ONE BETTER

They’re two simple words that ground a whole philosophy and drive an entire car company. They mean resolutely refusing, at every turn, to ever be satisfied with the status quo. They declare that, in every category in which we compete, Buick is determined to take on the benchmark and go it one better. To make the leather softer. The engine more powerful. The cabin quieter. The tolerances tighter. One better. Those two simple words are much more than a mere motto. They’re a deeply held belief in a better way to build. Now see the power of those words come to life in the 2005 Rendezvous.
SUV power...luxury sedan ride...minivan capacity
Sedans have been around since the 17th century. SUVs since World War II. Minivans since kids discovered soccer. They’re all great vehicles, but sometimes you need a little of each of them. So, what if the styling and capabilities of an SUV, the ride and comfort of a luxury sedan and the seating capacity of a minivan were all offered together? Now that would be one very intelligent, innovative and versatile crossover vehicle. That would be Buick Rendezvous. And now there’s an even more elegant way to enjoy Rendezvous—with the extra power, smoothness and luxurious touches of Rendezvous Ultra. It’s time to cross over to the refined design of Buick Rendezvous.
Rendezvous instrument panel. Expertly crafted, chrome accented. Shown with available equipment.
Rendezvous can assume six different seating configurations to let you easily carry seven people or over 108 cubic feet of cargo. The available second-row captain's chair swivels, reclines, slide forward and back and is easy to fold and remove. You can keep your gear neatly arranged and safely out of sight in a clever rear storage system that's available. Plus, with the available third-row bench seat folded flat into the floor and the second-row seats removed, you have maximum space for cargo.

Cargo and load capacity limited by weight and distribution.

All-wheel drive and an independent rear suspension often take up so much space that the rear floor of the vehicle has to be raised to accommodate them, sacrificing third-row legroom. But not with Rendezvous. Its unitized body construction leaves extra room for the independent rear suspension. Plus, the available all-wheel drive system was designed from the outset to be compact, so it conveniently fits under a flat rear load floor with no sacrifice of cargo room or legroom with the available third-row seat.

E. CYRUS® HEAD-UP DISPLAY

First devised to project vital data onto the windshield of supersonic jet fighters, head-up displays can help drivers get important information while they keep their eyes on the road. Rendezvous' available advanced system uses a dot matrix liquid-crystal display (LCD) to exhibit information in green against a black field. It uses small pixels to create both alphanumeric messages and graphic symbols. The array is 24 pixels high by 90 pixels wide and the image is projected in front of the driver, so the driver doesn't have to shift focus away from the road to gather information. Items displayed include speed, radio display, turn signal, check gauges, high beam and low fuel indicators. Both image brightness and height are driver-adjustable for optimum visibility.

D. ULTRASONIC REAR PARKING ASSIST

Nuclear submarine technology surfaces in your driveway. When you shift into reverse gear, sonar waves are shot out from four ultrasonic transmitters/receivers built into the rear bumper. If a parked vehicle, or stationary objects at least ten inches high, is detected in your intended path, the sonar waves will bounce off the obstacle and back to the sensors in the bumper. The sensors will activate both an audible warning signal and warning lights if you are getting an obstruction in your path. The closer you get, the more intensive the alarm and lights become. Ultrasonic rear parking assist is available on every Rendezvous.

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A. ON-DEMAND ALL-WHEEL DRIVE

This technologically innovative system uses front-wheel drive for ordinary driving conditions. When slippery road surfaces are encountered, the available system automatically adds power to the rear wheels, without perceptibly affecting comfort or handling. Inside the rear-drive module, twin pumps react to any difference in the rotational speed of the front and rear wheels. If one of the front wheels begins to slip, the rear-mounted gerotor units pressurize fluid to engage clutches that redirect torque to one or both rear wheels. This helps the rear wheels to smoothly and seamlessly provide traction, which allows Rendezvous to keep moving despite muddy, snowy or slippery road surfaces. Even if both front wheels and one rear wheel are slipping, power can be diverted to the other rear wheel. And when the system detects that the front wheels have regained good traction, it moves back into its front-wheel drive mode.

B. INDEPENDENT FRONT SUSPENSION/HYDROFORMED ENGINE CRADLE

Rendezvous' front suspension is specifically engineered to optimize handling and stability, while at the same time delivering the ride characteristics of a comfortable sedan. Proven MacPherson strut technology is coupled with four-stage damper valving for handling and control. The front lower control arms and hydroformed engine cradle provide strength to help absorb road inputs, providing a smooth ride and precise handling.

Hydroforming uses the power of pressurized fluid sealed in a hollow round cradle rail to help precisely form the shape of the cradle for consistent wall thickness and dimensional control.

C. INDEPENDENT REAR SUSPENSION/ AUTOMATIC REAR-LEVEL CONTROL

Rendezvous' rear suspension is fully independent. It employs a short and long arm design with unequal-length control arms and a toe-control link. The upper and lower control arms, brackets and mountings are fabricated from aluminum to help maximize strength while minimizing mass.

Premium monotube shock absorbers help provide excellent ride control and road isolation compared to a twin-tube design. The rear suspension is isolated from the body to reduce the road noise and smooth the ride. The automatic rear-level control system, included in the available trailering package, is designed to help improve ride and handling while carrying loads. It works by adding an air bladder around each rear shock absorber which is inflated by an on-board compressor. It automatically helps level the rear of the vehicle when heavy loads are carried or a trailer is connected.

D. 3,500-LB. TOWING CAPACITY

Rendezvous has the power to tow up to 3,500 lbs. with its optional towing package which includes the automatic rear-level control system.

Maximum trailer weight ratings are calculated assuming a base vehicle, except for any options necessary to achieve the rating, plus driver. The weight of passengers and cargo will reduce the maximum trailer weight your vehicle can tow. See your dealer for additional details.
C. ELECTRONIC THROTTLE CONTROL

Often seen on premium automobiles, electronic drive-by-wire throttle control is a look at the future. There is no cable link between the accelerator and the engine. A sensor at the gas pedal measures pedal angle and sends a signal to the engine control computers to open the throttle at the correct rate. The result is quick, precise throttle response and improved reliability.

B. DUAL OVERHEAD CAMSHAFTS WITH FOUR VALVES PER CYLINDER

The more intake and exhaust valves an engine has, the easier it can breathe. That is to say, the easier it can draw the fuel/air mixture into the combustion chambers, and the easier it can expel the spent gases of combustion. With dual overhead cams controlling four valves per cylinder, this engine breathes very well indeed. All of which results in better efficiency, better economy, and more power.

*EPA estimated mpg 18 city/25 hwy (AWD); 18 city/27 hwy (FWD).

D. 3.4L V6 ENGINE

Rendezvous CX and CXL models are powered by the standard 3.4L V6 engine, which has a well-earned history of providing smooth, reliable power. It employs an overhead valve design for maximum simplicity and reliability. Roller hydraulic lifters and rocker arms minimize running friction. Durable forged steel connecting rods ride on a cast nodular crankshaft supported by four main bearings. The cylinder block is an iron casting topped with lightweight aluminum heads. A cast aluminum oil pan helps contain noise by stiffening lower portions of the engine assembly. The platinum-tipped spark plugs have a normal service life of up to 100,000 miles. No tune-up is necessary for any other part of the ignition system. The engine coolant lasts up to 150,000 miles in normal service. This is a reliable, low-maintenance engine that develops 185 hp and 210 lb-ft of torque, yet still earns EPA estimated fuel economy ratings of 19 city/26 highway in its front-wheel drive configuration and 18 city/24 highway in its all-wheel drive configuration. Maintenance needs are still relatively minor, with services every 15,000 miles interval recommended. This column...

A. 3.6L V6 VVT ENGINE

GM recently developed, from a clean sheet of paper, a new family of sophisticated V6 engines for global application in premium and high-performance vehicles. The 3.6L version of the V6 family was the first to go into production. It is one of GM’s most advanced engines, and the Buick Rendezvous was the first from wheel drive architecture in the world to have it under the hood. Some of the world-class features of this available all-aluminum engine include: The use of fully variable valve timing (VVT) for both intake and exhaust, a first for any GM engine, provides outstanding fuel economy and emissions reduction. Variable valve timing also gives the engine extreme flexibility. 90% of its peak torque is available across a broad operating range: 1,600 – 5,800 rpm. Its horsepower and torque are equally impressive: 245 hp, 232 lb-ft torque.

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B. DVD ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM

This available DVD entertainment system has the capability of playing studio quality audio/video in both CD-audio and DVD formats. There’s a flip-down seven-inch screen utilizing a color active-matrix liquid-crystal display; two wireless infrared headphones and an infrared remote control for rear-seat activation; video and audio jacks for camcorder playback; ports for complete gaming capability; and even a parental switch on the front of the unit for stopping play and muting sound. Use it occasionally just to make sure the kids in back are still capable of human conversation.

C. XM® SATELLITE RADIO

Two satellites (one named "Rock," the other "Roll") hover in geosynchronous earth orbit, beaming down CD-quality digital sound into your Rendezvous. Over 800 terrestrial repeaters, perched atop skyscrapers and in tunnels, fill in the signal whenever the line of sight with a satellite is lost. The digital signal delivers 1% commercial-free music with over 100 channels of the best in music, news, sports, talk, comedy and XM Instant Traffic and Weather. And you can receive the signal in all 48 coast-to-coast states. That’s the attraction of XM. And that’s why it’s available on Rendezvous.

D. GPS/DVD NAVIGATION SYSTEM

Imagine your Rendezvous reading the signals coming from at least three global positioning satellites in high earth orbit, and using those signals to compute your position on the planet, give or take a few feet. Now imagine that data being fed into a sophisticated DVD-based navigation program that can show you exactly where you are on a virtual map sent to a screen on the instrument panel, and allow you to watch your position on the map move as you move down the road. That’s what Rendezvous’ available GPS/DVD navigation program can do. Its database also contains information that allows the system to suggest best routes to your destination, as well as the locations of gas stations, restaurants and points of interest along the way.
Folding second- and available third-row seats give you generous load space. The second-row seats remove easily to give you over 108 cubic feet for cargo. Cargo and load capacity limited by weight and distribution.
The all-new LaCrosse.
And while there are new models, new features and new excitement in our lineup this year, you can be sure that one thing has not changed. That is Buick's commitment to bring you beautifully designed, carefully crafted vehicles that will deliver exceptional satisfaction with every mile you drive.
Buick is the Official Car of the PGA TOUR. Tiger Woods is the most acclaimed player in the game today. That's why we're so proud to be partnered with him. After all, Tiger delivers power, style and finesse every time he hits the course. And Buick is ready to deliver those very same qualities every time you hit the road.
**INTERIOR FEATURES**

- Cloth: S — —
- Leather-appointed (available third-row seat) — —
- Four-wheel anti-lock (included on CX models) — S S S
- Stage inflation with right front passenger sensing — S S S
- Front-wheel drive — . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 9/26
- Five-passenger seating; includes front reclining bucket seats with lumbar adjustment, removable second-row 50/50 reclining flip-and-fold split-bench seat with storage armrests, fore and aft controls, clock, RDS display, Theftlock, cassette, CD, auto tone control, speed-compensated volume and eight speakers — S S S

**CAPACITIES**

- Covered for 3 years/36,000 miles (whichever comes first): vehicles registered in the USA. See your Buick dealer for terms and conditions.

**INTERIOR DIMENSIONS**

- Legroom: 40.5/39.0/34.6
- Headroom: 40.9/40.1/37.5
- Shoulder room: 58.7/58.7/48.5

**ENHANCE YOUR OWNERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

- XM Satellite Radio, leather-appointed first- and second-row seats, six-passenger seating, seven-passenger seating, six-way driver (requires 3.6L VVT engine) — A S
- Twilight Sentinel — dual black fold-away power remote — —
- OnStar — includes storage for sunglasses — S S S
- Overhead console (not available with DVD system) — A A A
- Roof rack crossbows — P225/60R17 all-season steel-belted radial — —
- Wheels — include driver express-down — —
- Fog lamps — S S S
- Roof rack crossbows — —
- Tires — Towing to your nearest Buick dealership • Cosmetic corrosion resulting from defects • Repairs made to correct any vehicle defect • No charge for most warranty repairs • Sign up for e-mail reminders about service visits • Tires • Towing to your nearest Buick dealership • Cosmetic corrosion resulting from defects • Repairs made to correct any vehicle defect • No charge for most warranty repairs • Sign up for e-mail reminders about service visits • 

**CAPACITIES**

- EPA estimated mpg, city/hwy
- Trailer Towing Package (lbs.)
- Type (Ultra and CXL only) — 3.6L VVT DOHC V6
- Steering — front independent MacPherson
- Steering wheel — ordered through your dealer.

**STEERING**

- Four-speed electronically
- Changes in performance for 2004 due to revised steering systems and six- and seven-passenger seating configurations...