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2007 Dodge Caliber SRT4: Design

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DESIGN

Trevor Creed, Senior Vice President – Design, Chrysler Group: *“From the very first sketches of the all-new 2007 Dodge Caliber SRT4, we wanted an aggressive, SRT-signature look featuring its bold grille, hood scoops and intercooler and brake-cooling ducts. The result is a much more aggressive look than the standard Dodge Caliber.”*

An all-new front fascia below the signature Dodge crosshair grille incorporates functional performance features including an air dam, ducts that direct air to cool the brakes and a wide center inlet that provides air flow to the radiator. The 2007 Dodge Caliber SRT4’s hood incorporates a functional scoop that brings cooling air into the engine compartment, and a pair of extractors that exhaust hot air.

The rear fascia features lower vertical strakes that direct underbody air flow out the back of the vehicle, contributing to more stability at speed. Aerodynamic efficiency is also aided by an integrated spoiler above the rear glass. The spoiler is nearly 60 percent larger than that on the standard Dodge Caliber, and is tuned for smoother air flow and downforce while maximizing the rear view.

Inside, unique SRT touches include sport seating with aggressive bolstering and performance-fabric inserts to hold occupants during spirited driving, and a leather-wrapped steering wheel with a carbon fiber pattern on the upper portion. The seats, steering wheel and leather shift boot feature contrasting stitching. The center-stack-mounted shifter includes a lift ring to engage reverse, unique to the Dodge Caliber SRT4, as well as a leather-finished shift knob.

The instrument panel features three gauge “tunnels” outfitted with performance-oriented instrumentation, including a tachometer, 200-mph speedometer, and water-temperature and fuel gauges. A turbocharger boost gauge is located on the left side of the instrument panel.

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