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AERIO™



Everywhere you look, there's something new.

When we designed the Aerio, we decided that small doesn't mean a severe reduction in style, roominess, power or refinement. In fact, we completely re-thought the concept of a small car. We gave it everything you expect in a bigger, more expensive car, but without the dollar and size penalty. For starters, we gave Aerio one of the biggest interiors in its class. That means plenty of head-, leg- and hip-room so passengers can enjoy the ride and not wonder, "Are we there yet?" To complement the big room, we gave it big power. As in 145 hp to get quickly up to speed on highways and good reserves for safe passing. In addition to more-than-ample cabin room, you'll find standard air conditioning, power windows and mirrors, and an in-dash CD player with six speakers. The GS model has a six-disc in-dash CD changer and power door locks. Some cars in this class don't even offer many of these items as options. With Aerio, it's the basis of what we consider new thinking. For occupant protection, Aerio's reinforced passenger compartment uses high-tensile-strength steel and side-impact door beams. Additional safety features include front and rear energy-absorbing zones, second-generation dual airbags and three-point seatbelts for all passengers. So, if you're thinking about getting a small car, consider one where the thinking isn't limited by its size.

Conventional thinking says that all-wheel drive (AWD) is reserved for more expensive cars. New thinking says absolutely not. Building on the platform of lively handling and responsiveness, Suzuki designers thought it would be wonderful if Aerio added a boost in traction to its portfolio of talents. Starting this year, Aerio GS is available with Suzuki's QuadGrip™ All-wheel-drive system, making it the most affordable AWD vehicle on the market. That's because we don't think of added traction as a luxury. On wet or slippery roads, the system directs the 145 hp of the 2.0-liter DOHC engine to both front and back wheels, grabbing the best traction available for the conditions. New thinking also says you shouldn't have to physically do anything to get the best traction. Or even wait for it. Which is why we developed a viscous coupling that automatically transfers power to the rear wheels if the front wheels start to slip. There are no levers to engage or buttons to push. The added traction is there when you need it. To enhance visibility, the GS model features standard fog lamps. It also features a rear spoiler with an integral brake light. For enhanced stability under braking on slippery roads, GS is available with four-wheel ABS. When you add it up, four beats two. And, Aerio is a winner no matter how you do the math.

Suzuki's quadGrip all-wheel-drive system

The heart of the Aerio's QuadGrip AWD system is the viscous coupling. Under normal driving conditions, power is delivered only to the front wheels. If the front wheels begin to slip due to poor traction, the viscous coupling takes charge and begins to transfer power to the rear wheels. It continues to transfer power up to a potential maximum of 50/50 front/rear power distribution. Best of all, the transition to AWD happens quickly with no action required of the driver. In slippery conditions, this system not only provides improved traction, but improved handling in corners, resulting in greater directional stability.

Aerio STANDARD Features

Exterior: Body-side moldings • Multi-reflector jewel-type headlamps • Color-keyed front and rear bumpers • Intermittent windshield wipers • GS models add: 15" aluminum alloy wheels • Keyless remote entry • Rear spoiler with brake light • Fog lamps • Color-keyed door handles and mirrors • Chrome exhaust tip • Air conditioning • Power windows and mirrors

Interior: In-dash CD player with 6 speakers • Tilt steering wheel • Digital instrument display • Ambient outside temperature display • Split-folding rear seatbacks • Rear-window defroster - GS models add: 6-disc in-dash CD changer • Power door locks • Cruise control • Driver's seat height adjuster • Below-seat storage bin • Map lights • Trunk/cargo light • Front seatback pockets



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INTERIOR FEATURES

	S	GS	GS AWD
Air Conditioning	S	S	S
Digital Instrument Display	S	S	S
Power Windows	S	S	S
Power Door Locks	N/A	S	S
Power Mirrors	S	S	S
In-dash CD Player with Six Speakers	S	S	S
Six-disc In-dash CD Changer with Six Speakers	N/A	S	S
Driver's Seat Height Adjuster	N/A	S	S
Below-seat Storage Bin	N/A	S	S
Ambient Outside Temperature Display	S	S	S
Trunk/Cargo Light	N/A	S	S
Tilt Steering Wheel	S	S	S
Cruise Control	N/A	S	S
60-40 Split-folding Rear Seatbacks	S	S	S



EXTERIOR FEATURES

15" Aluminum Alloy Wheels	N/A	S	S
Body-side Moldings	S	S	S
Color-keyed Bumpers	S	S	S
Intermittent Windshield Wipers	S	S	S
Chrome Exhaust Tip	N/A	S	S
Rear Spoiler w/Brake Light	N/A	S	S
Multi-reflector Jewel-type Headlamps	S	S	S



SAFETY

Four-wheel ABS	N/A	O	O
Steel Frame with Energy-Absorbing Zones	S	S	S
Second-generation Dual Airbags	S	S	S
Steel-reinforced Passenger Compartment	S	S	S
Side-impact Door Beams	S	S	S
Energy-absorbing Steering Column	S	S	S
Keyless Remote Entry	N/A	S	S
Automatic Lighting System	S	S	S
Daytime Running Lights	S	S	S
Rear-door Child Safety Locks	S	S	S
Child Seat Tether Anchors	S	S	S
Child Seat LATCH System	S	S	S
Internal Trunk Release	S	S	S



S = Standard O = Optional
N/A = Not Available

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PERFORMANCE

2.0-liter, 4-cylinder, 16-valve DOHC engine
 145 hp @ 5,700 RPM
 136 lb-ft @ 3,000 RPM
 Four-speed Automatic Transmission
 Five-speed Manual Transmission
 Zero-maintenance Timing Chain
 Liquid-filled Engine Mounts
 Strut-tower Brace
 Direct Ignition System
 Power Rack-and-pinion Steering
 MacPherson Strut Front and Rear Suspension
 Stainless Steel Exhaust System

	S	GS	GS AWD
	S	S	S
	S	S	S
	S	S	S
	O	O	S
	S	S	N/A
	S	S	S
	S	S	S
	S	S	S
	S	S	S
	S	S	S
	S	S	S



SPECIFICATIONS

	S	GS	GS AWD
Wheelbase (in)	97.6	97.6	97.6
Overall Length (in)	171.3	171.3	171.3
Overall Width (in)	67.7	67.7	67.7
Overall Height (in)	60.8	60.8	60.8
Headroom, f/r (in)	40.6/37.6	40.6/37.6	40.6/37.6
Legroom, f/r (in)	41.4/36.0	41.4/36.0	41.4/36.0
Shoulder Room, f/r (in)	53.7/52.9	53.7/52.9	53.7/52.9
Seating Capacity	5	5	5
Interior Volume (ft ³)	104.7	104.7	101.6
Fuel Tank Capacity (gal)	13.2	13.2	13.2
Curb Weight - Manual (lb)	2641	2628	N/A
Curb Weight - Automatic (lb)	2686	2673	2805
E.P.A. Estimated Fuel Economy			
• Manual, city/highway (mpg)	26/32	26/32	N/A
• Automatic, city/highway (mpg)	26/31	26/31	24/28



Silky Silver Metallic



White Pearl



Electric Yellow



Racy Red



Catseye Blue Metallic



Black Onyx



starting from

MSRP* \$13,574⁰⁰

Drive responsibly: Buckle up for safety-Don't drink and drive. Always wear your seatbelt. For specific details, please read your owner's manual for on- and off-road driving tips. To avoid injury from an airbag, always place children twelve years old and under in the rear seat; always move both driver and passenger seats as far back from airbag as practical; never transport a child in a rear-facing child seat in the front seat; and, always use the seatbelts and buckle up properly. Specifications and equipment based on information available at time of printing and subject to change without notice, and may differ in each sales area. Some vehicles shown with optional equipment. For more details on 2003 options, accessories and specifications, contact your local Suzuki dealer. Tread Lightly! On Public and Private Land. Along with concerned conservationists everywhere, Suzuki urges you to preserve your future off-road driving opportunities by showing respect for the environment, local laws and the rights of others.

*Note: Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price. Taxes, title, freight, options and license extra. See dealer for details.