

# 2009 Murano continues to maintain it's appeal for consumers

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And I was glad to have it because, while I was watching the fuel consumption, I was driving back in the middle of a heavy winter rainstorm were I saw several cars off the road

including a Jeep that looked like it tumbled from the road above and down the slope into the median to my left.

I was more than able to keep up with the flow of traffic that was, in light of the condi-

tions, treacherous because of the rivers of desert runoff crossing the pavement in torrents.

I never felt the wheels losing traction or the car starting to get away from me, which

meant all those systems were doing their jobs.

Murano's four-wheel vented disc brakes (12.6-inch front, 12.1-inch rear) are equipped with four-wheel, four-channel, four-sensor Anti-lock Braking System (ABS) with Electronic Brake force Distribution (EBD) and Brake Assist (BA).

The 2009 Nissan Murano is available in three models: S AWD, SL AWD and LE AWD. There was no information on prices available at the press launch but we were told it would be similar to the 2007 or \$40,000-\$50,000.

Depending on model, there are many extra to choose from. For instance on all but the S, a dual-panel moon roof is fitted. The SL Luxury Package adds projector headlights, power rear liftgate, intelligent (proximity) key and Bluetooth connectivity. The topline LE Technology Package has Nissan's navigation system with a 9.3 GB Music Box hard drive included with voice recognition system.

And there's a lot standard stuff like 60/40 split/fold rear seats (with power return on the SL and LE models), push button ignition, AM/FM/CD6 sound system with six speakers (up from four) and ambient "welcome" interior lighting which I think really makes a car.

I could go into all the engineering and safety features but I only have so much room on these pages.

Bottom line with the 2009 Murano is that Nissan was successful in keeping its Murano-ness while also retaining the look, feel and appeal that made the first generation such a hit.

The first generation Murano got people to start thinking Nissan again and the 2009 should help solidify this trend.



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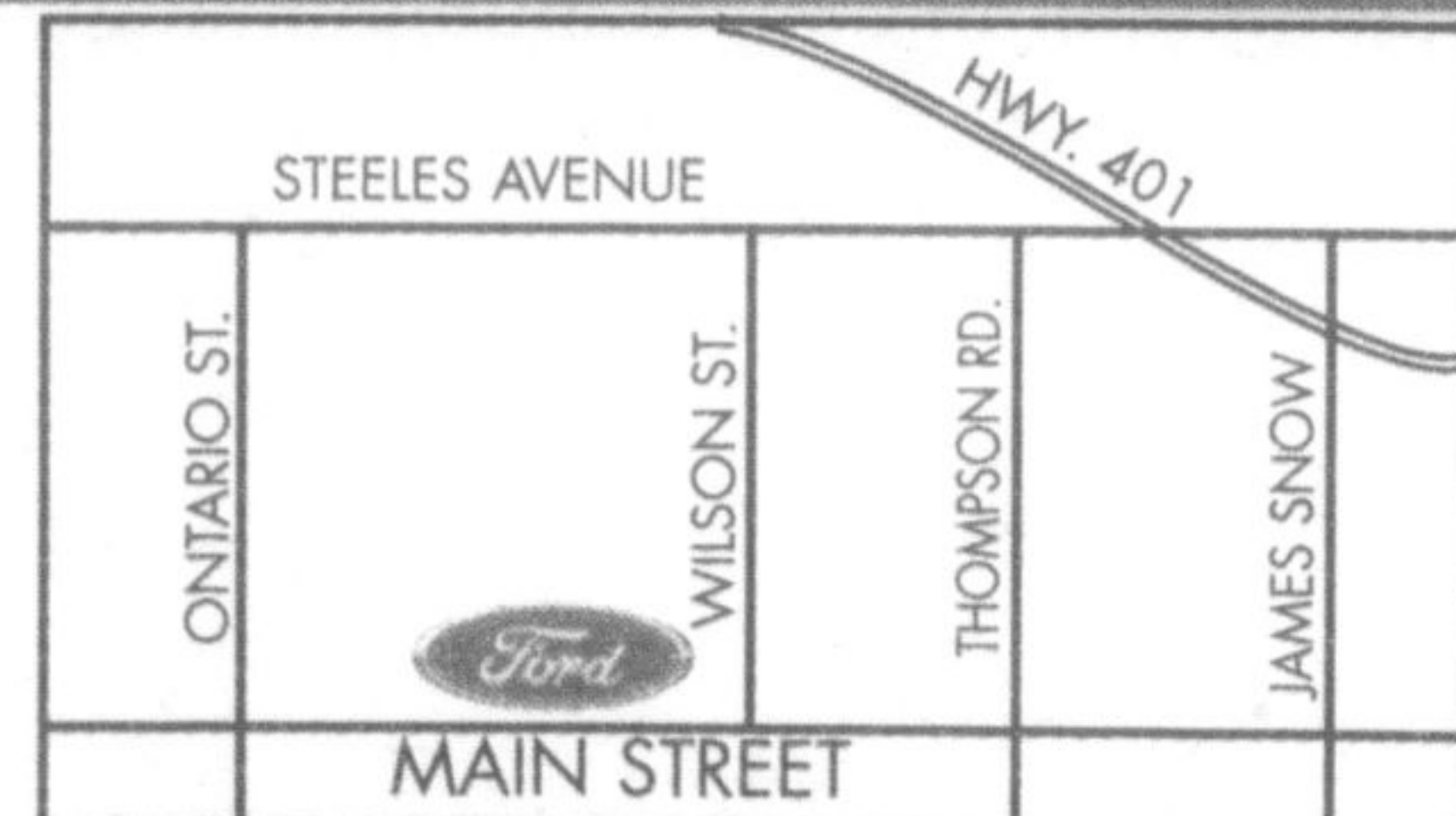
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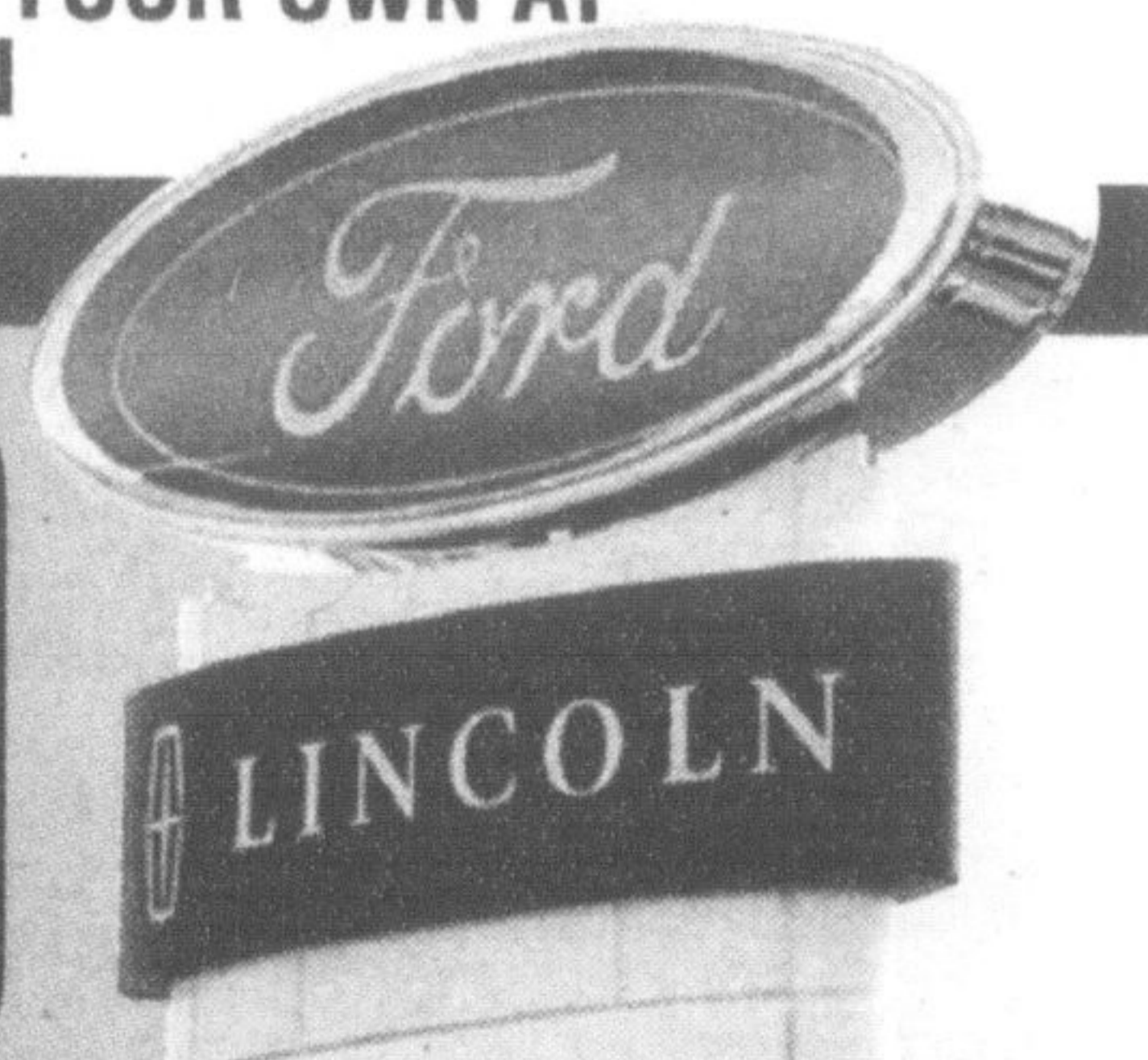


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