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2008 MODEL YEAR

Sunburst Orange exterior color
Detonator Yellow exterior color
Dark Maple Burl woodgrain accents for Laramie models
New 4.7-liter V-8 engine producing 310 horsepower (31 percent increase) and 330 lb.-ft. of torque (10 percent increase), with better fuel economy and increased refinement
6,000-mile maintenance schedule for all gasoline engines
Improved steering linkage for 4x4 models
Trailer Sway Control added to available Electronic Stability Program (ESP)
Tire Pressure Monitoring (TPM) system available

2007 MODEL YEAR

YES® Essentials Stain resistant, odor resistant, anti-static seat fabric incorporated into vehicles with cloth seats
Power accessory delay
E85 compatible 4.7-liter V-8 engine (Flexible Fuel Vehicle—FFV)
Optional Electronic Stability Program (ESP)
Optional remote start
One-touch, three-blink lane change feature

2006 MODEL YEAR

Multi-displacement System (MDS) on 5.7-liter engine is a fully functioning cylinder deactivation system on a pickup truck (first for segment) and enables fuel economy improvements of up to 20 percent
Variable Line Pressure (VLP) feature on four-speed automatic transmission (mated with 3.7-liter V-6 engine) results in improved fuel economy and smoother shifts
Front-axle disconnect system (standard on 4x4 models) minimizes energy consumption and improves fuel economy
NV244 full-time electric transfer case standard on all 4x4 models delivers 45/55 front/rear torque split when four-wheel drive is activated
Optional all-wheel-drive electronic transfer case
"Tow/haul" feature provides crisper shifts and reduces gear searching when towing
Re-engineered hydroformed, fully boxed frame with increased torsional rigidity and bending stiffness for enhanced ride and handling capability and reduced transfer of noise
Reduced drag brake calipers contributing to enhanced aerodynamics
Coil-over shock, double wishbone front suspension on 4x4 models
Specifically tuned monotube shock absorbers
Re-tuned springs, jounce bumpers and suspension bushings for enhanced driving dynamics
Re-engineered body mount design results in quieter cabin experience and more comfortable ride
Re-engineered engine and transmission mounts for enhanced ride and handling characteristics

New wheel lineup includes:

- 17-inch aluminum with unique finish (SLT, TRX and TRX4 package)
- 20-inch aluminum (optional on SLT)
- 17-inch chrome-clad aluminum (Laramie)
- 20-inch chrome-clad aluminum (standard on new Sport package, optional on SLT and Laramie)

Thicker front door glass and re-engineered door seals for reduced wind noise contributes to interior cabin quietness

Polymer constraint layer on front of dash panel for enhanced engine and road noise abatement
Rear spoiler positioned on rear liftgate contributes to enhanced vehicle aerodynamics
Redesigned headlamps, grille, front fascia and fender assemblies
Enhanced headlamp performance
Optional power sliding backlight
Available in nine colors, including Inferno Red Crystal Pearl Coat and Light Khaki Metallic Clear Coat
Redesigned instrument panel with four trim levels
Optional full-screen navigation radio
Optional DVD rear-seat entertainment system on Quad Cabs
Optional front bucket seats with full center console available on SLT, Sport package and Laramie
Rear-seat ladder-style headrests on Quad Cab®
Enhanced seat design features including optional bucket seats, enhanced leather offerings and French-stitched sew lines
Upscale finishes, including Maple Pommele accents on instrument panel and doors and Satin Silver II accents on control knobs
Interior color offerings: Khaki and Medium Slate Gray
New hydroformed frame enables greater front crush zone for enhanced absorption and crash energy dissipation
Advanced multi-stage driver and front passenger air bags and knee bolsters
Weight-based Occupant Classification System (OCS) for controlling front passenger air bag deployment (Quad Cabs)

2005 MODEL YEAR

New sun roof available on Quad Cab Short Box
New tailgate badging—ram's head replaces "DODGE" nameplate
UConnect® Hands-free Communication System with Bluetooth® technology; optional on SLT and Laramie
SIRIUS Satellite Radio optional on Quad Cab Short Box SLT and Laramie(a)
New transmission mounts for manual transmissions reduce noise, vibration and harshness (NVH)
3.7-liter Magnum V-6 engine upgrade provides improved idle quality and fuel economy refinements. Engine upgrade includes a new camshaft profile, lash adjusters, low-tension piston rings and a 9.7:1 compression ratio
4.7-liter V-8 engine adds knock sensors and exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) for improved efficiency
Getrag 238 six-speed manual transmission replaces the NV3500 five-speed manual on 3.7-liter and 4.7-liter Magnum engines
Low Lockup Speed and turbine damper added to 545RFE with 4.7-liter engine. The turbine damper improves NVH performance allowing for torque converter lockup clutch application at lower speeds

2004 MODEL YEAR

Full-time electric shift optional on Laramie and SLT
Tow/haul mode offered on light-duty models with automatic transmission
Flexible fuel version of 4.7-liter engine available to fleet customers
Optional larger 34-gallon fuel tank on 1500 Quad Cab with standard bed
The 5.7-liter HEMI Magnum V-8 receives exhaust gas recirculation for improved efficiency
New exterior color: Deep Molten Red replaces Garnet Red
New adjustable rear seat outboard head restraints standard on Quad Cab
Chrome bodyside moldings standard for Laramie
Chrome surround grille with chrome billet inserts for Laramie standard
Body-color side moldings now standard with Sport appearance group
Chrome-clad wheels now standard on Laramie
New available navigation radio with 4.9-inch full-color display, AM/FM stereo, CD player, 11 speakers, 240-watt amplifier and DVD-based navigation system
Satin Silver door and instrument panel bezels for Laramie
Laramie model features new seat appearance, with unique leather seat design with high-contrast color seat inserts
Laramie J Package (includes ash receiver, cup holder, vanity mirror lamps for driver and passenger, glove box lighting, switchable dome lamp and electrochromic rearview mirror)

2003 MODEL YEAR

All-new 5.7-liter HEMI V-8 replaces 5.9-liter
545RFE multi-speed automatic transmission available with 4.7-liter and 5.7-liter engines
Optional rear window defogger (mid-year introduction)

SLT Plus is rebadged as Laramie on regular and Quad Cab models with an extensive list of standard features
New tow hooks standard on Laramie four-wheel drive, optional in Protection Group for four-wheel drive ST and SLT and optional with two-wheel drive ST, SLT and Laramie
Adjustable pedals with manual transmission—Optional
AM/FM stereo with six-disc in-dash CD—Optional
Steering wheel-mounted audio controls are packaged with AM/FM stereo radio with cassette and CD player or an AM/FM stereo radio with cassette and six-disc in-dash CD changer—SLT; both equipped with 11-speaker Infinity® system
Electronic throttle control on 5.7-liter HEMI Magnum V-8 engine
Automatic locking retractor added to front passenger seat belt
LATCH (Lower Anchors and Tethers for CHildren) added to regular and Quad Cab models

2002 MODEL YEAR

Two- and four-wheel-drive models with regular and Quad Cab bodies
Three equipment levels—ST, SLT and SLT Plus
Sport Appearance Group and Sport Appearance Group with 20-inch wheels and tires—Optional SLT and SLT Plus
Next-generation 3.7-liter Magnum SOHC, SMPI V-6 engine with balance shaft
Next-generation 4.7-liter Magnum SOHC, SMPI V-8 engine
45RFE multi-speed automatic transmission
Available electric-shift four-wheel-drive transfer case
Refined manual four-wheel-drive transfer case
All-new frames with fully boxed side rails
Independent front suspension on four-wheel-drive models
Refined two-wheel-drive suspension systems
Rack-and-pinion steering
P245/70R17 standard tires
P275/55R20 on two-wheel-drive models and P275/60R20 on four-wheel-drive models
Standard four-wheel disc brakes—Largest in the industry
Truck-industry first dual-rate power brake booster
All-new, roomier, stiffer body structure
Bed length of short-box models reduced to provide increased cab interior roominess
Industry-exclusive wide-opening forward-hinged rear door with outside door handles and full roll-down windows
Trailer Tow outside mirrors with rotating heads for improved rearward visibility
Structural rear bumper—Class III trailer towing capability without added equipment
Class IV trailer hitch platform—Integrated with rear bumper structure
Extended regular and Quad Cab interiors—Roomiest in the industry
Power adjustable pedals with automatic transmission—Optional SLT, in SLT Plus
All-new, customer-oriented interior with added storage
All-new seats for increased passenger comfort
60/40 split/folding rear seat—Available on SLT and SLT Plus Quad Cab models
Improved storage compartments under rear seats on Quad Cab models
Steel fold-flat load floor—Available on SLT and SLT Plus Quad Cab models
Larger, more versatile cab-back storage systems on regular cab models
Pickup truck-first Dual-zone Climate Control—SLT Plus
Electronic Vehicle Information Center (EVIC) with customer-programmable features—SLT Plus
Best-in-class optional Infinity premium speaker system—11 premium speakers in seven locations and a 240-watt digital amplifier
Truck-industry first side air bag inflatable curtains (SABIC) for front and rear seat outboard occupants—Optional
Adjustable front seat head restraints—Standard
Outboard front seat belt pretensioners—Standard
Enhanced interior head impact protection—Standard
Extension of Quad Cab body allows use of rearward-facing child seats in back seat

2001 MODEL YEAR

July 2000 Production

Club Cab body style discontinued

User-ready child seat upper anchors on cab back panels

January 2000 Production

High Output Cummins turbo diesel engine with six-speed manual transmission only (245 horsepower and 505 lb.-ft. torque)

2000 MODEL YEAR

Eight-foot box with 1500 Club Cab body discontinued

New front suspension and steering systems on all models

All-new brake system with dual-piston front disc brake calipers and quick-response vacuum booster

1999 MODEL YEAR

Upgraded Sport Appearance Group—Front bumper and fascia, grille, quad headlamps

1998 MODEL YEAR

Quad Cab body style introduced

Next-generation driver and front-passenger air bags (running change)(a)

Passenger air bag cutoff switch (regular cab and Quad Cab only) (running change)(b)

Removable storage module under rear seats of Quad Cab (mid-year introduction)

1995 MODEL YEAR

Club Cab model added

1994 MODEL YEAR

All-new regular cab models introduced

Model designations changed to 1500, 2500 and 3500

(a) Certified to federal regulations that allow less forceful air bags. Always use seat belts.

Remember, a back seat is the safest place for children.

(b) Important—Always remove key and replace cover. Rearward-facing child seats may be used in the front seat only with the passenger air bag turned off.

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