Chrysler PT Cruiser Cabrio Touring Model Brings Cool Styling and Unique Versatility to a Broader Audience

Press Information

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- **New for spring, the Cabrio Touring offers open-top thrills to more drivers — available for a limited time, at a lower price**
- **Spacious interior seats four large adults in superb comfort**
- **Versatile seating and more interior cargo volume than competitors**
- **Electrically powered top can be raised or lowered in 10 seconds**

Geneva – With its cool good looks, spacious four-seater cabin, unique versatility and high levels of standard equipment and refinement, the Chrysler PT Cruiser Cabrio is a different kind of convertible. The PT Cruiser Cabrio is redefining the convertible segment in the same way that the original Chrysler PT Cruiser refused to fit into an automotive "pigeonhole."

With the PT Cruiser Cabrio, Chrysler is riding the swelling wave of interest in C-segment convertibles among car buyers, particularly in European markets. Few if any other cabrios on sale today can rival the PT Cruiser Cabrio for its combination of stand-out-from-the-crowd good looks, inspiring performance and immense practicality.

Now there is even more choice within the Chrysler PT Cruiser Cabrio lineup with the addition of the Cabrio Touring model, available this spring for a limited time only. The Cabrio Touring offers an even more affordable model, to appeal to a broader audience of drivers looking to call a PT Cruiser Cabrio their own.

Chrysler PT Cruiser Cabrio Touring, similar to the Sedan Touring model, features a body-colour painted grille, 16-inch painted aluminium wheels, a stainless steel exhaust tip, and inside, comfortable cloth seats. Cabrio Touring is fitted with a 2.4-litre engine, available with a choice of manual or automatic transmissions.

With every model, Chrysler PT Cruiser Cabrio retains many of the unique styling elements of the original PT Cruiser and develops that outspoken retro design theme even further to create its own strong personality and distinctive aesthetics.

The body structure of the Chrysler PT Cruiser Cabrio, which was designed from the outset as a convertible, with its extra-large doors and its fully lined, electrically folding cabrio roof and glass rear window, boasts a clean simplicity of line with the top up or down. Other benefits of being designed as a cabrio from the outset are stability and ride and handling levels that are not typically found in the segment.

The colour-matching B-pillar mounted Sport Bar, with individual, recessed overhead lighting, is also shaped to guide airflow over rear seat passengers and to generate the minimum turbulence and noise. With the exceptionally low levels of noise generated when the roof is lowered, passengers can easily carry on conversations while driving. The added thickness of the three-layer, top-grade standard cloth top also reduces road noise when the top is up.

Two versions of the Chrysler PT Cruiser Cabrio are regularly available, the Limited and the GT, with both cosmetic and technical variations. All PT Cruiser Cabrios offer best-in-class front and rear passenger space, and thanks to state-of-the-art, best sealing “smart glass” side windows and the aerodynamic sport bar, they also lay claim to being among the quietest cabrios on sale today – top up or top down.

Customers have a choice of two powerful gasoline power units: a 2.4-litre, 105 kW (143 hp DIN) normally-aspirated engine with either manual or automatic gearbox for the Limited, and a 2.4-litre, turbocharged engine generating 164 kW (223 hp DIN) for the GT and driving through a five-speed manual transmission.

The customised two-tone interior has a tip-and-slide front passenger seat for easy access to the individually styled twin rear seats. These seats can be split 50/50 and folded and tumbled to greatly extend boot space. Unlike any of its convertible competitors, the Chrysler PT Cruiser Cabrio gives owners the versatility of nine different seating combinations and an unusually large boot, which is 50 percent larger than that of the VW Beetle. In the rear, the PT Cruiser Cabrio has almost 250 mm (10 in.) more rear leg room than the Beetle.

The Chrysler PT Cruiser Sedan has generated a loyal customer base across Europe and continues to attract new customers with its unique blend of distinctive appearance and everyday practicality.

The latest Chrysler PT Cruiser Sedan models feature a roof-mounted antenna and optional liftgate spoiler for a sportier appearance. Standard safety features also include the Sentry Key® engine immobiliser and supplemental side air bags. Models equipped with the 1.6-litre engine offer front disc and rear drum brakes with anti-lock braking system (ABS), and models with all other engines have four-wheel disc brakes with ABS and low-speed traction control.

A UConnect™ hands-free communication system is available as a Mopar® aftermarket accessory on Chrysler PT Cruiser Sedan. The UConnect system uses Bluetooth® technology to provide wireless communication between the customer's compatible mobile phone and the vehicle's on-board audio receiver. Advanced voice recognition technology controls the UConnect operation, and incoming calls are broadcast through the vehicle's audio speakers. A rear park assist system is also available as a Mopar aftermarket accessory.

The Chrysler PT Cruiser lineup in international markets currently offers a range of engines that includes 1.6 petrol, 2.4 petrol, 2.4 High Output Turbo petrol and 2.2 common-rail turbo diesel (CRD). The PT Cruiser Cabrio Touring (for spring 2005), Limited and GT models join the Classic, Touring, Limited and GT Sedan models, and there have been three PT Street Cruiser special editions.

Chrysler PT Cruiser Sedan and Cabrio are manufactured exclusively at the Chrysler Group's Toluca Assembly Plant in Mexico. Since starting PT Cruiser production in 2000, this facility has become one of the corporation's most efficient plants.

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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Chrysler PT Cruiser Sedan and Cabrio

The information shown is based on data available at the time of publication (February 14, 2005). Specifications are valid for Europe and may vary in other international markets.

Body and Chassis

Five-seater, five-door hatchback with unitary steel body chassis or four-seater convertible with open-top unitary steel body chassis and electrically powered folding fabric roof. Transversely mounted engine with front-wheel drive via five-speed manual or four-speed automatic (optional) transmission.

Engines

2.4L High Output Turbo

Type	Petrol, 4-cylinder, in-line, turbocharged
Capacity	2.4L (2429 cc/148.2 cu. in.)
Maximum power	164 kW (223 hp DIN) @ 5100 rpm
Maximum torque	332 N•m (245 lb.-ft.) @ 3950 rpm
Compression ratio	8.1:1
Bore and stroke	87.5 x 101.0 mm (3.44 x 3.98 in.)
Transmission	Getrag G288, five-speed manual, fully synchronised

2.4L

Type	Petrol, 4-cylinder, in-line
Capacity	2.4L (2429 cc/148.2 cu. in.)
Maximum power	105 kW (143 hp DIN) @ 5200 rpm
Maximum torque	214 N•m (158 lb.-ft.) @ 4000 rpm
Compression ratio	9.5:1
Bore and stroke	87.5 x 101.0 mm (3.44 x 3.98 in.)

Transmission	NVG T350 five-speed manual, synchronised on all forward gears Four-speed electronically controlled adaptive automatic transmission with choice of fully automatic operation or AutoStick® driver-operated manual control
2.2L CRD	
Type	Common rail diesel, 4-cylinder, in-line, turbocharged
Capacity	2.2L (2148 cc/131.1 cu. in.)
Maximum power	89 kW (121 hp DIN) @ 4200 rpm
Maximum torque	300 N•m (221 lb.-ft.) @ 1600-2600 rpm
Compression ratio	18.0:1
Bore and stroke	88.0 x 88.3 mm (3.46 x 3.48 in.)
Transmission	Getrag five-speed manual, synchronised on all forward gears
1.6L	
Type	Petrol, 4-cylinder, in-line
Capacity	1.6L (1598 cc/97.5 cu. in.)
Maximum power	85 kW (116 hp DIN) @ 6300 rpm
Maximum torque	157 N•m (116 lb.-ft.) @ 4550 rpm
Compression ratio	10.5:1
Bore and stroke	77.0 x 85.8 mm (3.03 x 3.38 in.)
Transmission	Five-speed manual, synchronised on all forward gears

Chassis and Running Gear

Front suspension	Independent by McPherson struts, coil springs, stabiliser bar
Rear suspension	Twist beam axle with trailing arms, coil springs, gas-filled shock absorbers, stabiliser bar
Steering	Power-assisted rack and pinion
Brakes	Ventilated front discs, solid rear discs with ABS and Electronic Variable Brake Proportioning (for 1.6L models, front discs and rear drums with ABS)
Brakes (HO Turbo)	Heavy-duty ventilated front discs, solid rear discs with ABS and EVBP

Wheels and tyres	15 x 6 inch steel with 195/65R15 tyres
	16 x 6 inch with 205/55R16 tyres
Wheels and tyres (HO Turbo)	17 x 7 inch with 205/50R17 tyres

Dimensions and Capacities

Dimensions are in millimetres (inches) unless otherwise noted.

Overall length	4288 (168.8)
Overall width	1704 (67.1)
Overall height	1539 (60.6)
Wheelbase	2616 (103.0)
Luggage capacity	210L (7.4 cu. ft.) – all seats occupied
Luggage capacity	377L (13.3 cu. ft.) – rear seats tumbled
Fuel tank capacity	57 litres (15 U.S. gallons)

Fuel Consumption (L/100 km) – Sedan

	2.4L HO	**2.4L MTX**	**ATX**	**2.2 CRD**	**1.6L**
Combined	9.8	9.7	10.5	6.9	7.7
Ex-urban	7.8	7.6	8.4	5.6	6.3
Urban	13.1	13.5	14.2	9.1	10.0
Combined CO_2 (g/km)	232	231	251	185	182
Emission class	Euro 4	Euro 4		Euro 3	Euro 3

Fuel Consumption (L/100 km) – Cabrio

	2.4L HO	**2.4L MTX**	**ATX**
Combined	9.9	9.7	10.8
Ex-urban	8.2	7.6	8.6
Urban	13.2	13.5	14.4
Combined CO_2 (g/km)	235	231	256
Emission class	Euro 4	Euro 4	

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