

Mustang convertible mixes old style and new technology

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any of this is the styling. I've tested vehicles costing three and four times the convertible's sticker price that hasn't turned nearly as many heads. Everywhere I drove, top up or down, I received warm smiles and thumbs-up, along with no shortage of praise from passersby almost every time I got in or out of the vehicle.

All that for a design that's now nearly a decade old.

Of course, the "Gotta Have It" green paint job with black top and Mustang Club of America striping didn't hurt.

This \$2,900 package adds a dark stainless steel billet grille, fog lamps, rear decklid spoiler, 18-inch aluminum wheels and more.

Overall, the look is classic, yet clean, with an alchemy of dimensions, curves and character lines that somehow outshines even the most fetching models from the past.

Ford engineers were equally meticulous on the inside. They've included a few well-chosen retro cues—like the old-school gauges and steering wheel—and have incorporated modern updates like a multi-info display between the speedo and tach, and controls for cruise, phone and audio on the wheel.

Can't say I miss the yestertech sliders



Retro cues in the gauges and steering wheel combine with modern technology to create an attractive and highly functional interior. Note the liberal use of brushed aluminum to brighten up the abundance of black upholstery.

and old pushbutton radio. Climate and audio, along with a host of other functions are now handled via the eight-inch SYNC touchscreen that on my car also included optional voice-activated navigation and rearview camera.

Seating up front is as comfortable as it is attractive with the optional \$1,500 leather package. It is also manageable in rear, provided the front buckets are positioned for a driver and front passenger of medium height.

Legroom can otherwise be a challenge,

but the deeply inset rear seats, strategically angled, provide more head clearance than you'd think.

My only gripe, with this car in particular, was that the black roof, headliner and upholstery all combined for a dark and rather steamy passenger cabin.

But all that can be remedied by dropping the top.

Which is the point of owning a convertible anyway—even during the often rainy and cool summer that is just winding down.

It can be argued that our climate doesn't justify buying a drop top, and I'll admit that I haven't driven this Mustang in cold weather.

Mind you, the fabric roof does a good job at silencing traffic and road noise, and quite a few online forums seem to support the idea.

And I've always believed that once you reach a certain age, mine for example, it's time to buy the car you really want—and then battle with your spouse as to who gets stuck with the blasted minivan.

Ford Mustang Premium V6 Convertible 2014 (at a glance)

BODY STYLE: mid-size convertible coupe

DRIVE METHOD: front-engine, rear-wheel-drive

ENGINES: DOHC 24-valve 3.7-litre V6 (305 hp, 280 lb/ft of torque)

CARGO: 272 litres (hardtop is 379 litres)

FUEL ECONOMY: (Transport Canada) 10.8/6.3/8.8 L/100km (city/hwy/comb); Actual 12.0 L/100km (combined, but mostly city)

WEBSITE: www.ford.ca

PRICE: \$32,499 (check website for packages, options and dealer incentives)

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