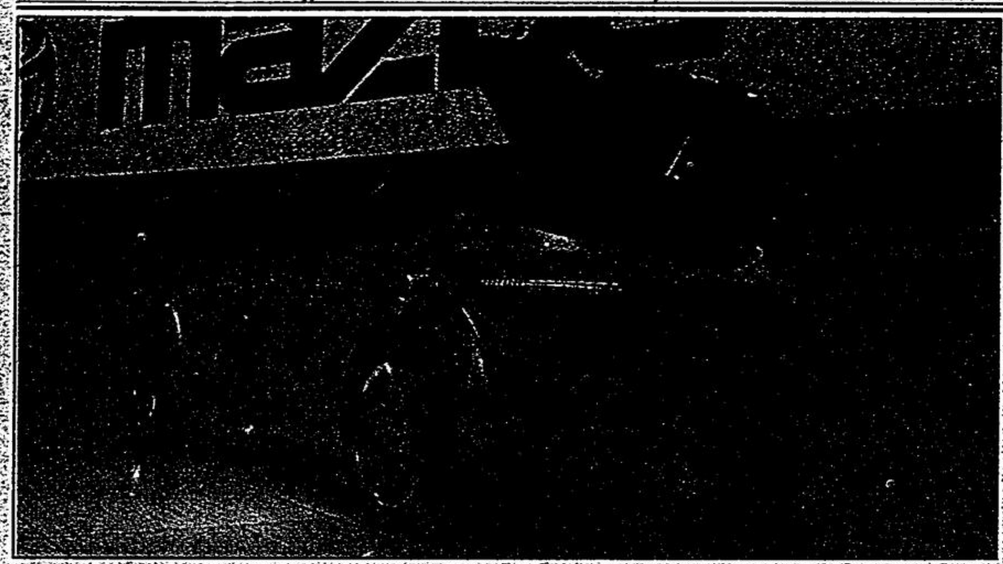

Mazda's Kusabi concept was first shown at the 2003 Frankfurt Auto Show and is based on the concept of a new "everyday sports sub-compact" offering unique values from its conventional counterparts.

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WASHU CONCEPT

Canadians got a look at the Mazda Washu (from the Japanese word for "eagle's wing") at this year's Toronto Auto Show. Mazda's six-seat concept works to tear down the barriers that traditionally separate sports cars and family cars just as the all-new Mazda RX-8 made a unique approach to the four-seat performance sports car. The Washu's interior incorporates concepts and forms found in traditional Japanese architecture, giving the cabin comfort and flexibility. In addition, innovative "airplane doors", and a deployable instrument panel equipped with a retractable steer-by-wire steering wheel greatly enhance ease of entry and exit.

RX-8 HYDROGEN RE (Prototype)

Illustrating some of the technologies Mazda is currently working on, the RX-8 Hydrogen RE concept is powered by a hydrogen version of Mazda's new RENESIS rotary engine. In addition to direct hydrogen injection into the intake chambers via two electronically-controlled injectors per rotor, the Mazda RX-8 Hydrogen RE features a dual-fuel system allowing one-touch switching between either hydrogen or gasoline, promoting the car's versatility as a hydrogen fuel infrastructure is developed.

Other environmental-friendly features include a plant-based plastic interior parts and a three layer wet paint system. Mazda is also presenting advanced technologies including a hybrid system with electric torque assist and start-stop technology, and a turbocharger with electric motor assistance technologies that will contribute to future enhancement of hydrogen rotary engine performance.

MZR 2.0 PZEV engine

A new low-emission gasoline engine mounted in the Mazda3 for the US market clears Partial Zero Emissions Vehicles (PZEV) standards - the world's strictest emissions standard for gasoline engines - adopted by "Green States" in the US.

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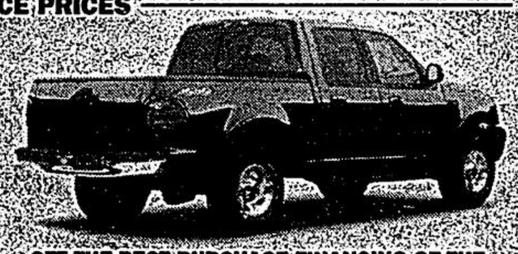

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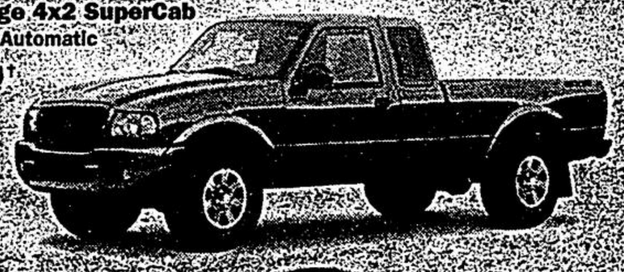

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