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Audi

Two new models for Audi—the S5 and the A5. The A5 will have its engine lower and further back in the engine bay to more evenly distribute the overall front/rear weight of the car to previous Audis. This distributes engine power to all four wheels therefore giving it superior traction and cornering power. And by the way, if you can't find the battery—that's because it is now in the boot. These changes also make the design more pedestrian-friendly.



(don't want to test that one). Audi A5-S5

Skoda

Skoda is riding high in Britain & Europe, if customer surveys are anything to go by. It ranks second, behind the premium make Lexus.

The latest models here are the Roomster runaround (see pic.) and the all-wheel drive Octavia Scout.



Skoda is also pushing its Fabia's diesel engines as being among the greenest available.

It is also urging people to drive smarter. Here are some of the tips suggested -

- ◆ Stick to the speed limit. (we all know that one)
- ◆ Avoid rough roads. Dirt, bumps and gravel can cause a 30 per cent increase in fuel consumption. (didn't know that one.)
- ◆ Check tyres—more fuel is burnt if the pressure is too low or unequal.
- ◆ Change oil and air filters regularly.

BMW

BMW is to expand its U.S. vehicle production as a way of hedging against currency fluctuations. Other European carmakers may follow as they strive for dominance in a very competitive market.

The new BMW M3 sports coupe will have a V8 engine, and is 200—300 kg lighter than its rivals Mercedes-Benz and Audi similar class cars, and it should sprint from 0—100 km/h in under five seconds, and have a top speed of 250 km/h.



More VW news.....

Volkswagen has launched an online tie-up with the new Matt Damon movie *The Bourne Ultimatum*. As VW vehicles feature in the movie, VW is letting internet users play film director with an online stunt simulator at www.bournestuntsimulator.com.

The site allows you to select from six vehicles including the VW Touareg and Golf GT,



that feature in the movie. You can create stunt sequences for playback and sharing, as well as combinations of cars, speeds, explosions, props and sound effects to create sequences.

20 YEARS OF VOLKSWAGEN 4WD

That's right, 20 years. 4WD has been available in the Volkswagen Golf for the last 20 years. Volkswagen's 4Motion all-wheel drive line-up in New Zealand spans the breadth of the Golf, Passat, Touareg, the luxurious Phaeton, as well as the Transporter, Kombi, Caravelle and even the California campervan. The Golf Syncro, as it was called back in 1986, gave motorists their first opportunity of owning an affordable car with optimum traction even under difficult road conditions. The system's central differential compensated for wheel speed differences between the front and rear axles when cornering. On slippery ground, the differential could be locked to ensure optimum traction at both axles. Volkswagen also developed technology for the four-wheel-drive Transporter—the viscous coupling which worked automatically without the need for any intervention by the driver. The silicon liquid in the viscous coupling allowed the front and rear axles to turn at different speeds when passing through bends. And when necessary, for instance if the front wheels



were standing on sheer ice, it transmitted virtually 100 per cent of the engine power to the rear axle.

Since then things have become electronic and this is when the new name 4Motion was born. The electronic vehicle dynamics control systems is known as ESP, and I'm sure it's no co-incidence that it can predict what it should be doing.

Looking for a vehicle to do some serious towing ...

The Volkswagen Passat Estate 2.0 litre TDI 4 Motion has beaten 50 short listed contenders to emerge as the overall winner of the 2007 Towcar Awards. This honour was awarded following a comprehensive series of tests measured against a demanding set of criteria. An excellent car doesn't automatically make a great towcar, but you can be confident that the winners of the Towcar Awards are brilliant all-rounders that offer value, practicality and economy as well as superb towing ability.



One horsepower!!!!!! This Beetle is being transported home after catching fire in Rio de Janeiro. Well we can't all be lucky enough to have a Passat Estate!!!!

Pre-Purchase Vehicle Inspections

Qualitat offers a comprehensive pre-purchase inspection service so you can be informed about your next purchase.

Pre -purchase inspection is priced at \$168.75 incl. g.s.t.

(If the picture above is anything to go by, this could be money well spent.)