

WHEELS

Leather is easy to maintain

The key to keeping its new look is clean it every six to eight weeks

(SOP) When the time comes to resell or trade in, well-maintained leather is a significant advantage.

Leather that has been allowed to dry and crack can't be renewed and must be replaced, which can affect the resale value.

Fortunately, smooth, full-grain leather is one of the easiest materials to maintain.

The key, however, is to do it regularly — about every six to eight weeks.

Begin with a general cleaning, working on one section at a time (for instance, a seatback, cushion or door panel).

A number of leather cleaners are available, which should be applied with a clean, damp cloth. Saddle soap isn't recommended because of its high alkaline content.

Be sure to clean along the stitch lines, since dirt here can cut the upholstery thread over time.

Soiled areas should be scrubbed with a stiff brush.

After you've gone over a section, wipe off the cleaner with another clean, damp cloth, then towel dry.

Move on to the next section, using the same procedure.

If any stains remain, use a mild, diluted general-purpose grease remover. But first apply it in a hidden area to be sure it doesn't discolour the leather.

Follow this cleaning with a leather conditioner formulated to replenish the leather's oils and maintain its suppleness.

Apply the conditioner with a slightly dampened cloth. Use it sparingly and go over all the leather at one time.

For leather that's in good condition, a couple of light coats are better than one heavy coat.

Allow the conditioner to sit for 20 to 30 minutes so the leather has time to absorb the oils.

Use a clean, dry cloth to remove any excess conditioner.

Recommended drying time is one to three hours.

In addition to the two-step cleaner/conditioner method, also available are one-step products, formulated to clean and condition in one application.

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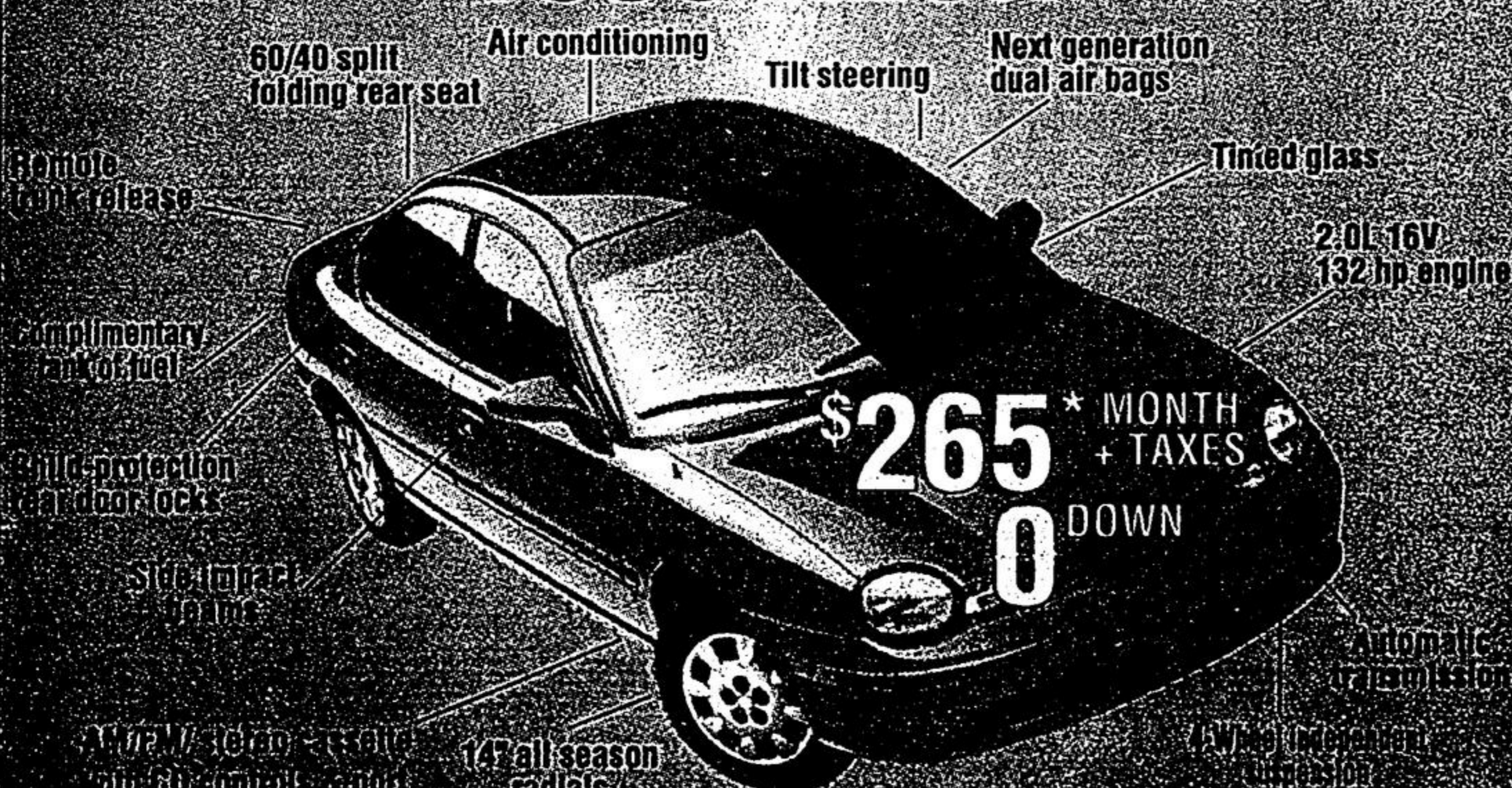


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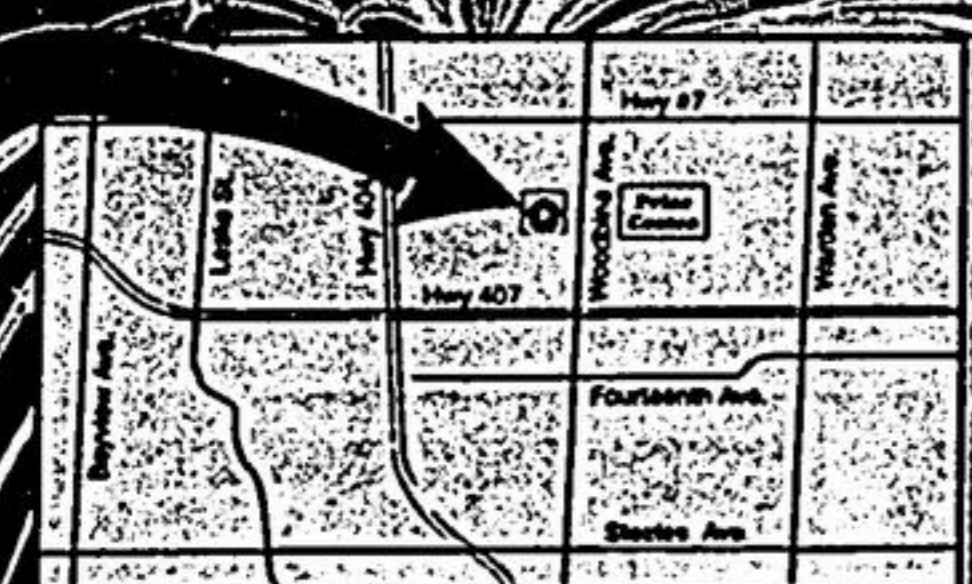
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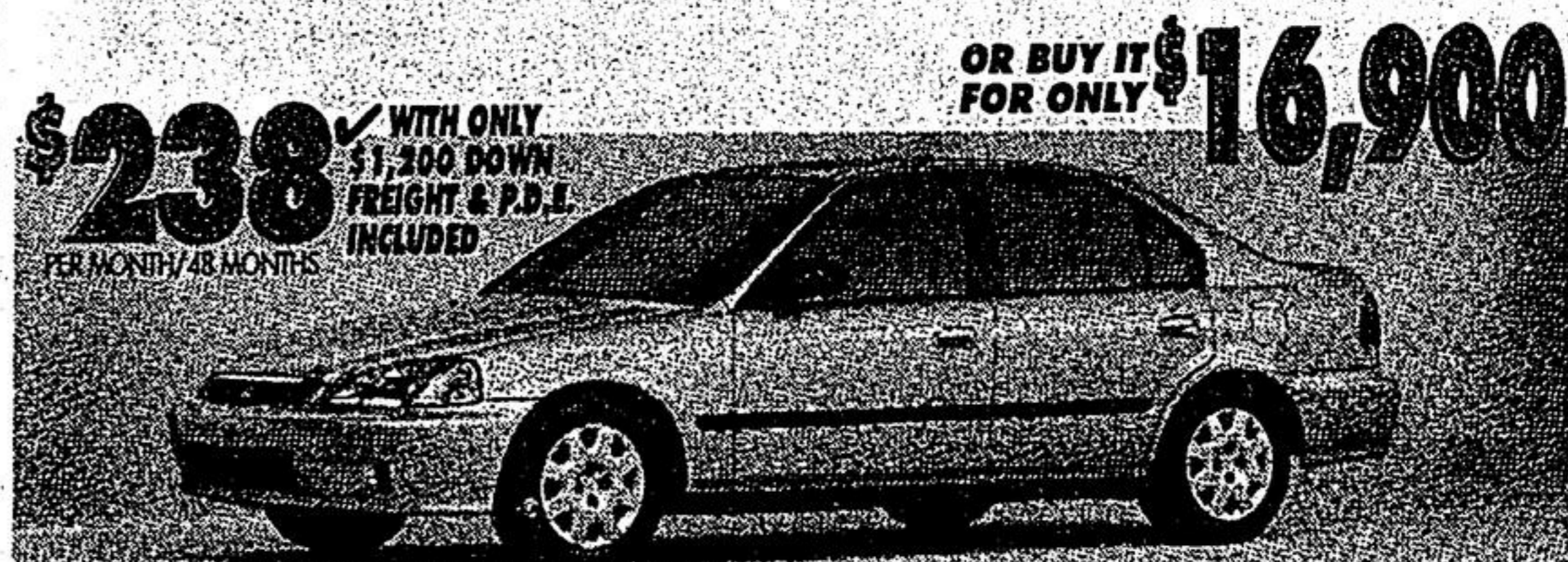


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