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Hi all,

First of all an apology for not mentioning the Australia day get together at the Ace Café in the last edition of Holden Business. Despite this omission there was a good turnout. Once again it was bright and sunny for this event, not too cold either. (see some pictures on page 7)

As you will see from page 14, Trevor Drury has taken on the task of Events Officer. I hope you will support him by sending him suggestions and ideas for possible events and venues.

You can also see from this month's front page the 'mystery' 50/2016 ute featured on the cover of an earlier edition of our magazine, is now with the Club. Welcome to Ian Green of Littlehampton with this superbly restored vehicle. in maroon paint with a black grille.

Dave Barry, a long time friend of the Club, contacted me a week ago and told me that he is shipping, as part of his business, about three containers to the UK from Aus in April. Any members who have anything they want to bring over are welcome to utilise some of the spare capacity. He also has contacts with a large car breaker in Sydney and may be able to source parts for some of you, he can be contacted via e-mail at: davebarryau@yahoo.com.au

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ken', written over a horizontal line.

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EXCITING NEWS FOR HOLDEN UK CLUB MEMBERS

Dear sir/madam

We are writing to inform you of the latest developments in our dedicated high performance centre in Thatcham.

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Darren Nangle
Centre Manager



News

30 January 2006

FLAGSHIPS STAR IN GM HOLDEN'S EXPORT RECORD

GM Holden has set a new vehicle export record for the company, breaking through the 60,000-vehicle barrier for the first time in 2005.

The record was driven by GM Holden's flagship prestige vehicles, Statesman and Caprice, which broke new markets and established their reputation as one of the Middle East's most popular vehicles.

More than 27,300 long wheelbase cars were shipped, more than seven times the number sold in Australia during the year.

GM Holden sent a total of 60,518 sedans, utes and coupes around the world in 2005, trumping its previous record of 52,372 set in its 50th anniversary export year of 2004.

The increase of 8146 vehicles (or almost 16 per cent) came through a program exporting to every continent except Antarctica and representing no fewer than six General Motors brands.

Australia's longest standing and largest automotive export program has now delivered more than 710,000 vehicles overseas across five decades.

GM Holden Executive Director - Sales, Marketing and Aftersales, Alan Batey, today said Holden's export success in 2005 was a remarkable achievement for the company in such a tough automotive climate.

"Our record exports in 2005 seem more significant when you consider the strength of the Australian dollar and how difficult that makes it for leading exporters such as GM Holden," Mr Batey said.

"We are always looking for new markets and new opportunities and we are pleased with our success in 2005.

"GM Holden plays an important role in contributing to General Motors brands around the world, helping to ensure they have the best possible range of cars and trucks in each market.

"In turn, this approach helps us to offer a broader range of vehicles in the Australian market and give buyers the widest possible choice under the Holden brand.

"Australians who drive a locally made Holden should feel proud in the knowledge that vehicles made here in Australia are being driven right around the world.

"Drivers overseas may not necessarily know the Holden brand but they've come to enjoy the same driving experience that Australians call their own."

Vehicles manufactured by the Australian carmaker were sold overseas in 2005 under the GM brands of **Chevrolet** (Brazil, Middle East, Thailand, Malaysia and South Africa), **Pontiac** (United States), **Buick** (China), **GM Daewoo** (South Korea), **Vauxhall** (United Kingdom) and **Holden** (New Zealand).

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The Middle East continued to be the strongest export market for Holden in 2005, with a record annual wholesale figure of 30,556 vehicles. This included a record 19,438 long wheelbase Chevrolet Caprice models, an increase of 54 per cent on the previous year.

Pontiac GTO was again in demand in the United States, with 11,729 GTOs exported in 2005. That brings the number of GTOs exported to the US to 31,548 over three years – about 2.5 times the total number of sales of Holden Monaro on which the GTO is based.

The third biggest export market for Holden in 2005 was New Zealand, with 8280 vehicles across the full range including 6190 Holden Commodores.

The new markets of China and Korea made important contributions to Holden's vehicle export tally, with 5976 Buick Royaum and 1878 Daewoo Statesman models respectively, both based on the Statesman and Caprice vehicles.

"China and Korea provided a welcome boost to our exports for 2005, but both countries are relatively new markets and we are not expecting to repeat that performance in 2006," Mr Batey said.

"The strong Australian dollar combined with rising costs will make it difficult to maintain our record level of export performance in the coming years.

"However, Holden has been exporting Australian-made vehicles for more than 50 years and exports will continue to play a major role in our vehicle production for the foreseeable future," he said.

GM Holden export markets in 2005

Market	Local model	Closest Holden equivalent
Middle East – Chevrolet – LHD	Lumina LS	Commodore Executive
	Lumina S	Commodore SV6
	Lumina LTZ	Commodore Berlina
	Lumina SS	Commodore SS
	Lumina Royale	Calais
	Lumina SS (Coupe)	Monaro
	Caprice LS	No domestic equivalent
	Caprice LTZ	Statesman
	Caprice SS	No domestic equivalent
	Caprice Royale	Caprice
US – Pontiac – LHD	Pontiac GTO	Monaro
New Zealand – Holden – RHD	Full range	Full range
China – Buick – LHD	Buick Royaum	Statesman/Caprice
Korea – Daewoo – LHD	Daewoo Statesman	Statesman/Caprice
Brazil – Chevrolet – LHD	Omega CD	Calais
South Africa – Chevrolet – RHD	Lumina LS	Commodore Executive
	Lumina S	Commodore SV6
	Lumina SS	Commodore SS
	Lumina SS Ute	Commodore SS Ute
UK – Vauxhall – RHD	Monaro	Monaro
Thailand – Chevrolet – RHD	Lumina LTZ	Berlina
Malaysia – Chevrolet – RHD	Lumina LTZ	Berlina

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News

19 February 2006

SOLD TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER – THE VERY LAST MONARO

The last of the current generation Monaro coupe, auctioned for 10 days on eBay.com.au, reached a highest bid of AU \$187,600 when the auction concluded at midday today. The highest bid is three times as much as the price of a standard CV8 Monaro, which has a recommended retail price of \$60,490.

The global auction began on February 9, coinciding with the last Monaro's debut at the Melbourne International Motor show. All proceeds raised will be donated to The Leukaemia Foundation, a long-term partner of Holden.

The highest bidder, whose eBay user ID is 'shelda0' and is identified as being from Emerald in Queensland, made the final bid at 11.59am today. All bids were verified by third party listing agent GoingGone.

The bidder has until Wednesday February 22 to contact GM Holden Ltd and organise payment for the last Monaro.

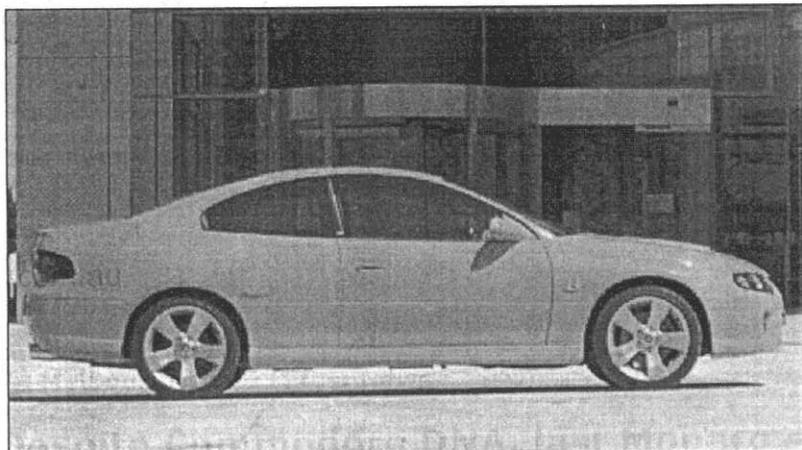
GM Holden will release further information at this time, pending the bidder's approval.

The last Monaro has been painted with a custom color and modified by Holden's Design and Engineering departments to reflect its iconic place in Australian automotive history.

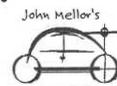
A Very Last Monaro project team made various changes to reflect the car's unique status including special embossed wheels, leather seats and color accents.

The sale of the car will mark the end of Monaro domestic production in Elizabeth, South Australia after more than four years and 47,000 sales in Australia and overseas representing four General Motors brands.

Monaro was unveiled by Holden as a concept vehicle in 1998 and then launched in late 2001. It was Australia's best selling sports car for each of the past four years.



Bits & Pieces ...



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GoAutoEnews



Torana TT36 concept

Holden S3X

THE \$1 million question about Holden's new Ford Territory competitor is what, if any, impact will it have on the Adventra?

The stylish S3X, called Captiva in some markets, has the goods to claw away Adventra V6 sales.

It has a higher seating position, choice of front or all-wheel drive as well as seven-seater capability.

The S3X will come with several powertrains, including a 2.4-litre four-cylinder, a Holden-built 3.2-litre V6 and a choice of two Korean-built 2.0-litre turbo-diesels.

When: March Price: From \$38,000



Holden VE Commodore

SPY shots of the new VE Commodore show a remarkable resemblance to the hot-pink twin-turbo Torana TT36 concept hatch shown at the 2004 Sydney motor show.

However, the VE Commodore won't be a hatch. Convention dictates that it will be a sedan with wagon variants and perhaps, at some stage, a new VE Monaro.

Expect the usual Holden models, Executive, Calais, a 6.0-litre SV8 as well as long-wheelbase Statesman and Caprice variants.

The Alloytec V6 carries over but the interior is roomier and the Commodore reported to be much safer than the current car.

When: August Price: From \$30,000

The list concludes with the mythical power company www.powergenitalia.com. We say mythical, because we investigated this site back on 5 July 2003. It turned out not to be the Italian subsidiary of the UK electricity company PowerGen, but a small company in Tuscany that charged batteries. But even that, it seems, no longer has this domain name, which has been relegated to the category of urban myth. The other sites are all real.

NewScientist | 18 February 2006

A NOTE circulating round the internet, which some readers will have seen but others won't, lists internet domain names consisting of run-together words that can be parsed in unintended ways.

Firstly there is "Who Represents?", a database of agencies for the rich and famous, the domain name of which is www.whorepresents.com. Second is the Experts Exchange, a knowledge base where programmers can exchange advice and views: www.expertsexchange.com. Looking for a pen? Look no further than Pen Island: www.penisland.net. Need a therapist? Try www.therapistfinder.com. And if you want to stock up on bedding plants, try the Mole Station Native Nursery, based in New South Wales, Australia: www.molestationnursery.com.

FINALLY, Anne Hopkirk is worried that something strange is afoot in Scotland – specifically, in Edinburgh city centre. "It may be that there is a tear in the time-space continuum," she says, "as there is a notice in the St James's Centre car park which reads 'Two cars must leave before one can enter'."

Given that this car park presumably started life empty and is probably empty most nights, one can understand Hopkirk's concern.

NewScientist | 17 December 2005

Australian Tourism

The questions below about Australia are from potential visitors. They were posted on an Australian Tourism Website and the answers are the actual responses by the website officials, who obviously have a sense of humour.

Q: Does it ever get windy in Australia? I have never seen it rain on TV, how do the plants grow? (UK)

A: We import all plants fully grown and then just sit around watching them die.

Q: Will I be able to see kangaroos in the street? (USA)

A: Depends how much you've been drinking.

Q: I want to walk from Perth to Sydney. Can I follow the railroad tracks? (Sweden)

A: Sure. It's only three thousand miles. Take lots of water.

Q: Is it safe to run around in the bushes in Australia? (Sweden)

A: So it's true what they say about Swedes.

Q: Are there any ATMs (cash machines) in Australia? Can you send me a list of them in Brisbane, Cairns, Townsville and Harvey Bay? (UK)

A: What did your last slave die of?

Q: Can you give me some information about hippo racing in Australia? (USA)

A: A-fri-ca is the big triangle shaped continent south of Europe. Aus-tra-ly is that big island in the middle of the Pacific, which does not... Oh forget it. Sure, the hippo racing is every Tuesday night in Kings Cross. Come naked.

Q: Which direction is north in Australia? (USA)

A: Face south and then turn 180 degrees. Contact us when you get here and we'll send the rest of the directions.

Q: Can I bring cutlery into Australia? (UK)

A: Why? Just use your fingers like we do.

Q: Can you send me the Vienna Boys' Choir schedule? (USA)

A: Aus-tri-a is that quaint little country bordering Ger-man-y, which is... Oh, forget it. Sure, the Vienna Boys Choir plays every Tuesday night in Kings Cross, straight after the hippo races. Come naked.

Q: Can I wear high heels in Australia? (UK)

A: You are a British politician, right?

Q: Are there supermarkets in Sydney and is milk available all year round? (Germany)

A: No, we are a peaceful civilization of vegan hunter/gatherers. Milk is illegal.

Q: Please send a list of all doctors in Australia who can dispense rattlesnake serum. (USA)

A: Rattlesnakes live in A-meri-ca, which is where YOU come from. All Australian snakes are perfectly harmless, can be safely handled and make good pets.

Q: I have a question about a famous animal in Australia, but I forget its name. It's a kind of bear and lives in trees. (USA)

A: It's called a Drop Bear. They are so called because they drop out of Gum trees and eat the brains of anyone walking underneath them. You can scare them off by spraying yourself with human urine before you go out walking.

Q: Do you have perfume in Australia? (France)

A: No, WE don't stink.

Q: I have developed a new product that is the fountain of youth. Can you tell me where I can sell it in Australia? (USA)

A: Anywhere significant numbers of Americans gather.

Q: Can you tell me the regions in Tasmania where the female population is smaller than the male population? (Italy)

A: Yes, gay nightclubs.

Q: Do you celebrate Christmas in Australia? (France)

A: Only at Christmas.

Q: I was in Australia in 1969 on R+R, and I want to contact the girl I dated while I was staying in Kings Cross. Can you help? (USA)

A: Yes, and you will still have to pay her by the hour.

Q: Will I be able to speak English most places I go? (USA)

A: Yes, but you'll have to learn it first.



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News

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HOLDEN EURO 3 COMPLIANCE, MODEL CHANGES

Holden's domestic and imported petrol vehicle range will all comply with strict Euro 3 (ADR 79/01) regulations which come into effect on January 1, 2006.

Federal Government legislation requires all 2006 petrol engine cars and light commercial vehicles to meet Euro 3 requirements – including new standards for exhaust emissions and restrictions on fuel evaporation.

Current exhaust emission limits (ADR 79/00 or Euro 2) restrict hydrocarbon and oxides of nitrogen emissions to 0.5 grams per kilometre and carbon monoxide to 2.2gm/km. Euro 3 (ADR 79/01) requirements restrict hydrocarbon emissions to 0.2gm/km, oxides of nitrogen to 0.15gm/km and carbon monoxide to 2.3gm/km.

Holden also announced model changes to its model year 2006 line-up of locally produced vehicles in preparation for an all-new Commodore in the second half of the year.

In preparation for the new ADR 79/01 regulations, Holden introduced new sealed heat soak facilities at its Lang Lang Proving Ground to test hydrocarbon evaporation emissions – mainly from fuel but also other hydrocarbons such as plastics.

It also built extensive cold-soak testing facilities to conform to new sub-zero temperature start-up emissions restrictions introduced under ADR 79/01.

Alloytec V6 powertrain

The high-tech 3.6L Alloytec engine introduced in the VZ Commodore series in 2004 required minor changes to the engine, exhaust system and calibration to meet Euro 3 requirements. These changes included new fuel injectors and a new exhaust catalyst.

L76 V8 powertrain

The 6.0L L76 alloy engine, a member of GM's fourth generation small block V8 family, is new to Holden for 2006. The engine delivers peak output of 260kW at 5600 rpm and peak torque of 510Nm at 4400 rpm when tested with 98RON premium unleaded petrol.

Details of the L76 engine were announced in North America in late 2005 and it was developed as Euro 3 compliant. Significant testing and calibration development requirements mean Holden has not initiated cylinder deactivation technology.

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Model changes

Holden also announced the following model changes for locally produced vehicles in 2006 –

- V8 Adventra will be discontinued due to predominant sales of V6 variants and the need to reduce manufacturing complexity at the Elizabeth, South Australia operations.
- One Tonner variants will be discontinued due to preparations for the all-new Commodore in the second half of 2006.
- Ute S and SS will be available in Devil Yellow.

Model year 2006 performance data

Power and torque	Alloytec V6	Alloytec V6 (Adventra)	Alloytec High Output V6	Gen 4 V8
Test fuel	91 RON	91 RON	91 RON	98 RON
Peak power (kW)	172 @ 6000	188 @ 6500	190 @ 6500	260 @ 5600
Peak torque (Nm)	320 @ 2800	330 @ 3600	335 @ 3200	510 @ 4400

Fuel economy (ADR081/01)	Alloytec V6	Alloytec High Output V6	Gen 4 V8
Executive sedan	11.0 (AT)		
Acclaim sedan	11.0 (AT)		
Executive, Acclaim wagon	11.2 (AT)		
Berlina sedan	11.0 (AT)		14.0 (AT)
Berlina wagon	11.5 (AT)		14.0 (AT)
SV6		11.4 (AT & MT)	
Calais		11.4 (AT)	14.0 (AT)
SV8			14.0 (AT) 14.6 (MT)
SS			14.0 (AT) 14.6 (MT)
Adventra		13.2 (AT)	
Ute, Ute S	11.0 (AT) 12.2 (MT)		
Ute SS			14.0 (AT) 14.6 (MT)
Crewman, Crewman S	12.7 (AT) 13.6 (MT)		
Crewman SS			15.3 (AT) 14.8 (MT)
Crewman Cross 6	14.0 (AT)		
Crewman Cross 8			15.6 (AT)
Statesman		11.8 (AT)	14.0 (AT)
Caprice		11.8 (AT)	14.3 (AT)

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WHAT'S ON

Hi Ken, and everybody else at the Holden UK Register. To those of you who don't know me. my name is Trevor Drury and after discussions with a few folks and being semi volunteered(!) by Rob, I've decided to have a go at taking over from Rob Apsey as the events officer. It's going to be a hard act to follow Rob with his supreme enthusiasm for the marque but I'll give it my best.

I first became aware of the Holden UK Register when attending the Enfield Pageant back in 2003 with my then new SS Ute (mind you I had to park it in the public car park, they said it wasn't old enough for the show field, they told me to try again in 30 years time!).

Anyway, that where I first met Rob with his lovely original EH and found out about the register. Since then I've enjoyed meeting up with fellow Holden owners from around the UK. It's also amazing how just the sight of one Holden in a field of other cars attracts any Australian born person from miles around! I know there are not many of us around but it's still good to meet up and admire each others cars and talk all things Holden.

I must admit to the fact that most of the shows I seem to get along to are of the 'American car' type of show, this probably goes back to owning many American cars over the years, I will promise to start looking at some of the more classic car type shows. Talking of which, a great season opener I think is always the 'Wheels Day' held at the Rushmoor Arena near Aldershot in Hampshire. this year it's on the 14th April (Good Friday) and you are always guaranteed a good turn out of anything and everything interesting on wheels.

I am thinking of organising an informal meeting at somewhere like the Imperial War Museum at Duxford where there is a bit more to look at than just the cars! it would be great if we could get some of the Australian Fords and Chrysler's along there too.

I'm open to suggestions from other member as to what we can do in the coming year, you can contact me on trevordrury@blueyonder.co.uk or 01634 681220

A list of a few shows coming up soon:-

- AAC Spring Nationals. Gaydon Heritage Centre, Warwickshire March 31-April 2nd (has a great Auto museum on site)
- AACI Spring Nationals, Billing Aquadrome, Northants. 7th-9th April
- Wheels Day, Rushmoor Arena, Nr Aldershot, Hampshire 14th April
- Midlands Festival of Transport, Weston Park, Shropshire, 16th-17th April
- Damn Yankees Mayday National, North Weald Airfield, Chipping Ongers Essex, 30th April

Trevor Drury



HOLDEN

5 January 2006

A DECADE OF HOLDEN COMMODORE LEADERSHIP

Holden has finished 2005 with Australia's best selling car for the 10th consecutive year, the most popular passenger car range and most popular light truck range.

Holden Commodore continued an unbroken record since 1996 as Australia's most popular car and Holden vehicles again filled four of the top 10 selling nameplates including Astra, Rodeo and Ute.

Holden also rode on the success of its "Year of the Small Car" strategy, with Astra achieving its best ever sales to secure the title of Australia's best-selling European sourced car.

Figures released today by the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries showed Holden sold 174,464 vehicles in 2005, a 2.0% reduction from its highest ever result of 178,027 in 2004.

The 2005 result delivered 17.7% market share. Holden had the second highest sales overall to Toyota with 202,817 sales and 20.5% and was well ahead of Ford with 129,140 sales and 13.1%.

Holden sold 122,830 passenger vehicles in 2005 for 20.2% market share, ahead of Toyota at 18.1% and Ford at 11.7%. Holden sold 45,906 light trucks for 27.34% share, narrowly beating Toyota at 27.26% with Ford third at 18.8%. Within this result, Holden had the best selling Ute range with 20,202 units.

VZ Commodore variants sold 66,794 units during 2005 for 43.6% share of the large car market, almost 14,000 units clear of its nearest rival. Holden will soon introduce 2006 specifications for Commodore to further enhance value, along with a new 260kW, six-litre V8 engine.

Astra's 2005 sales of 33,070 were boosted by the introduction of new AH Series coupe and wagon variants alongside the successful sedan and hatch designs. Its sales were 33.8% higher than 2004, making it Holden's second biggest seller and fourth biggest seller in the overall market.

Holden's growing strength in the small car market was reinforced by the best Barina sales in 10 years of 9675 and its best December sales on record with 1056 sales. This result reflected the first full month of sales for the new value-priced TK Barina series.

Holden Executive Director – Sales, Marketing and Aftersales, Alan Batey, today said Holden's result reflected its diverse vehicle range and shifting tastes in a fiercely competitive market.

"Our 2005 results endorsed our decision to focus more on small cars and introduce compelling purchases in more segments," Mr Batey said.

"We have been able to diversify and build upon Holden's traditional strength as a producer of large cars for Australian buyers and conditions.

"These results pave the way for our Year of the Family Car in 2006, with an all-new Commodore range and SUV to hit showrooms in the second half of the year."

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For Sale

1963 EJ Station Wagon, partly restored, but needs work to the wings and brakes. the engine is the 2.3, 6cyl with 150,000 miles on the clock. The car was bought in Perth in 1965 and in 1967 crossed the Nullabor plain on it's way to Sydney and onwards to the UK. The price is **£1,500** or nearest offer and would need to be collected from Roxborough in the Scottish Borders. Contact; Tom Boyd on 01450 870354



For Disposal

Barry Dancer is replacing the 253 engine in his Monaro with a new Chev. 350 He is offering the old engine free of charge to any member who would like to pick it up from the Luton area. The engine is complete and in usable condition, but a little 'tired'. Contact Barry on: **01582 461539** or: barrydancer03@aol.com



Captivation!

By NEIL McDONALD

FIVE months out from its Australian launch as a Holden vehicle, General Motors has revealed further details of its Captiva four-wheel drive wagon.

One of the most important models to join the Lion brand's stable this year, the production version – which will be launched at the Geneva motor show in March – is remarkably close to the Daewoo/Holden S3X concept car. Apart from badging and wheels, the Holden model is expected to look identical.

GM will use the Captiva name in Europe and Asia but Holden has yet to confirm if it will follow that trend in Australia.

It will be available with five- or seven-seater configurations and use an "active-on-demand", four-wheel drive system. Some models will also be available with electronic stability control.

The new 4WD is 4639mm long, 1849mm wide and 1726mm high, and sits on a wheelbase of 2707mm. Compared to its key rival, the Ford Territory, the Holden shadows the bigger Ford. It is 217mm shorter, 49mm narrower and has a 135mm shorter wheelbase. However, it is 12mm higher.

Unlike the Adventra, the Captiva will be available in front- as well as four-wheel drive variants. The 4x4 system uses an electronically controlled electro-magnetic coupling to give maximum traction when needed.

The system also seamlessly interacts with the ESP and ABS systems, enhancing driver control

of the vehicle and safety margins.

The ESP itself has additional functions such as hydraulic brake assist, hill descent control and anti-rollover protection.

Initially, three transversally mounted engines will be available in Europe. They include a state-of-the-art common-rail diesel engine jointly developed by GM Daewoo Auto, GM Powertrain and VM Motori. In its first application, the 16-valve unit offers 112kW at 4000rpm and maximum torque of 310Nm at 2000rpm.

The turbo-diesel provides a combined fuel consumption figure of 8.1L/100km and is the first of a family of diesel powertrains that will become available in other Chevrolet products in Europe throughout the year.

The base petrol engine is a 2.4-litre in-line DOHC four-cylinder, delivering 106kW at 5200rpm and 220Nm at 4000rpm. The average fuel consumption of the 2.4 is 10.8L/100km. The top-of-the line, Holden-built Alloytec 3.2-litre V6 engine produces 168kW at 6000rpm and 302Nm at 3500rpm.

Suspension layout consists of a MacPherson strut configuration up front and an independent four-link system at the rear. Four-wheel ventilated disc brakes are standard.

In Europe, the four-cylinder versions come standard with 215/70 R16 tyres on 6.5J x 16-inch wheels, while the V6 rolls on 235/60 R17 tyres on 7.0J x 17-inch wheels.



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