

Challenger GT AWD - A Stylish, Spacious Coupe



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 the car just didn't feel planted to the tarmac. So despite this being a muscle-car with all-wheel drive, the Challenger GT AWD is at its best when you just want a lazy cruise.

For cruising around, the Challenger GT AWD is just fine. The ride is comfortable, and you are seated in a spacious, well-ap-

pointed cabin. I do like its infotainment system, which is clear and easy to use – not something I usually say about touchscreen systems.

My biggest complaint about this interior, has to do with the seats – they look big and comfortable, but the cushion is very short, so despite me not being a tall person, I still had half my

thigh sticking past the seat. On a long drive, this becomes quite annoying!

Also annoying, was its fuel economy – despite this GT AWD making do with a V6, it still drank fuel like a V8! I averaged 11.4 L/100 km during my week long test.

However, a car like the Challenger is not about economy, or

even comfort, it is about looking good, and that it does rather well. The design hasn't changed all that much since it first showed up in concept form back in 2006, but it has aged well, and the few updates it has received along the way, only help increase its curb appeal.

Prices are appealing, too. The Challenger GT AWD starts from

\$38,895 – that is a lot less than what most all-wheel drive coupes demand from their would-be owners!

If you're a keen driver, the Challenger isn't for you, at least, not this GT AWD variant. But, if you need a stylish, spacious coupe, that you can use all year long, than this might appeal to you!

Car Care: Canadians Value Function Over Flash Says Survey

CAMBRIDGE: CarGurus, a leading online automotive marketplace, today released a survey uncovering what Canadians prioritize when it comes to vehicle upkeep. The survey's findings showed that Canadian car owners care most about keeping their cars performing well and lasting long.

There's no shortage of Canadian car pride : When it comes to car care it's not about keeping that new car smell, it's about keeping that new car driving.

When asked what they are most proud of about their car, 49 per cent said how well it runs as op-

posed to aesthetics like its cleanliness or exterior appearance.

- 62 per cent said they take a lot of pride in their car and its condition.

- 30 per cent of Canadians say personal pride is the top reason they are motivated to keep their car in good condition.

It's not easy to say goodbye: Most Canadians don't want to think about a new car until they have to.

When asked which factor would mostly likely prompt someone to consider buying a new car, 76 per cent chose reliability.

Few respondents selected choices like new model releases (5 per cent) or dents and damaged bodywork (5 per cent) as important factors.

All it takes for 7 per cent of Canadians to consider buying a new car is for their current model to stop feeling new or exciting.

This is a no smoking zone
 Canadians are OK with a little mess in their cars, but draw the line at cigarette smoke.

- 78 per cent of Canadians would not let anyone smoke in a newly purchased car.

- Only 9 percent were most likely to forbid eating, followed

by pets (6 per cent) and kids (3 per cent).

Nearly one third of respondents said they clean their car's interior less often than every 4 months.

Don't judge a car by its clutter

Canadians take pride in their car's condition and notice if others do too.

- 45 per cent agree that they judge a person by the state of their car's interior while just 21 per cent disagree.

- 33 per cent agree that they judge a person by the condition of their car's exterior while just 24 per cent disagree.

"Buying a car is one of the

largest investments a person makes, which motivates a lot of people to do whatever they can to increase the longevity of the vehicle," said Matt Smith, senior editor for CarGurus. "This survey showed Canadians' penchant for maintaining performance and their prioritization of reliability, revealing a sense of pride in getting the most out of their investment."

Methodology: The findings are based on an online survey of 1,000 randomly selected Canadians, 18 years of age or older. It was carried out by Google Surveys and issued in March 2018.

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