

# North American Car and Truck of the Year Jury Selected

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DETROIT, Nov. 20 /PRNewswire/ -- More than 45 of North America's toughest automotive journalists have been chosen to serve as the 1998 North American Car and Truck of the Year Awards jury. Members of the distinguished group will determine winners of the car and truck competition to be announced on Monday, January 5, 1998 at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

The 48 jury members will review 33 cars and trucks by December 15, 1997, assigning points to each vehicle. The points are based upon vehicle characteristics such as styling, spaciousness, handling and engine capabilities. The vehicles accumulating the most points will be named the North American Car and Truck of the Year.

To be eligible for the 1998 awards, the cars and trucks must have been introduced into the North American market between December 15, 1996 and December 15, 1997. Cars must have anticipated sales of at least 5,000 units a year; trucks require expected sales of 2,000 units annually. Vehicles must be all new or have significant design, structural or mechanical changes from a previous year in order to be eligible.

The 1998 North American Car and Truck of the Year Jurors are:

Warren Brown	The Washington Post
Csaba Csere	Car and Driver
John H. Davis	MotorWeek
Paul Dean	Los Angeles Times
Matt DeLorenzo	AutoWeek
Denis Duquet	La Presse
Jacques Duval	The New Car Report

Paul Eisenstein	The Detroit Bureau
John Gilbert	Minneapolis Star-Tribune
Ken Gross	Freelance
John Harter	WJLA-TV
Jim Healey	USA Today
Dan Jedlicka	The Chicago Sun-Times
Christopher Jensen	The Plain Dealer
Ann Job	Associated Press
Jim Kenzie	Toronto Star "Wheels"
Mike Knepper	Freelance
Michelle Krebs	The New York Times
Marc LaChapelle	Guide de l'Auto
John Lamm	Freelance
Tom Lankard	The Road Warriors
Edward A. Lapham	Automotive News
Alexander Law	Toronto Star
Jon Lowell	WXYZ-TV
Jim Mateja	The Chicago Tribune
Denise McCluggage	Freelance
Dan McCosh	Popular Science
Jim McCraw	Freelance
John McElroy	Automotive Industries
Sue Mead	American Woman Motorscene
Matt Nauman	San Jose Mercury News
Jayne O'Donnell	Freelance
Joe Oldham	Popular Mechanics
Frank E. Peiler	Consumer Guide
John Rettie	Freelance
Marcia Ruff	Medical Economics
Ron Sessions	Road and Track Specials
Jeremy Sinek	World of Wheels
Brad Stertz	The Detroit News
John Stewart	Four Wheeler
Tony Swan	Freelance
Alex Taylor	Fortune
Rich Taylor	Freelance
Ray Thursby	Freelance
Bill Visnic	Ward's
Howard Walker	St. Petersburg Times
Paul Weissler	Freelance
Tony Whitney	Freelance

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