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## Holiday Gift Ideas for Car Enthusiasts

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**December 20, 2006** - If there's someone on your list who's really into cars, you might think they'd be hard to shop for, but that's not really the case.

You could get them a subscription to a car magazine. From mainstream to specialized, there are all kinds of titles that make great year-round gifts. And keep your eye out for special offers that make the gift a bargain.

For a gift of fun, a ride in a vintage car would be a day to remember. The Automobile Driving Museum in El Segundo can arrange for a spin in one of their classics. The rides are actually free, but the museum is a non-profit organization which offers gift memberships starting at \$25.

If your budget allows, how about a mobile video system that can receive local television channels?

The TracVision satellite dish mounts to the roof of your SUV or minivan and can keep passengers entertained with live programming, something everyone in the car can enjoy.

"People have been playing the same Barney tapes for years. They're tired of that. It's all about live, local content. You want to see what's happening, when it's happened," Bob Ochsner, a TracVision spokesman, said.

Busy people might like the gift of a clean car. Most car washes offer gift certificates for everything from a simple wash to a full detailing. Find one near where your loved one lives or works and they'll thank you when they drive their shiny ride.

A great gift for someone who may have bought a new car is the California Car Duster. It's a special mop for those times when your car isn't really dirty, it's just dusty. The special fibers will remove the dust without scratching the paint. It's a great way to keep your car clean between washes. It costs about \$20.

Another fun item from the California Car Cover Holiday Catalog is the deerskin driving gloves. They offer retro styling from the vintage days and a warm grip on winter mornings.

Sometimes people want to actually give a car for Christmas, here's an offer with a unique accessory. Certain new Volkswagens come with this special First Act guitar that plugs right into the dashboard and the stereo becomes an amplifier.

Budding Eddie Van Halens can practice in or next to their new wheels, and the best part is that you can ask them to drive somewhere else to wail away.



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