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2010 Cadillac CTS Sport Wagon

While America equates station wagons with conservative, almost nerdy designs (and, therefore, drivers), Cadillac is hoping the CTS Sport Wagon will catch on as a cool form of family transportation.

The wagon will be a new body style for the premium midsize CTS lineup. It will also be the first-ever Cadillac wagon, not counting SUVs. The Sport Wagon will be roughly the same size as the CTS sedan.

The CTS Sport Wagon will share the sedan's front end styling, but the roof and rear end will be completely different. The dramatic design offers a compelling alternative to SUVs. The drama of the sedan is amplified in the wagon, as the centerline cue is more prominent and plays a stronger role in defining the design at the rear of the vehicle.

The wagon's rear end features tall vertical taillights that taper to a point at the top. The roof will be available with a panoramic sunroof, as well as a subtle, integrated roof load management system. Three wheel sizes will be offered: 17s, 18s, and 19s.

The first CTS Sport Wagon off the line will come with GM's 3.6-liter direct-injected V6 engine, which will make 304 horsepower in the wagon. Starting in the summer of 2009, a 3.0-liter version of the 3.6, also with direct injection, will become the base engine. It will produce 255 horsepower, and GM says it will get up to 28 mpg on the highway. Both engines will be offered with a six-speed manual transmission or a six-speed automatic with manual shift capability. European and Asian markets will also get a 250-horsepower 2.9-liter turbocharged diesel V6. As is the case with the sedan, the wagon will come with rear- or all-wheel drive.

The CTS Sport Wagon's main advantage will be cargo utility. It will have 25 cubic feet of cargo space behind the second-row 60/40-split-folding seats. A power-opening liftgate will be available and drivers will be able to operate it via the key fob. The load floor will also have a cargo management system with adjustable in-floor storage. Otherwise, the CTS Sport Wagon will share the sedan's interior, including the hand-cut-and-sewn upholstery and trim, and the available 40-gigabyte hard-drive radio and pop-up navigation screen.

While pricing hasn't been announced, we expect the Sport Wagon to start in the mid \$30,000s and top out in the mid \$40,000s just like the sedan.

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