Subject: The 400-Horsepower Club
Posted by Wayne Parham on Thu, 05 May 2005 01:01:56 GMT
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Subject: There's a 400 HP GTO out there? For $30K?
Posted by wunhuanglo on Thu, 05 May 2005 17:26:56 GMT
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Damn, tempting stuff.I wonder if I can overcome the financial hurdles as well as my embarassment at being an old man in a kid's car.

Subject: Re: There's a 400 HP GTO out there? For $30K?
Posted by Wayne Parham on Thu, 05 May 2005 19:55:38 GMT
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The little Grand Am GT was a pretty cool little car, and with 400 pony's, the GTO has got to be a gas!

Subject: Re: There's a 400 HP GTO out there? For $30K?
Posted by Bill Martinelli on Sat, 07 May 2005 04:30:19 GMT
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I know the feeling. I went for a station wagon. All us old guy should have staion wagons.Mine has a 340 hp 390lbs torque. Dodge magnum rt.save your pennies and quiet money till next year and get the 425hp SRT model. available in the 300, the magnum and new charger.

Subject: I really like the looks of that car
Posted by wunhuanglo on Sat, 07 May 2005 07:30:36 GMT
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but my wife just hates it. Not that it would keep me from buying it necessarily, but it sure doesn't

make it easy.Reminds me of the old Hudsons - I think it's cool as can be.
Hudson classic

Subject: Re: I really like the looks of that car
Posted by Bill Martinelli on Sun, 08 May 2005 19:49:33 GMT
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Yeah, I like the Hudson too. I was not familiar with that one. It reminded me a little of a chopped merc which I could never afford.I wanted a 300C but the wagon and style works better for me. The charger is do out this summer and I wasnt goig to wait for it. Might have to trade up to the bigger Hemi in a year or so!

Subject: Re: The 400-Horsepower Club
Posted by GarMan on Tue, 10 May 2005 13:22:53 GMT
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I thought we all believed that measurements don't tell the whole story? It's easy to fall in love with HP ratings, but it's not fair to use it to compare car to car. It's HP at the wheels, not the flywheel that counts. Put 400HP through a slushy automatic and you lose 30% to 35% of it. Add a 4WD drivetrain as some of these cars have and you end of with less than 200HP. Then you're pulling 5,000 lbs with it.Me, I like my litte sports compact. Although it makes me curse everytime I go to Home Depot with it 'cus I'm limited to 6' lengths.Also, when buying a car, instead of asking how fast does it go, I think more people should be asking how fast can it stop. Braking is way underrated.One thing I'm very happy to see though is the return of rear-wheel drive. Yes, there's space and fuel inefficiency with this configuration, but nothing beats it in feel and performance.gar.

Subject: Re: The 400-Horsepower Club
Posted by Wayne Parham on Tue, 10 May 2005 21:30:55 GMT
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I'm with you on that. I've got four wheel Wilwood disk brakes on the Cutlass. And you're right that horsepower alone is meaningless at the track. Well, maybe not meaningless but you know what I mean. You've got to get it to the ground for it to do any good. Traction is always the limiting factor.
