

# This Time All-New is All-New is All-New

## All-new 2015 Chrysler 200 Sedan

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**Fun to drive, Great MPG, Good-looking, Affordable luxury, for sure All New**

This is a very easy new car review. First of all, the Chrysler 200 is very pleasantly designed. For a mid-sized sedan, the Chrysler 200 is as good looking as any other 2015 mid-sized sedan. Once you open the door and view the luxurious interior, you'll agree. For a new vehicle in this price range (it starts at \$ 21,700), I am convinced you will be quite surprised.

Personally I was stunned because as an auto writer I have heard the term "all new" so often it drives me nuts. Well I can say this time Chrysler was right. This Chrysler 200 is as all new as can be. Right on. Chrysler.

Sitting behind the steering wheel, you will view a pleasing dash, feel the great comfort, and enjoy the elegance. Like all the cars you may be interested in, although you might already feel that you've seen enough, before you buy the 200 you must take a test drive.

For me as I drive a sedan like this, there are only a few things I look during a test drive. First I analyze the ride comfort, and I can say without a doubt that the 200 ride comfort is top shelf. Next I pay attention to power and noise. This auto has as much power on acceleration that is needed, and it is a very quiet ride. Overall room and visibility are also acceptable. Next I consider the handling and braking, and this sweet sedan handles very nicely and brakes well. So put it all together--comfort, power, handling, room, visibility, and affordability--and you have one very desirable all-new sedan, the Chrysler 200.



So now lets look at what's under that hood. First beware because it's full of power. This drive has one of two world-class engines; the Pentastar is a 3. 6-liter V-6 that produces a whopping 295 horsepower. If you were to select the standard fit engine, you will have 2.4-liter MultiAir®2 Tigershark I-4 engine putting out some 184 horsepower. Both are good.

Next if you are a driver of automatic transmission cars, you may not know how many gears are in your transmission or you might not even care. I think you should know. The Chrysler 200 is a leading edge sedan by being the industry's first mid-sized sedan with a standard nine-speed automatic transmission.

Of course this nine-speed transmission is a big help in providing you some great highway fuel economy. You should experience an estimated 35 mpg on this Chrysler 200. I think if you work on learning the best ways to drive to conserve fuel, you could reach around 40 mpg. Just to be clear,

this is an estimation purely from my experience only and not stated by Chrysler.

Of course this all-new Chrysler 200 is loaded with tons of state-of-the-art high-tech features and amenities. It all starts with a 7-inch LED full-color instrument cluster that allows drivers to receive information and feedback in the format they prefer, similar to an iPhone.

There is a long list of viewing screens, showing information such as real-time fuel economy, turn-by-turn navigation, compass, outside temperature, speed, time and other useful information.

The 2015 Chrysler 200 features the available award-winning Uconnect and a 8.4-inch touchscreen multimedia command center. Uconnect Access keeps drivers and passengers connected with helpful information such as fuel prices and movie listings. Voice-activated navigation, hands free voice command and voice-to-text are some of the available features that allow drivers to keep their eyes on the road and hands on the wheel.

Mid-size sedan Segment-exclusive Chrysler 200 available features include:

- Adaptive Cruise Control-Plus: under certain circumstances and without driver intervention, can bring the all-new 2015 Chrysler 200 to full stop.
- Full-speed Forward Collision Warning-Plus: a Chrysler Group first that provides autonomous braking and, under certain circumstances, slows or brings the vehicle to a full stop when a frontal collision appears imminent.
- ParkSense Parallel/Perpendicular Park Assist: uses ultrasonic sensors to guide the driver into parking spaces. The perpendicular park assist function is a segment first.



Also unique to the 2015 Chrysler 200 is the segment-exclusive standard electronic park brake with SafeHold, which secures the vehicle if the driver opens the door and unlatches the seat belt while forward or reverse gears are still engaged.

There also are many other standard and available features which include electronic stability control, electronic roll mitigation, four-wheel anti-lock disc brakes, ParkSense rear backup sensors, ParkView rear backup camera, blind-spot monitoring, Rear Cross Path Detection and LATCH child seat anchors.

You have just a small bit of the information about the 2015 Chrysler 200. This all-new sedan is waiting for you to test drive. Hustle on down to your local Chrysler dealer to check it out. And don't forget to tell them Car Bob sent you... enjoy!