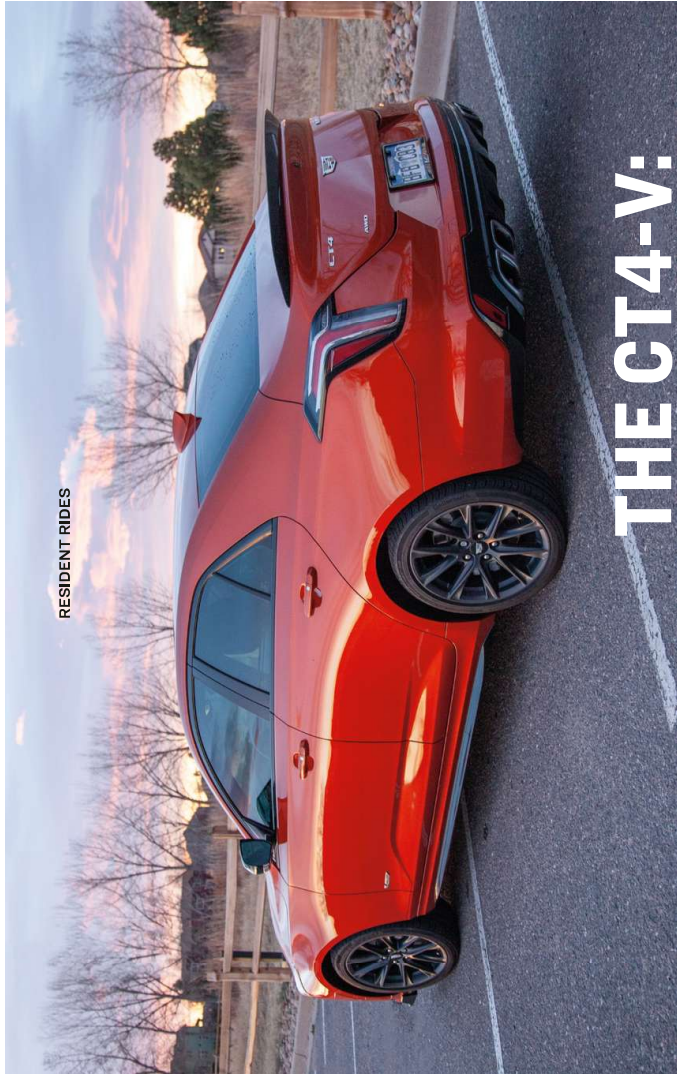


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# THE CT4-V:

# Cadillac's Performance Sweet Spot

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**WHENEVER THE BRAND CADILLAC scrolls across my eyes, my brain processes my Grandmother's 1985 Cadillac Eldorado. Metal knobs and switches, massive plush seats, and room for at least 12 bodies, including the trunk.**

Since then, it was always hard for me to pay respect to the brand. The late 90s and early 2000s really sent them astray. The Northstar V8 Engine in this generation of cars was infamous not only for breaking, but requiring the entire intake manifold to be removed just to gain access to the starter.

They went through years of poor sales and weird models like the final generation of the Deville and Catera which continued to incorporate the same boring, spacious, and lackluster performance and design mantra. Seriously, look it up: what the heck is that?

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### THEN SOMETHING CHANGED.

In 2017, Cadillac joined IMSA and won the Rolex 24 at Daytona, then they repeated it 3 times over. They started making cars that not only looked good, but performed great. They introduced the CT4-V Blackwing which was not only luxurious, but also cranked out nearly 500hp and could be had with an automatic or manual transmission. Then in 2024 the Escalade came in a V Variant which produces nearly 700hp! Who's getting to daycare first now?

However, not everybody wants or can afford a \$75,000 Super Sedan or a \$150,000 Super SUV - I made that term up, nobody else makes a competitor and thus it's in a class of its own - So what if I just want a really nice car, but not a mortgage payment to go along with it?

Well my fellow neighbors, Jason H of the Ranch Eggs Estates has found a beautifully sufficient sweet spot. His 2023 Cadillac CT4-V in Blaze Orange Metallic is an absolute stunner. Its 2.7L TurboMax engine features a revolutionary technology called a Dual Volute Turbocharger which separates the piston exhaust gasses so that when pistons 2 and 3 are in their compression cycle (adding fuel and air and pushing upwards), the exhaust gasses from pistons 1 and 4 firing in their power cycle (explosion forcing them down to create power) are unobstructed and continue feeding the turbo. Basically, it's like having a twin-turbo car, but with just a single turbo. This allows the car to make a staggering 325hp and 380ft-lb torque and you can buy it for \$60,000 before incentives. Slightly used like Jason's can be found for under \$47,000.

The CT4-V has all the modern amenities one could want. It's all wheel drive, fast, sporty, has heated and massaging leather seats, heads up display, and active cruise control. Its gas mileage is on par with similar sport sedans, getting 20/29 city/highway mpg. Jason bought his Cadillac last year and loves every minute of it. After his elder family hauler blew its guts on I25, he found this beauty sitting in Bismark, North Dakota and road tripped her home.

Let's not stop there though, 2026 is a massive year for Cadillac in the world of racing. They entered the world of Formula 1 with their ground up build, named the MAC-26. They are now one of two American teams on the Formula One grid, the other being Haas.

The Cadillac Formula One team packs a powerhouse of experience and veteran drivers Valtteri Bottas and Sergio "Chico" Perez raced with Mercedes and Redbull respectively. We're all looking forward to the continued development of the car and team's performance with years to come and should celebrate the only American manufacturer on the grid.

So to close this out, something I thought I would probably never say, let alone write:

I'd totally buy a Cadillac.  
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