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2018 Dodge Challenger GT AWD

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Last week, we looked at a vehicle that was first unveiled as a concept back in 2008, went into production in 2011, and is still being made, with very minimal changes – in case you missed our previous issue, we’re talking about the Karma Revero.

The topic of this week’s test goes back even further! The modern-day Dodge Challenger was shown as a concept in 2006, it then went on sale in 2008 -as a 2009 model year vehicle- and has been in continuous production ever since. Dodge has updated the car slightly, over the years, and has given the world some very fast versions of the Challenger – such as the Hellcat, and Demon- and while the styling has received some refresh, it is still essentially the same car that went into production in 2008, and it still has those annoying interior door handles, which are beside your knees!

However, for 2018, Dodge is



offering a version of the Challenger that it has never offered before, one that features all-wheel drive!

Yes folks, the Challenger can lay claim to being the first American muscle car to feature all-wheel drive, beating the Ford

Mustang and the Chevrolet Camaro to the market with this feature, but there is a catch!

You see, the only version you can get with all-wheel drive (AWD), comes with the V6 engine – so it is a muscle car with not much muscle. The familiar,

FCA, 3.6L Pentastar V6 motor, is not bad, producing 305 hp and 268 lb-ft of torque, but it doesn’t sound like an engine belonging to a muscle car, and given its curb weight of 1861 kg – it is not light by any stretch of the imagination- so, given its weight and ho-hum

V6 powertrain, performance isn’t what you’d call ‘exciting.’

While the sprint from 0 to 100 km/h isn’t terrible -it’ll do it in 6.4 seconds- but the size, weight, and sound of the vehicle won’t encourage you to try that on a regular basis.

Ahh... but you must be wondering, that thanks to all-wheel drive, the handling and high-speed stability must have improved a lot! Umm... no, it hasn’t! First of all, the weight and size are again to blame, pushing the car wide as you throw it into back road bends, and as for highway speed stability, that hasn’t improved much either. The day I picked up this Challenger GT, it was raining quite a bit, so on my highway commute between Mississauga to London, I was expecting this AWD coupe to be as composed and agile as a Subaru WRX – it just isn’t! If you try to drive with some pace, on the highway, in the rain, you’ll experience white knuckles, because

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