

Cadillac XLR's design is striking

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posite floors. Providing rigidity without bulk, and with exceptional resistance to torsional and bending forces, this architecture is the basis for the XLR's outstanding ride and handling characteristics.

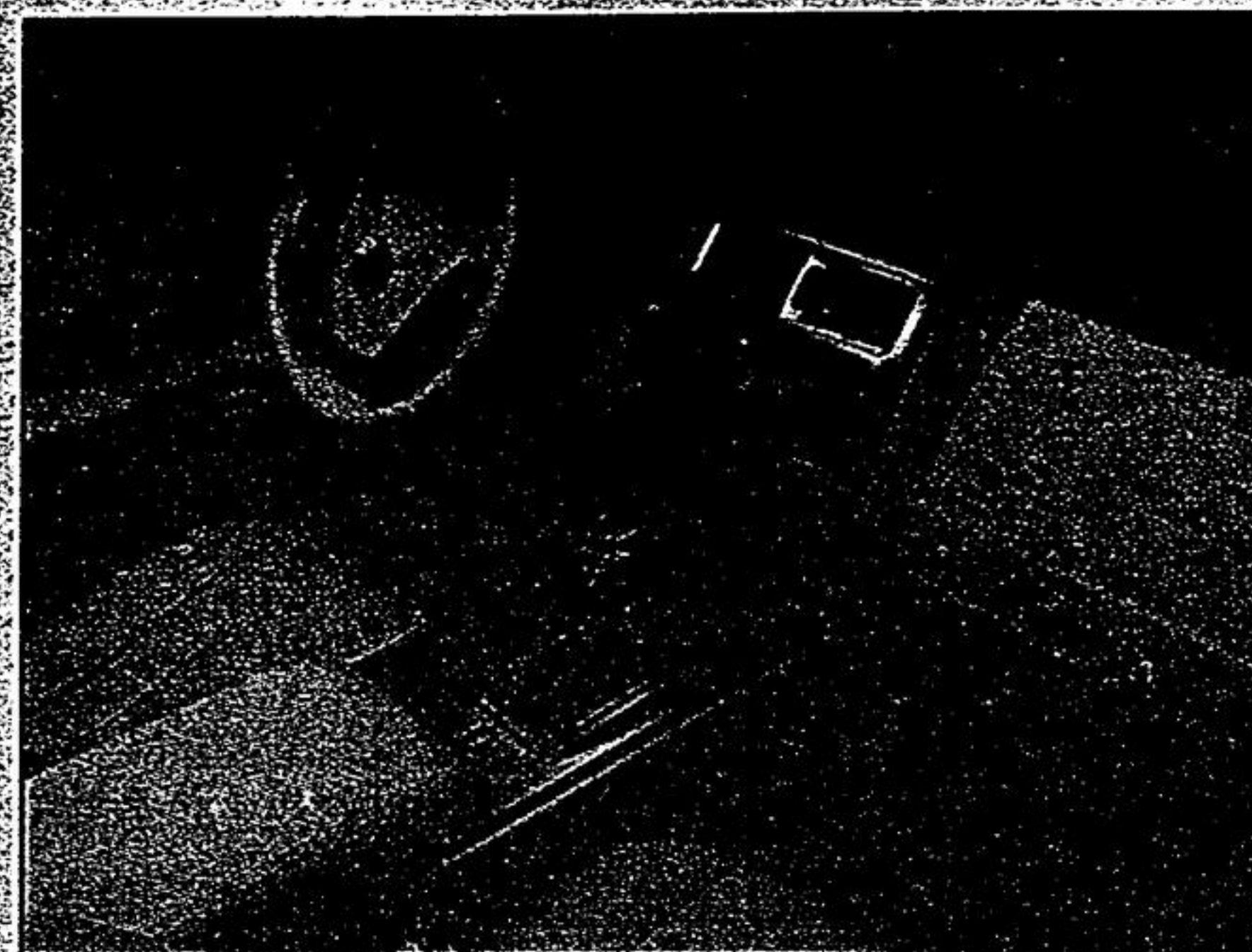
The suspension system uses double wishbones at each corner, combined with transverse-mounted, composite leaf springs front and rear. The XLR achieves a maximum lateral G-force of more than 0.9. It runs on Michelin ZP tires with advanced run-flat technology that eliminates the need for a spare and provides outstanding overall tire performance.

The XLR also is one of the world's first vehicles to be equipped with Magnetic Ride Control - electronically controlled, magnetic-fluid based real-time damping. The system uses four wheel-to-body displacement sensors to measure wheel motion over the road surface and responds by adjust-

ing the shock damping at speeds approaching one millisecond. That's five times faster than previous real time damping systems. The secret is the magneto-rheological fluid contained in its dampers, replacing traditional mechanical valves. Suspended in this fluid are tiny iron particles that respond to an electromagnetic charge.

The XLR has adaptive cruise control (ACC). While not a substitute for full driver attention, this system greatly expands the convenience of cruise control. ACC uses a radar sensor mounted at the front of the car to detect objects in its path. If the lane ahead is clear, the system will maintain the set speed just like conventional cruise control. When a vehicle is detected in the same lane in front of the car, the system will adjust vehicle speed to help maintain a constant following distance, set by the driver.

Other XLR convenience features include Keyless Access (the car "senses" the fob in a pocket or purse to operate the doors, trunk and ignition); seats that are both heated and



The interior design strikes a nice balance of style and contemporary luxury.

cooled in the back and the cushion. As well as a 7-inch (178-mm) color touch screen mounted in the upper center console for DVD navigation; a nine-speaker world-class Bose audio system with a six-CD in-dash changer and digital signal processing modes; and DVD entertainment (available in Park position only). The XLR also is equipped with OnStar and a head-up display that projects key driver information onto the windshield.

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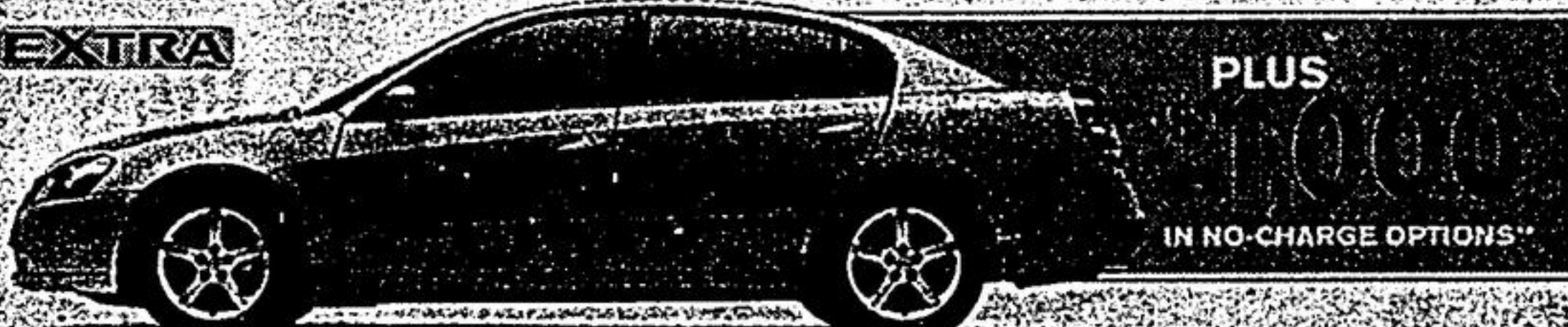
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Volkswagen Canada Inc. sales totaled 3,068 new units for September 2004, compared with 3,781 units in August, 2003, a decrease of 18.9%.

This total comprised: 167 New Beetles, 757 Golfs and GTIs, 1,486 Jettas, 431 Passats, nine Phaetons, and 218 Touaregs. September 2004 was the best monthly sales for Touaregs ever.

So far, in 2004, Volkswagen Canada has retailed 23,169 vehicles, a decrease of 5,619, or 19.5% over the 28,788 sold during the first nine months of 2003.

Volkswagen's premier division Audi Canada, registered a monthly sales total of 636 new units for September 2004 (The best September sales in Audi's history in this country), compared with 605 units in September 2003, an increase of 5.1%.

This total comprised: 26 A4 and S4 Cabriolets, 9 A6s, 16 allroads, 31 A8 and S8s, 21 TTs, and 533 A4s.

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