

Hot wheels



Features that turn your truck into a lean, mean working machine

BY VICKY POULSEN

▲ Dodge Ram 4x4s feature a quicker steering ratio perfect for maneuvering trailers in tight areas.

Drum roll please as we present to you, our readers, the finest that truck manufacturers have to offer in their lineups for 2002 and 2003. You'll notice several new model additions, as well as some of your old favorites with new features.

Chevrolet-GMC

2003 Chevrolet Kodiak/GMC TopKick medium duty trucks (Class 4 through 8)

Best features:

► GVWRs range from 16,000 lbs. for the C4500 and 19,000 lbs. for the C5500. For

6500, 7500, 8500 trucks, GVWR ranges from 19,501 to 61,000 lbs.

► Packages available to cover snowplow requirements

► Greater maneuverability and visibility

► Advanced chassis and braking system

► Improved ride and handling

2003 Chevrolet Silverado and 2003 GMC Sierra 1500 HD (available in either 2WD or 4WD crew cab short box models)

Best features:

► Variety of engine configurations available including the Vortec 6000 SFI V-8 engine which can be mated to the Allison 1000 Series five-speed automatic transmission

► Expanded availability of QuadraSteer four-wheel steering system on the Silverado and Sierra 1500 HD 2WD and 4WD short box pickups

► Extended cab model with the standard fourth door available in Base, LS and LT models

► Silverado Chassis Cab, available in regular, four-door, extended cab, crew cab, and LS and LT models

Dodge

2003 heavy duty Ram (2500/3500)

Best features:

► Delivers a segment-leading payload rating of 12,000 lbs. GVWR

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► The Ford F-150 SuperCab's V-6 engine produces 202 hp and 252 lb.-ft. of torque.

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- 2WD trucks feature a new rack and pinion-type steering system
- 4WD Dodge Ram heavy duty trucks feature a quicker steering ratio which is effective when turning sharp corners or maneuvering a trailer in tight quarters
- Available in two new transfer cases — 2500 and 3500 four-wheel drive models, a conventional manual shift and new electric shift

2002 Dakota quad-cab/four-door

Best features:

- Optional six-passenger seating capacity
- The 5'3" bed is the largest among four-door pickups and can handle up to 1,770 lbs. of payload. Quad Cab can tow up to 6,200 lbs.
- Four powerful Magnum engines designed to meet the varying needs of the compact buyer
- A 6,650-lb. maximum towing capacity and 2,160-lb. maximum payload capability

Ford

2002 F-150 series (Two-door regular cab, four-door SuperCab, four-door SuperCrew available in XLT and Lariat packaging)

Best features:

- Power adjustable accelerator and brake pedals, standard on the F-150 SuperCrew and all Lariat models, and optional on XL and XLT trucks
- Tie-down hooks are located in each corner of all F-150 cargo boxes to help secure cargo
- The rear step bumper provides easier access to the cargo area
- F-150 standard regular cab and SuperCab 4.2-liter OHV V-6 engine produces 202 hp and 252 lb.-ft. of torque
- The 4.6-liter SOHC Triton V-8, which is standard with F-150 SuperCrew and optional with regular cab and SuperCab models, delivers 231 hp and 293 lb.-ft. of torque



2002 F-250/F-350 series (Super duty)

Best features:

- Upgrade from standard five- to six-speed manual
- Improved performance and shift feel on 6.8-liter gas engine equipped models
- Six-way power passenger seat standard on Lariat crew cab models
- Improved lumbar support system, providing a greater range of adjustment
- Automatic transmission
- Available in a variety of engines including a 7.3-liter Power Stroke turbo diesel V-8

Hino

FB medium duty truck (Class 5)

Best features:

- An 11,000-lb. body and payload capacity
- It can be spec'd as a flatbed, with stake beds or with a small dump body
- Powered by a turbo intercooled four-valve overhead cam engine and driven through a five-speed direct drive transmission, or optional four-speed automatic
- Its cab-over design makes driving in tight residential areas easy
- Cab features an enlarged interior with room for three people
- Six-way adjustable air-ride driver's seat with improved support on a chassis that's supported by long, taper-leaf springs

Isuzu

2002 NQR

Best features:

- A GVWR of 17,950 lbs. and a

body/payload range from 11,733 to 11,965 lbs.

- Body lengths range from 12 to 20 ft. with a choice of four different wheelbase lengths
- A straight channel ladder type frame with a section modulus of 7.2 cu. in. and a Resistance Bending Moment (RBM) of 316,800 lbs. for those demanding heavier body applications
- Equipped with front and rear semi-elliptical, multi-leaf springs and shock absorbers. A front stabilizer bar contributes to greater handling and steering capabilities
- Equipped with ABS
- 4.75-liter, 4HE1-TC, four-cylinder diesel engine
- It incorporates an overhead cam engine design and direct fuel injection. This 4HE1-TC is rated at 175 gross hp at 2,700 rpm and 347 ft.-lbs. gross torque at 2,000 rpm
- NQR offers a choice of transmissions

2002 low cab-forward crew cab

(NPR-HD and NQR)

Best features:

- Seats a crew of seven people comfortably — three across in front and four abreast in back
- Available in two wheelbase configurations — a 150-in. wheelbase accommodates 12-ft. bodies, and a 176-in. wheelbase handles 16-ft. bodies
- The crew cab's diesel engine, coupled with a four-speed overdrive automatic transmission, delivers 175 hp at 2,700 rpm

► Mitsubishi Fuso's 2002 FE-SP with crew cab hauls seven people plus a payload to a job.



- Visibility is enhanced with an oversized panoramic-view front windshield
- The NPR-HD crew cab is rated at 14,500 lbs. GVWR, while the NQR is rated at 17,950 lbs.
- NPR-HD crew cab features 4,500 lb. GVWR; 150- and 176-in. wheel bases; accommodates 12-ft. bodies
- NQR crew cab features 17,950 lbs. GVWR; 150- and 176-in. wheel base; accommodates 16-ft. bodies

2002 F-Series commercial trucks (Class 6-7)
Best features:

- Class 6 FSR, Class 6-7 FTR and Class

7 FVR are powered by an Isuzu 6HK1-TC diesel engine in two horsepower configurations

- The 7.8-liter overhead cam engine is turbocharged, intercooled and equipped with electronic fuel injection
- Installed in the FSR and FTR, the six-

cylinder diesel develops 200 hp at 2,400 rpm and 441 ft.-lbs. gross torque at 1,500 rpm. The version used in the higher payload FVR diesel engine develops 230 hp at 2,400 rpm and 506 ft.-lbs. gross torque at 1,500 rpm

- All F-Series models include as standard an Isuzu MLD6Q and six-speed manual overdrive transmission synchronized in gears two through six. The transmission has a standard PTO opening. Available as an option in the FSR and FTR is an Allison AT545, four-speed automatic transmission

Mitsubishi Fuso

2002 FE-SP with crew cab

Best features:

- Hauls seven people (plus a payload) to a job with its 175-hp turbocharged, fuel-injected diesel engine with four-speed automatic transmission
- Can handle any application with 14,500 lbs. GVWR and also features a 165.4-in. wheelbase to handle a range of body styles (including landscaping and dump bodies from 13 to 14 ft., lawn service bodies up to 16 ft., stake bodies and medium-sized car carrier platforms)
- All gauges and controls are easy to read and reach

Toyota

2002 Tundra

Best features:

- Available in a variety of configurations including 2WD or 4WD, two-door regular

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cab with an eight-ft. bed or four-door access cab with a 6'3" bed. Both V-8 and V-6 engines available with four-speed automatic transmission

- ▶ V-8 models can be equipped with a new limited slip differential for added traction
- ▶ Standard version offers a 3.4-liter, double-overhead cam, 24-valve V-6 engine that generates 190 hp and 220 lbs.-ft. of torque
- ▶ V-8 models deliver low-end torque, strong top-end acceleration, more than 2,000 lbs. of payload with the available style package, and up to 7,200 lbs. of towing capacity
- ▶ The Access Cab's 40/60 rear split-bench seat provides seating for three passengers

2002 Tacoma (compact)

Best features:

- ▶ Available in regular cab, Xtracab and double cab models in 4x2, PreRunner and 4x4 configurations, with four-cylinder or V-6 engines, and with a manual or automatic transmission
- ▶ StepSide bed is offered on regular and Xtracab models
- ▶ All 2WD Tacomas (excluding S-Runner and PreRunner) feature a standard 2.4-liter, 16-valve, twin-cam four-cylinder engine that produces 142 hp at 5,000 rpm and 160 lb./ft. of torque at 4,000 rpm
- ▶ Four-wheel-drive and PreRunner models feature a four-cylinder engine in the compact pickup segment with a standard 2.7-liter, 16-valve twin-cab producing 150 hp at 4,800 rpm and 177 lb./ft. of torque at 4,000 rpm
- ▶ The cargo bed features a double-wall design and, when properly equipped, is capable of towing up to 5,000 lbs. with the V-6 engine and 3,500 lbs. when powered by a four-cylinder with a payload range of 1,375 to 2,005 lbs.



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Cub Cadet

Big Country utility vehicle

Best features:

- ▶ Powered by a 20-hp Honda V-Twin OHV engine for extra hauling power
- ▶ Six-wheel fully-independent suspension system provides maximum traction, improved maneuverability and comfort over rough terrain
- ▶ 1,400-lb. payload capacity combined with a 13.3 cu. ft. bed capacity
- ▶ Standard four-wheel drive
- ▶ Fully welded steel frame — no-bolt construction

7254 compact tractor

Best features:

- ▶ 25-hp Kawasaki gasoline fully-enclosed engine and underhood muffler for a quieter ride
- ▶ SensiTrak on-demand four-wheel drive hydrostatic transmission is automatically directed when and where you need it most
- ▶ Cast-iron transmission
- ▶ Fully welded steel frame
- ▶ Hydrostatic power steering
- ▶ Rollover protection

John Deere

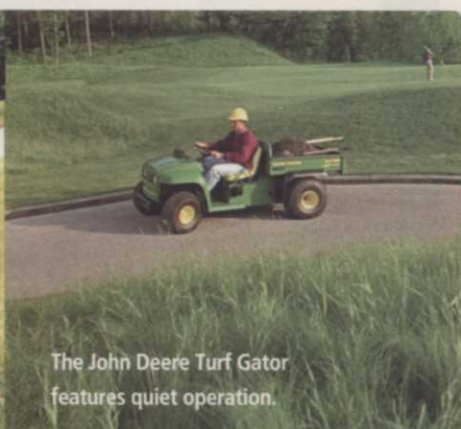
ProGator

Best features:

- ▶ Available in 23.5-hp diesel and 26-hp



The John Deere ProGator comes in two hp options.



The John Deere Turf Gator features quiet operation.

▶ On-demand four-wheel drive makes Polaris's Professional Series utility task vehicles more versatile.



gas versions, the vehicles have a five-speed, fully synchronized transmission that lets you keep going without stopping to change gears

- ▶ Hydrostatic steering provides for precision controls and a tight turning radius
- ▶ With a 2,650-lb. payload capacity and hydraulic lift, the ProGator can handle heavy loads. Extra strength comes in the form of a one-piece axle supporting the rear wheels, allowing for more capacity and stability

Turf Gator

Best features:

- ▶ Designed especially for golf course use
- ▶ Features quiet operation, a larger cargo bed and faster speeds
- ▶ Has a maximum speed of 18 mph and is equipped with a 44x49x9-in. cargo bed with a 500-lb. payload capacity
- ▶ Low ground pressure and low center of gravity prevent ruts and turf marks

Polaris

Professional Series 2x4, 4x4 and 6x6 utility task vehicles

Best features:

- ▶ Powerful four-valve, four-stroke, liquid-cooled Polaris 500 (4x4 and 6x6 engine) or

Polaris 425 (2x4 engine)

- ▶ On-demand four-wheel drive with dash-mounted on/off switch
- ▶ Long-travel dual-shock rear suspension
- ▶ Rustproof cargo box with molded plastic liner holds up to half a ton of cargo
- ▶ High towing capacity (1,500 lbs. for 6x6 and 4x4, 1,400 lbs. for 2x4)
- ▶ Electric dump box lift
- ▶ Available accessories include: full windshield, winch kit, turf tires, mud and EMT Run Flat tires, plowblade, roof, side and cargo box covers

E-Z-GO Textron

WorkHorse ST 480

Best features:

- ▶ An 800-lb. payload capacity and a 48-in. load bed
- ▶ 16-hp, four-cycle 480cc twin cylinder Vanguard V-twin engine — largest in the WorkHorse ST line and capable of reaching a maximum speed of 17 mph. Also features a locking rear differential for added versatility
- ▶ The ST 480 provides a heavy duty multiple leaf spring suspension with hydraulic shock absorbers and self-compensating single reduction rack and pinion steering for a comfortable ride
- ▶ Fits in the bed of a full-sized pickup truck
- ▶ Additional features include a welded high-strength tubular steel chassis, a flexible impact-resistant front cowl, a Magnetron Ignition with self-contained transistor module, individual bucket seats, dual rear-wheel self-adjusting hydraulic brakes with a hand-

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► Reading Body's contractor body and equipment carrier in one



E-Z-Go's WorkHorse ST 480 has an 800-lb. payload capacity

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operated parking brake, power dump bed with removable sides and tailgate, six-gal. tank with fuel gauge, reverse warning indicator and halogen headlights

Omaha Standard

Omaha Standard Landscaper Body

Best features:

- Bodies available in lengths of 12'6," 14'6" and 16'6" with an outside body width of 96 in.
- Inside usable area is 90-in.-wide by 12, 14 or 16 ft. long, allowing loading of pallets side-by-side
- Side heights are available in 40 and 52 in. and are made of 10-gauge smooth steel with an optional front-mounted 48-in. side access door on the curbside or street side, making access to the front of the body easy
- The bulkhead is also made of 10-gauge steel



▲ Omaha Standard's Landscaper Truck Body



- A 36-in. cab shield or 12-in. weld-on tool tray with perforated base is available as an option
- The unitized rear doors are made of 10-gauge steel with top-punched skin sheets. The top full opening rear doors swing around and lock to the sides for loading. The double acting dump gate is hinged at the top for dumping/spreading, and the bottom is hinged for extension of the platform load area or dropping down for dock loading
- Platforms are available with wood, smooth steel or tread plate

Reading Body

Platform toolbox combination

Best features:

- A contractor body and equipment carrier in one. Tools and equipment are carried in lockable toolbox compartments. Bin dividers with a shelf are an option
- The open cargo area transports any loose or solid cargo on deckplate steel or wood floor
- Platforms are top coated with a two-component, high gloss black urethane paint. Reading platforms, like all Reading products, receive Lector-Life immersion priming for rust and corrosion protection
- Backed by a three-year limited warranty

Super Lawn Truck

Equipment storage and transportation system

Best features:

- Equipped with a hydraulically-operated ramp that allows large commercial mowers



The Super Lawn Truck features a hydraulically-operated ramp.

to drive right into the back of the truck for easy transport

- The large box-type van is equipped with the hand and power tool storage system that neatly stores over 50 common lawn maintenance tools
- The on-board fuel station reduces fuel stops to one per week

SCI Products

Workman slide-out container for pickup trucks

Best features:

- Will slide off or on your truck fully-loaded
- Can be used as a job container or dump box
- It allows the operator to drive or load equipment or materials in it while it's on the ground. Materials slide on or off a truck in less than a minute **LMI**