited Edition)
- Performance seat with Fresno cloth
- Driver seat manual lumbar adjuster
- Silver cluster gauge and cluster bezel
- Gauge cluster includes 140-mph speedometer and tachometer with "2.4L Turbo" graphic
- Performance-tuned suspension
- Performance ABS with four-wheel disc brakes and low-speed traction control
- 17-inch silver painted five-spoke cast-aluminum wheels standard, chrome optional
- P205/50HR17 all-season performance tires
- New optional package on GT, includes:
 - Leather seating surfaces with perforated leather inserts
 - Driver's seat power height adjuster
 - Front side air bags
 - Unique, leather-wrapped steering wheel
 - Power moon roof
 - 17-inch chrome cast-aluminum wheels
 - AM/FM stereo radio with cassette and CD player

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EQUIPMENT GROUPS

- Chrome Accents Group, optional on Touring and Limited Edition models (late availability)

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New wheel treatments:

- 15-inch bolt-on wheel cover with bright lug nut caps—standard on PT Cruiser
- 16-inch painted cast-aluminum wheel—standard on Touring
- 16-inch chrome-clad aluminum wheel—standard on Limited Edition, optional on Touring (2002 running change)
- Traction control is available as a separate option on Touring and Limited Edition models (requires ABS)

BODY

- Body color monotone front and rear fascias—standard on Limited Edition
- Accent-color bodyside moldings—standard on Base models
- New exterior colors: Electric Blue Pearl Coat and Onyx Green Pearl Coat

INTERIOR

- New interior color added: Dark Slate Gray/Light Slate Gray
- New Bright Silver Metallic cluster and passenger-side air bag door for Light Almond Pearl Metallic, Bright Silver Metallic
- Black and Stone White exterior colors and Dark Slate Gray interior color

ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

- AM/FM stereo radio with six-disc in-dash CD changer is optional on all models

2002 MODEL YEAR

Three price classes replace Equipment Groups:

- Base
- Touring Edition
- Limited Edition

AM/FM stereo radio with CD player and changer controls—standard on all price classes

Front passenger underseat storage bin—standard on all price classes

New front passenger seat inboard armrest—standard on all price classes

New rear seat trapped occupant release handle

2001 MODEL YEAR

July 2000 Production

Heated driver and front passenger seats (includes driver manual lumbar adjuster)—Limited Edition (running change)

Front passenger underseat storage bin—optional on all models (running change)

Five-gang window switch (controlling all four windows) in instrument panel center stack replaces three-gang switch—standard on all models

AM/FM stereo radio with CD player and changer controls—optional on all models

At Introduction (March 2000)

Unique Package—Flexible cargo-carrying capability, flexible front and rear seating arrangements, abundant interior space relative to overall size, easy entry and exit, comfortable, upright seating position and exceptional roominess

2.4-liter, DOHC, 16-valve SMPI four-cylinder engine—150 horsepower (112 kW) at 5,500 rpm and 162 lb.-ft. of torque (220 N•m) at 4,000 rpm

Low-profile, twist beam axle rear suspension with trailing arms, Watts linkage for lateral motion control and stabilizer bar

Optional roof rack with U.S.-industry first continuously variable fore/aft adjustable crossbars and side-by-side stowage

Fold, tumble and remove 65/35 split, three-passenger rear seating with unique quick-release removal latches

Chrysler Group's first center rear seat three-point Unibelt restraint system

Available supplemental side air bags

Front seat belt pretensioners standard

Rear seat Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children (LATCH) child seat anchor system standard

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1997—Plymouth Pronto Concept revealed at Detroit auto show

1998—Gold two-door Pronto Cruiser concept introduced at Geneva motor show

1999—Gold four-door PT Cruiser concept, Silver production PT Cruiser revealed at Detroit auto show

2000—Chrysler Panel Cruiser concept, GT Cruiser (2.4-liter turbo) concept at Detroit auto show

2001—Chrysler PT Cruiser Convertible Styling Study at New York auto show

2001—Chrysler PT Cruiser Flames version introduced at What's New

2001—Chrysler PT Dream Cruiser and Woodie revealed at Woodward Dream Cruise

2002—Chrysler PT Turbo revealed at New York auto show

2002—Chrysler PT Chrome Accents package revealed at What's New

2002—Chrysler PT Dream Cruiser Series 2 revealed at Woodward Dream Cruise

2003—Updated Chrysler PT Chrome Accents package introduced at What's New

2003—Chrysler PT Dream Cruiser Series 3 revealed at Woodward Dream Cruise

2004—MY2005 PT Cruiser Convertible revealed at Detroit auto show

2004—Chrysler PT Cruiser Two-Tone edition introduced

2004—Chrysler PT Dream Cruiser Series 4 revealed at Woodward Dream Cruise

2005—Chrysler PT Street Cruiser Route 66 edition revealed at Woodward Dream Cruise

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