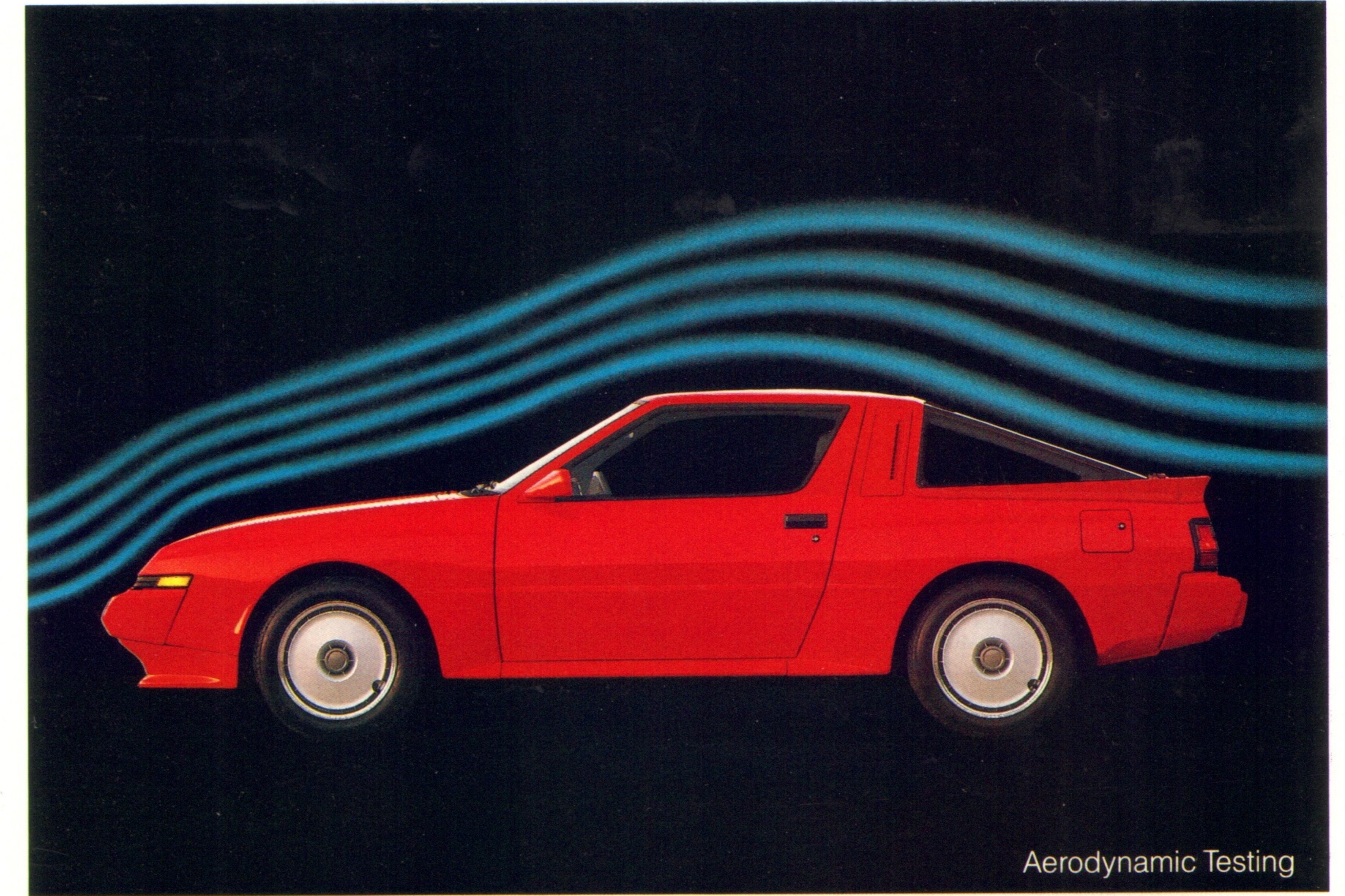
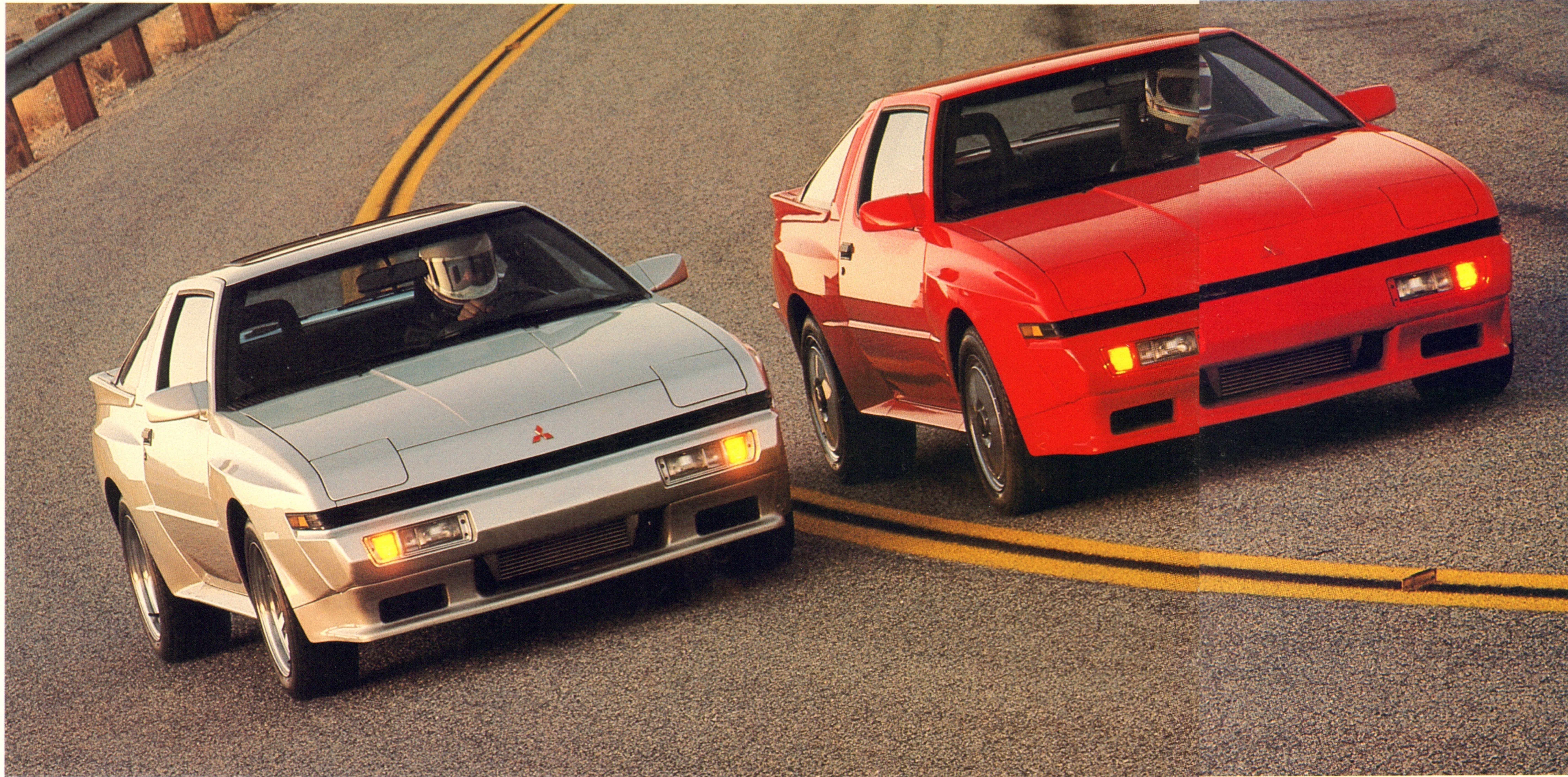


# 1988 Starion



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Aerodynamic Testing



Performance/Handling Testing

## Mitsubishi Motors...Our Experience Shows.

In the last seventy years, Mitsubishi Motors Corporation has become one of the world's largest manufacturers of cars and trucks, producing over 1.2 million vehicles last year alone.

In 1988, the quality vehicles that carry the Mitsubishi name are the result of years of experience, research and technological refinement. All combined to provide you with a car that is not only reliable, stylish and efficient, but one that truly performs.

### There's Always a Better Way.

Mitsubishi has long been recognized throughout the industry for its leadership in engineering advancements that improve and enhance the performance and reliability of its vehicles. Some of its many achievements include patented Dual Engine Stabilizers,<sup>™</sup> an internal counter

balancing system used in most of its 4-cylinder powerplants to neutralize inherent vibrations for quieter, smoother engine operation; aerodynamic flush body styling for improved efficiency, and a major boost to performance...intercooled turbocharger technology.

To complement handling and performance characteristics, Mitsubishi developed the Rear Brake Lockup Control System<sup>™</sup> for sure, controlled stopping power. The Mitsubishi ECI<sup>™</sup> Electronically Controlled Fuel Injection system meters fuel delivery, adjusts spark advance and controls turbo boost for optimum power and performance. And for convenience, there is ETACS-IV<sup>™</sup> Electronic Time and Alarm Control System, a multi-function microprocessor that controls a variety of functions, including the passive arming theft deterrent system.

Mitsubishi is continuing its commitment to the research and development of components, integrated control systems, and aerodynamic exterior and ergonomic interior designs to develop cars, trucks and sport utility vehicles to meet the needs of the future.

### Starion. The Purist's Sports Car.

Start with the remarkably sleek body. Smooth, flush, clean...all that you would expect from a true aerodynamic design. The front air dam, rear spoiler and clean underbody not only add to its handsome styling, they add to its smooth performance.

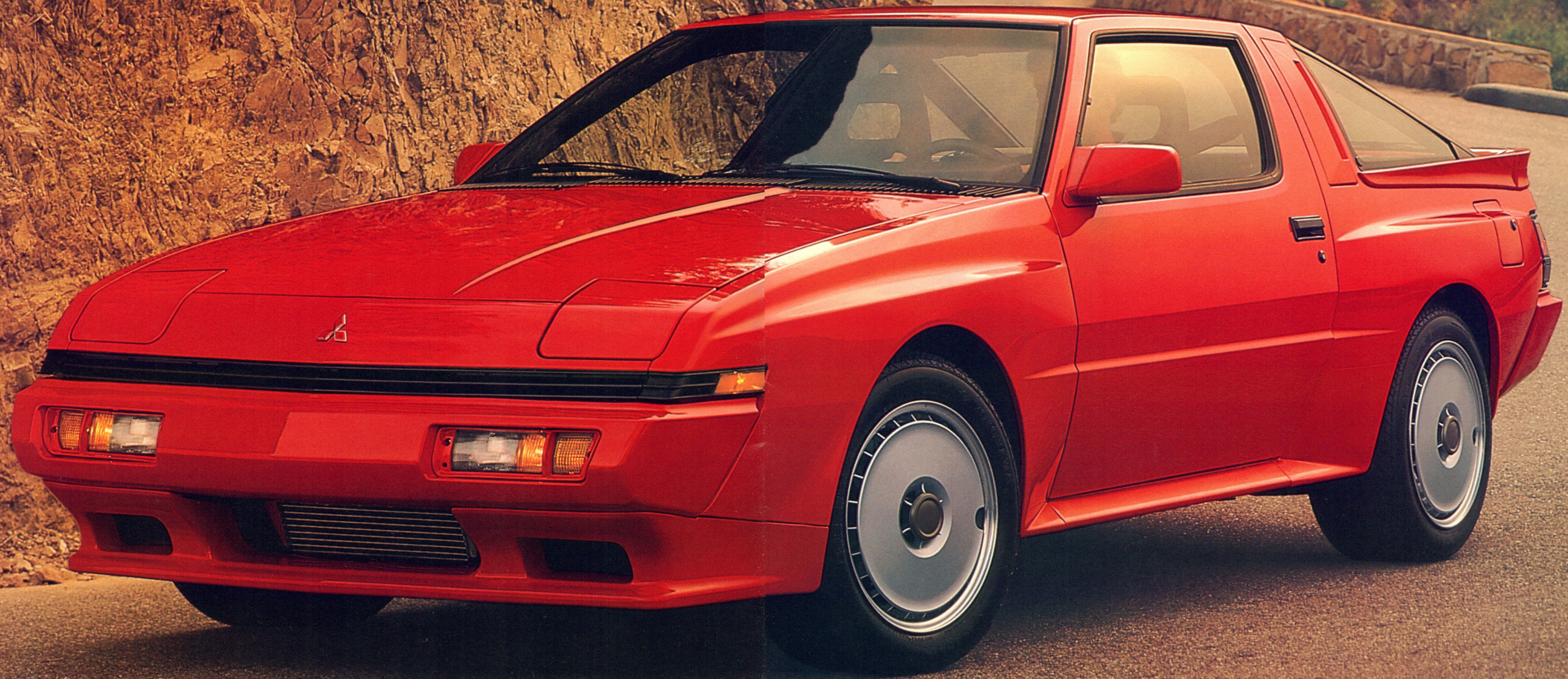
Under the hood is a powerful 2.6-liter, four cylinder intercooled, turbocharged single overhead cam engine that responds with 188 horsepower and 234 lbs.-ft. of torque which will take you as close to

flying as you'd want to get in a four-wheel road machine.

Inside is a world of first class sports luxury. Starion's list of standard features are impressive, including five-way adjustable front bucket seats, electronically tuned AM/FM stereo cassette system with six speakers. ETACS-IV<sup>™</sup> Electronics Time and Alarm Control System, power windows, cruise control, power-assist steering and split fold-down rear seats.

Take a few moments to fully review all the features available on the 1988 Starion ESI-R and ESI presented in this brochure. If you're looking for a sports car that offers the ideal combination of power, performance and styling, then you'll know why Mitsubishi Starion is the obvious choice.





## Muscle and Grace.

**Balance.** It's the combination of elements that separates the great from the merely good. There are a lot of cars with power. And there are a lot of cars with looks and great handling. But there are very few cars that combine all those elements into one potent road package. The Starion is among that small handful of balanced performers.

**Power.** There's no shortage here. The Starion's 2.6-liter four cylinder turbo-charged engine cranks out an impressive 188 horsepower and a staggering 234 lbs.-ft. of torque for low end launch capacity.

To complement Starion's power, the ESI-R offers an optional Sport Handling

Package which includes massive 245/45VR16 tires at the rear and 225/50VR16 tires at the front, aluminum wheels that are 16x8 at the front and 16x9 at the rear, 8-way manually adjustable shock absorbers and aero wheel inserts that help cool the 10.8" front and 10.4" rear disc brakes.

It's all designed to give you outstanding handling and control without compromising comfort or ride quality.

**Looks.** The Starion ESI-R has the looks to match its power and handling. Enhanced aerodynamics, which include a revised

front air dam, rear spoiler and a cleaner underbody help it punch a clean hole through the air. The wide stance, enhanced by fender blisters and the beefy tires, proclaim loud and clear that the Starion means serious business.



## A Total Driving Environment.

Starion ESI-R's interior is as clean and purposeful as the exterior. A driver's cockpit for serious motoring. Race car inspired, deeply sculpted bucket seats offer full body support. Adjustable five ways, both Starion front seats offer three-position lumbar support, side bolsters which adjust to the torso for lateral support and a variable angle headrest. All of this finely designed support and comfort can be dressed to the maximum in leather at your option.

When it comes to control, you're in full command. All of Starion's controls are within a hand's reach for quick access and execution to minimize the amount of time your eyes leave the road. Straight ahead is the new, thick, leather-wrapped four-spoke steering wheel with soft-touch buttons on the hub to direct six radio functions. The two-speed, intermittent wiper/washer, cruise control and turn signals are stalk mounted for easy reach. On the edge of the instrument

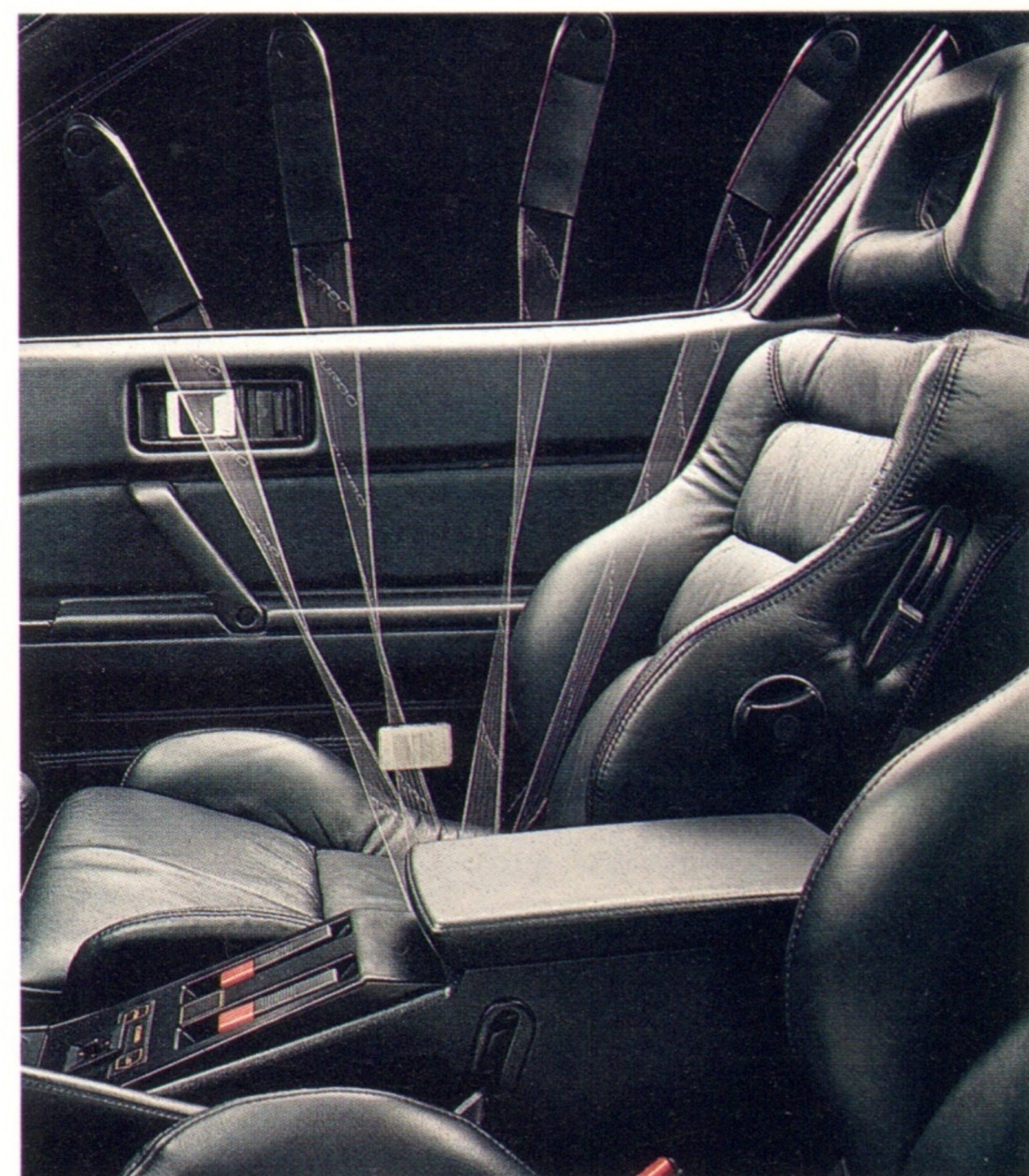


panel are switches that control parking, fog and headlamps.

Full analog instrumentation keeps you quickly informed of vital functions, and includes easy-to-read speedometer and tachometer, turbo boost gauge, volt-meter, tripmeter, oil pressure, coolant temperature and fuel gauges. A whisper above the gear shift lever are soft-touch controls for the fully automatic heating/ventilation/air conditioning system and the electronically tuned AM stereo/FM stereo cassette system with graphic equalizer and six speakers.

Starion ESI-R takes a lot of the work out of routine driving functions with ETACS-IV,™ Electronic Time and Alarm Control System. ETACS-IV is a unique microprocessor system that controls Starion's built-in theft deterrent system. Should anyone try to open the door or hatch without a key, or open the hood, the horn blows, lights flash, and the engine cannot be started. This convenient control system also reminds you when you have left your key in the ignition; automatically shuts off your rear window and side view mirror defrosters should you forget; gives you 30 seconds to close your power windows after you've shut off the ignition; delays fade-out of the interior courtesy light; and automatically shuts off your headlamps when you turn off the ignition. It also automatically adjusts the speed of the windshield wipers to the speed of the car, won't let you accidentally lock your doors with the key in the ignition, and controls the power door lock switches on both the driver's and passenger side.

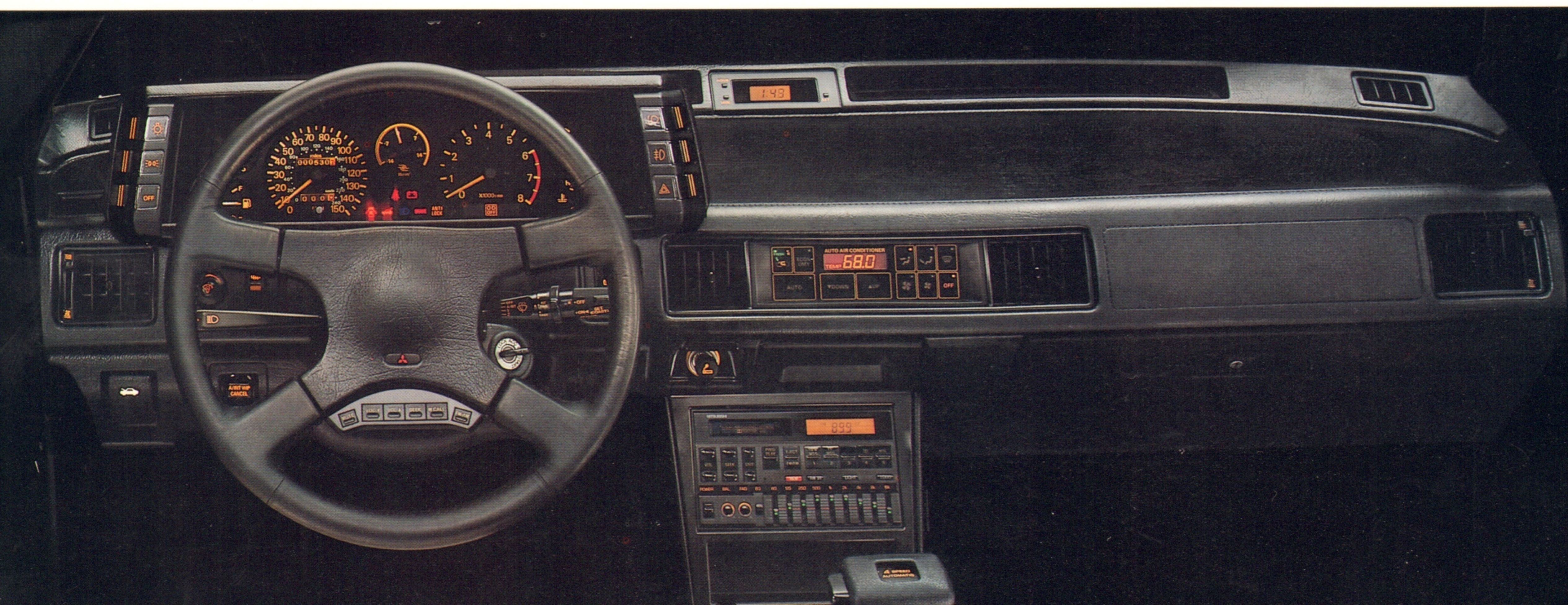
As you would expect, Starion ESI-R offers a wealth of standard features to make your driving experience an excep-



tional one. These include a height adjustable steering column, power-assist steering, power windows, power door locks, electric rear window defroster, and a motorized front passive restraint system.

The Starion's roomy interior is enhanced by the split fold-down rear seat which affords extra room for whatever you might be carrying, and also gives you access to the concealed cargo area without opening the hatch. There's also a detachable rear cargo cover. Throughout the interior, you'll find many convenient places to store small items, like the door map pockets, center console and lockable glove box.

The Starion ESI-R environment was definitely designed for the driver who sees driving as more than just getting from here to there.



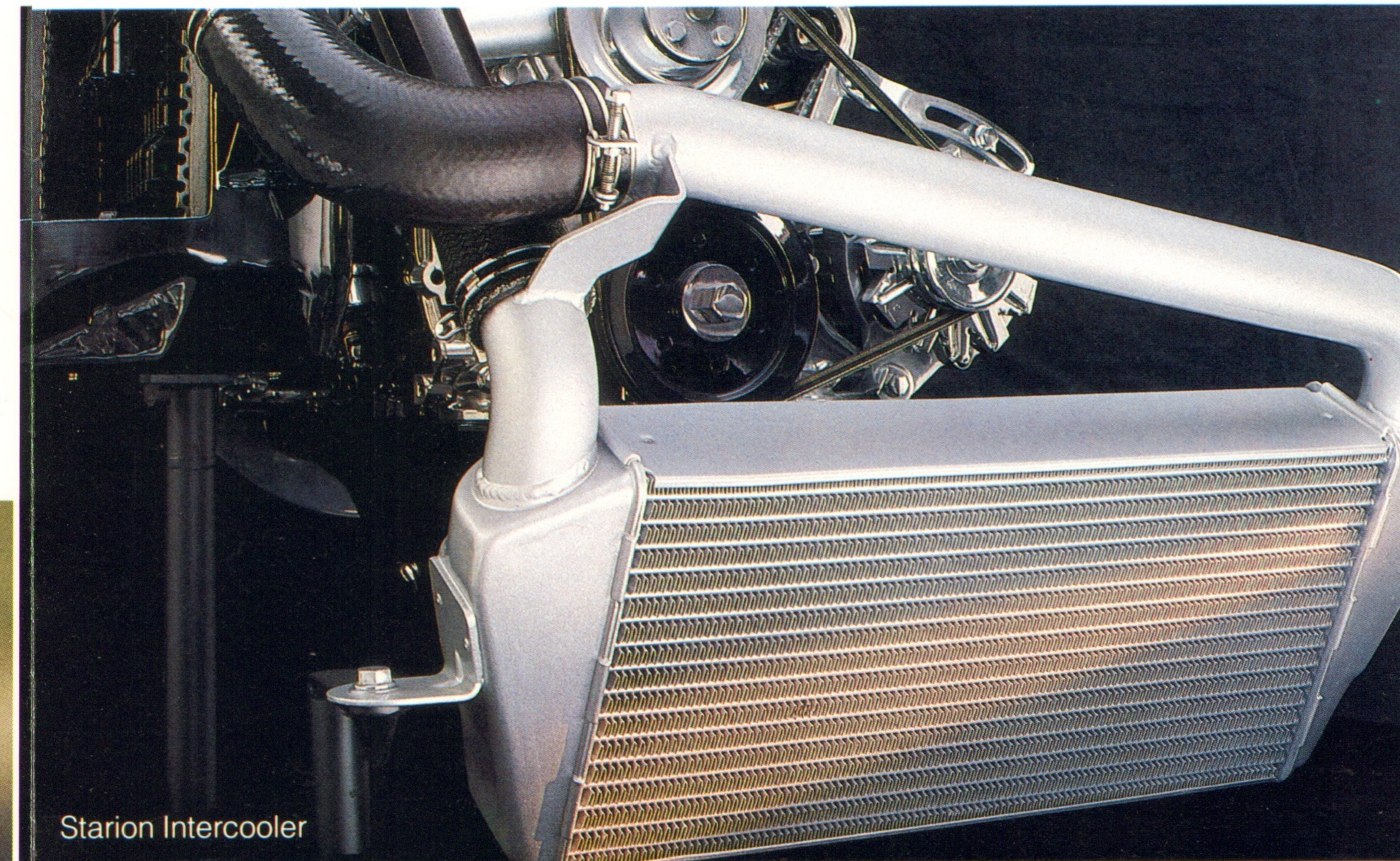


## Performance Tested. On the Road and On the Track.

It takes more than power to win a race. It takes reliability, durability and a commitment to be the best. This year Team Mitsubishi is continuing to prove Starion ESI-R's winning ways by fielding three cars in the SCCA Endurance Circuit against the stiffest competition around. To

no one's surprise, Starion ESI-R keeps on beating its competition soundly. Except for safety modifications, the Starion ESI-R that Team Mitsubishi races is the same high performance automobile that you drive off the dealer's showroom floor.

Multiple visits to the SCCA Endurance Series winner's circle are the result of careful attention to tolerances, a first rate cooling system and top-notch mechanical components. The same quality that keeps the Starion at the front of the pack is built into every production car on the road.

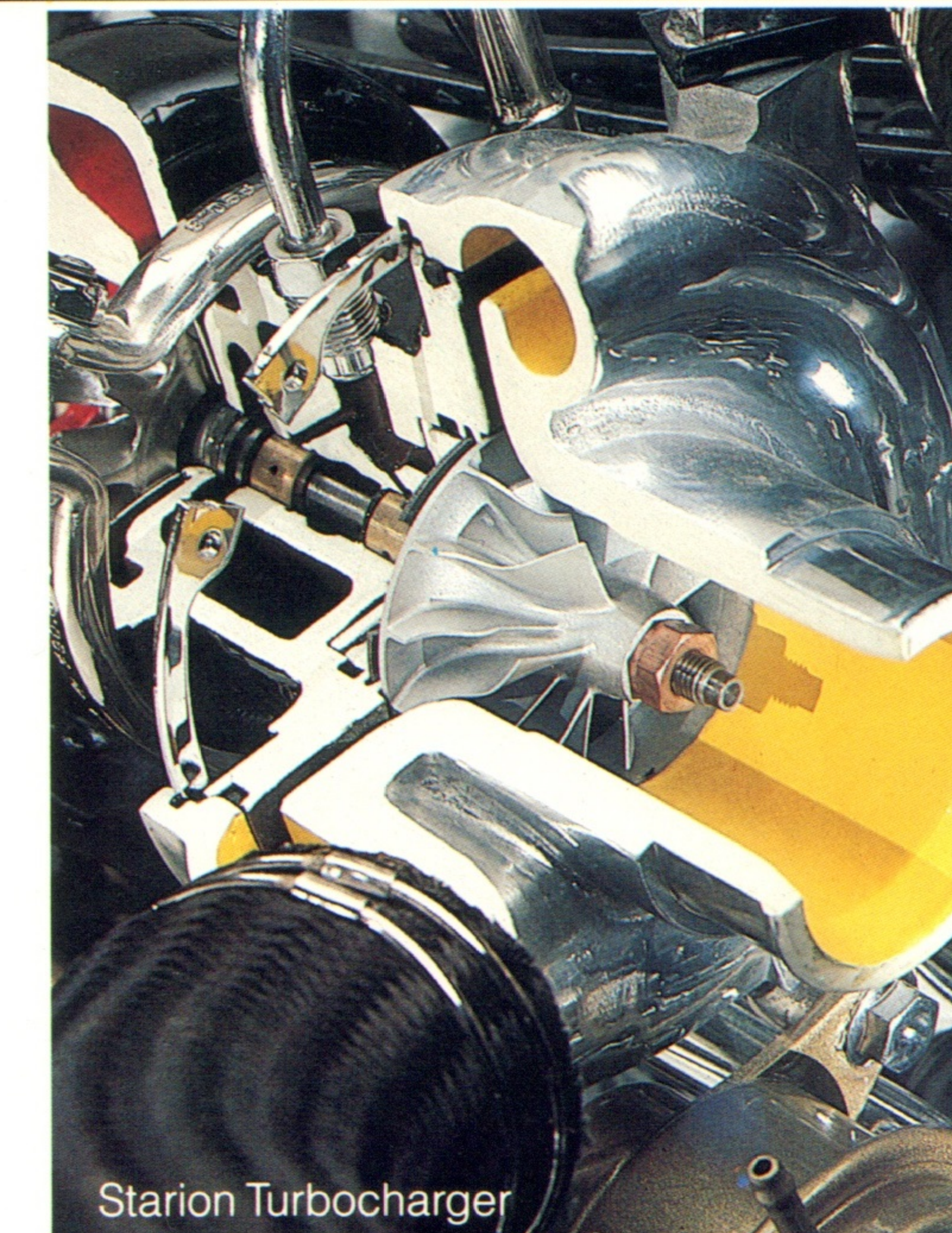


Starion Intercooler

### Demon Quick Turbo

The heart of Starion ESI-R's 2.6-liter engine is an ultralight turbocharger which revs up quickly, reducing turbo lag time and increasing your thrills per minute. Low spool-up time yields 234 lbs.-ft. of torque at an amazingly low 2500 rpm. This year, careful engine recalibration and a larger intercooler have increased power to 188 hp. A special new computer circuit evaluates the quality of gasoline and adjusts engine parameters accordingly.

All of these elements, combined with the engine's cross-flow cylinder head, single overhead camshaft and counter-rotating balance shafts, produce one of the most efficient, powerful, smooth and reliable powerplants in the industry. And Starion's track record proves it.



Starion Turbocharger

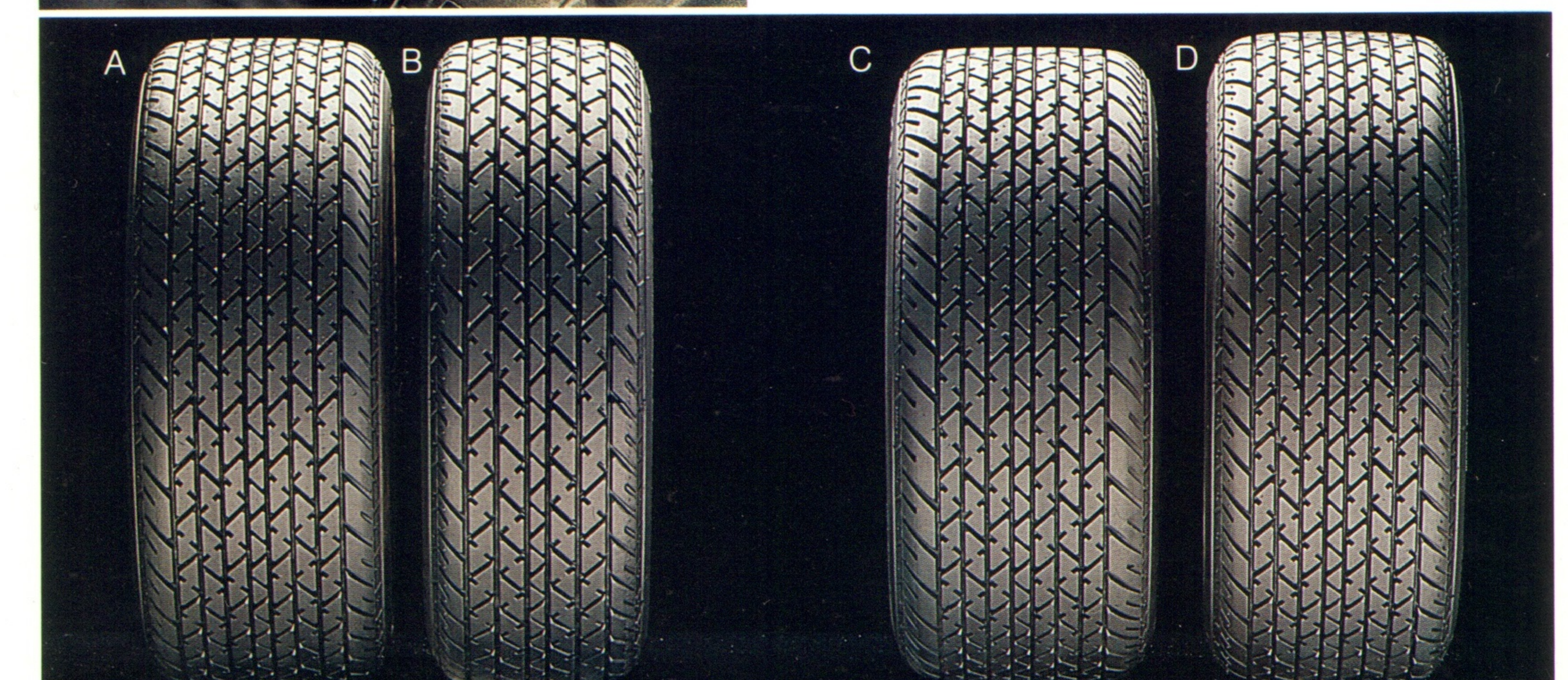


### Advanced Engine Controls.

One of the keys to Starion ESI-R's enviable record is a sophisticated electronic engine control system which keeps the engine in balance without blowing its cool. Feedback and feedforward computer algorithms, an ultrasonic air flow meter (one of the few in the industry), and a fail-safe backup system to keep everything running in the unlikely event of a problem, ensure maximum performance for a week-end in the mountains or a blistering day at the track. The Mitsubishi-built ECI™ Electronically Controlled Fuel Injection meters fuel delivery, adjusts spark advance and controls turbo boost to optimize power under any circumstance or ambient condition.

### Aggressive Handling.

Getting the power to the ground is what the Starion is all about. Under the taut skin is an advanced independent suspension which features lightweight struts. The four-wheel vented disc brakes have over 396 square inches of total brake swept area, and are combined with the Rear Brake Lock-up Control System™ (ESI-R only) for precise controlled stopping power and directional control during spirited driving. With the staggered V-rated radial tires, the suspension can gobble up any corner that comes its way, and the powerful brake system can bring you to a smooth, sure stop.



A. Sport handling package 225/50VR16 front tire.  
B. Standard 205/55VR16 front tire.

C. Sport handling package 245/45VR16 rear tire.  
D. Standard 225/50VR16 rear tire.





**Starion ESI.  
Clean, Mean  
and Ready to Fly.**

The Starion ESI is for the driver who wants nothing to get in the way of driving fun. The ESI delivers the power, torque and neck straining acceleration of the ESI-R. It's lean and light, but doesn't skimp on the essentials of the driving experience.

The Starion ESI features a powerful 2.6-liter, 188 horsepower, intercooled turbo

engine coupled with a five-speed manual overdrive transmission to get you from here to there in no time at all. Its power-assist, four-wheel vented disc brakes help bring you to a smooth and sure stop once you get to where you're going.

Inside, you'll find yourself sitting in a world of sports luxury. The Starion ESI is a truly well

appointed sports car, featuring full analog instrumentation, an electronically tuned AM/FM stereo cassette system with six speakers, handsome full cloth upholstery with 5-way adjustable front bucket seats, and full, high density carpeting throughout.

The Starion ESI also features ETACS-IV™ Electronic Time and Alarm Control System,

which regulates and monitors a wide variety of routine functions including the passive arming theft deterrent system, interior lighting, doors, parking brake, and wipers that can be set to adjust the sweep interval based upon vehicle speed.

The long list of standard features on Starion ESI are impressive, including power

windows, cruise control, power-assist steering, electric rear window defroster and height adjustable steering column.

The Starion ESI. A wonderful blend of luxury and performance for everyone who's looking for driving fun.



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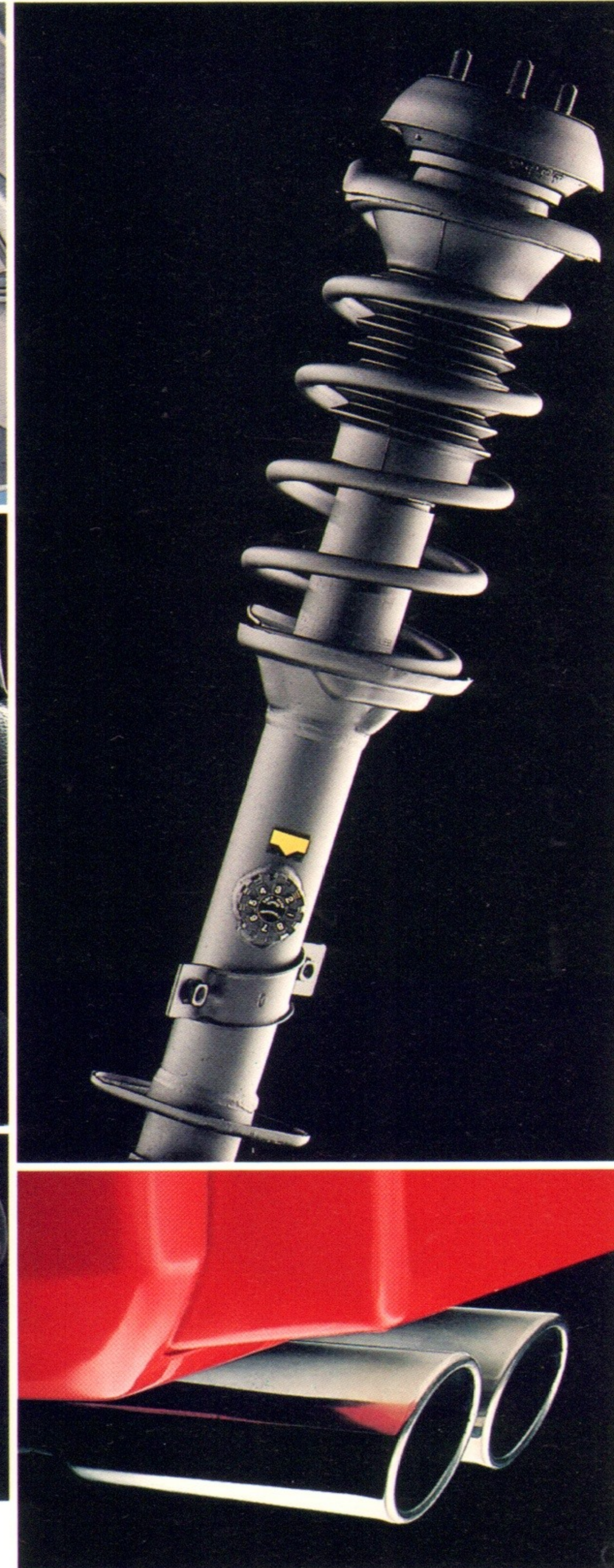


## Opening Remarks.

The glass sunroof, optional on Starion ESI-R, can be tilted up for interior ventilation, or completely removed and stowed for open air motoring. Split folding rear seats allow stowing of bulky items in the cargo area, and allow access to the cargo area without opening the hatch.

## Driving Convenience.

Stalk-mounted cruise control and washer/wiper functions are easy to reach so you can keep your attention on the road.



## Shock Treatment.

Part of the optional Sport Handling package on Starion ESI-R, the 8-way adjustable shock absorbers can be fine tuned to the driver's personal ride quality and performance targets.

## A Bright Idea.

Bright chrome dual tailpipes are a visual clue to the power lurking under the hood.



## Superb Grip.

Standard on Starion are 205/55VR16 front radial tires and 225/50VR16 rear radial tires mounted on 16x7 front and 16x8 rear aluminum alloy wheels. The optional Sport Handling package, available for Starion ESI-R, offers 225/50VR16 front and 245/45VR16 rear radial tires on 16x8 front and 16x9 rear aluminum alloy wheels with functional Aero wheel inserts that help keep the large 10"-plus vented disc brakes cool.

## Sporting Automatic.

The optional automatic 4-speed overdrive transmission, available for the Starion ESI-R, is a convenient alternative to the five-speed manual overdrive transmission\*. Put it in overdrive for maximum fuel economy on the highway.\*\* Or use the thumb-switch on the shifter handle to lock out overdrive when you need the continuing, consistent power of a lower gear.

\* Late availability on the 5-speed manual overdrive transmission.  
\*\* See EPA fuel economy figures in the specifications section.

## Road Tunes.

Starion ESI features an electronically tuned AM/FM stereo cassette with six speakers that will keep you humming down the road. Starion ESI-R offers an AM stereo/FM stereo cassette system with nine-frequency graphic equalizer and six speakers. An auxiliary set of radio controls is mounted on the steering wheel hub allowing wireless remote control operation of station seek, programmed station select, volume control, AM/FM select, and 20 db mute functions by means of an infra-red signal.

## Key Point.

For an added measure of security, Starion features a lockable fuel-filler door.

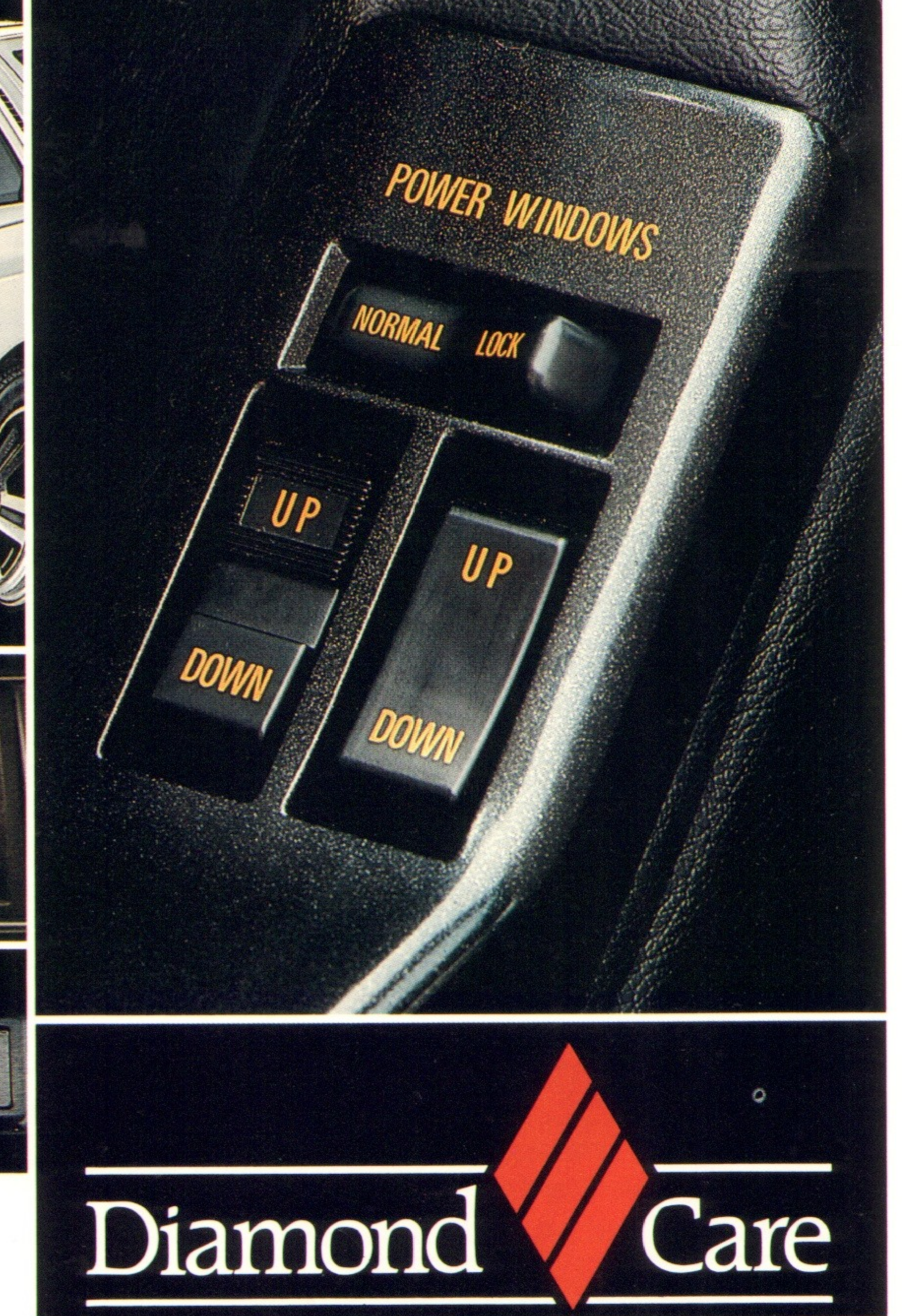


## Climate Control.

You can orchestrate a combination of fresh, heated or cooled air choices at the touch of a button with the fully electronic, automatic climate control system. It's standard on the Starion ESI-R, optional on the Starion ESI. Starion features a rear window wiper/washer, with the ESI-R offering the additional convenience of an intermittent mode and side mirror defroster.

## Remote Control.

Open the hatch and fuel-filler doors from the comfort of the driver's seat with the conveniently located remote hatch and fuel door releases.



## Power Play.

Power window controls are conveniently located in the arm rests for easy access.

## Diamond Care<sup>SM</sup>... Our Commitment to Quality.

Diamond Care<sup>SM</sup>, Mitsubishi's comprehensive new vehicle delivery program, ensures that your new Mitsubishi vehicle is thoroughly prepared, inspected and the features explained before you drive off. We even make sure that the gas tank is full before you leave. And Diamond Care does not end when you leave the dealership. After your first 1,000 miles, you are invited to return to have any problem caused by normal vehicle use taken care of absolutely free.



# S P E C I F I C A T I O N S

## Features & Options

	ESI	ESI-R
<b>MECHANICAL</b>		
2.6 liter, intercooled turbo engine	S	S
Oil cooler	S	S
5-speed manual overdrive transmission	S	S
4-speed overdrive automatic transmission	-	O
Limited slip differential	-	S
Power-assisted vented 4 wheel disc brakes	S	S
Rear Brake Lock-up Control System™	-	S
Stabilizer bar, front & rear	S	S
Power-assisted recirculating ball steering	S	S
Diamond Care <sup>SM</sup>	S	S
12-month/12,000-mile New Car Limited Warranty*	S	S
36-month/50,000-mile Powertrain Limited Warranty*	S	S
36-month/36,000-mile Electronics Limited Warranty*	S	S
5-year Anti-Corrosion Perforation Limited Warranty*	S	S
<b>INSTRUMENTATION &amp; CONTROLS</b>		
Tachometer, resettable tripmeter	S	S
Coolant temperature gauge	S	S
Voltmeter, Oil pressure gauge, Turbo boost gauge	S	S
Digital quartz clock	S	S
Warning lights: Brakes, Door/hatch ajar, Seatbelts, Low fuel, Low washer fluids, Rear window defroster "on," Cruise control "on," Theft protection device.	S	S
Electronically tuned AM/FM stereo/cassette/6 speakers	S	-
Electronically tuned AM stereo/FM stereo/cassette, graphic equalizer/6 speakers	-	S
Steering wheel-mounted audio controls	-	S
Power antenna, automatic raise & lower	-	S
Cruise control	S	S
ETACS IV™ controls	S	S
Speed-sensitive variable intermittent wipers, No-scrape washer/wiper action, Power windows, w/30-sec. power-off delay, Fadeout interior courtesy light, Parking brake "On" warning, Door ajar alarm, Ignition key lock light, Auto headlamp shut-off, Seat belt timer, (Rear wiper cycle, Power door lockout when key is in ignition and engine is off, Power door lock control on driver and passenger side and Side mirror defrosters on ESI-R only), Fasten seatbelt warning, Rear window defroster timer	S	S
Theft protection device	S	S
<b>SEATING &amp; TRIM</b>		
5-way adjustable bucket seats	S	S
Velour upholstery	S	S
Leather upholstery	-	O
Split fold-down rear seat	S	S
Cut pile carpeting, passenger area	S	S
Full carpeting, cargo area	S	S
Door map pockets	S	S
Large front armrests	S	S

	ESI	ESI-R
<b>COMFORT &amp; CONVENIENCE</b>		
Fully automatic heating/ventilation air conditioning w/ soft touch microprocessor controls	O	S
Power windows	S	S
Power mirrors	S	S
Power door locks	-	S
Passive restraint front shoulder belts	S	S
Height adjustable steering column	S	S
Leather wrapped steering wheel	-	S
Remote hatch, fuel filler, hood openers	S	S
Electric rear window defroster	S	S
Side window defoggers	S	S
2-speed wiper/washer w/speed sensitive intermittent	S	S
Dual sunvisors w/pocket on driver's side	S	S
Passenger-side visor vanity mirror	S	S
Lockable/illuminated glovebox	S	S
Large center console w/storage & armrest	S	S
Map lights	S	S
<b>VISIBILITY</b>		
Bronze tinted glass	S	S
Dark upper windshield band	-	S
Rear window tint band	S	S
Rear window wiper/washer	S	-
Rear window wiper/washer w/intermittent control	-	S
Tilt-up/lift-off sunroof	-	O
Power remote control dual mirrors	S	S
Electric defogging outside mirrors	-	S
Retractable halogen headlamps	S	S
Integrated halogen passing/fog lights	S	S
<b>EXTERIOR</b>		
Front air dam extension, Rear spoiler	S	S
Steel blister fender flares, Integrated side sill extensions	S	S
Integrated color-keyed bumpers	S	S
Locking fuel-filler door w/remote release	S	S
Dual tail pipe w/sports sound muffler	S	S
<b>WHEELS &amp; TIRES</b>		
16 x 7 front, 16 x 8 rear alloy wheels	S	S
205/55VR16 front, 225/50VR16 rear radial tires	S	S
Sport/Handling Package, includes: Adjustable shock absorbers; 225/50VR16 front, 245/45VR16 rear tires; 16 x 8 front, 16 x 9 rear alloy wheels with aero-styled wheel inserts.	-	O
<b>EXTERIOR COLORS/INTERIOR TRIM</b>		
Palermo Gray/Black	S	-
Selbia Black/Black	S	S
Selbia Black/Black, Beige	-	S
Summit White/Black, Beige	S	-
Rio Red/Black	S	S
Ascot Silver/Black	S	S

## Technical Specifications

<b>ENGINE</b>		
Model No. and Type	G54B, SOHC, 4-cylinder, inline w/intercooled turbocharger	
Bore & Stroke (in./mm.)	3.59 x 3.86/91.1 x 98.0	
Displacement (cu. in./c.c.)	156/2555	
Compression Ratio	7.0:1	
Horsepower @ rpm (BHP)	188 @ 5000	
Torque @ rpm (lb-ft)	234 @ 2500	
Induction Type	Electronic fuel injection	
Emission Control System	EGR, air induction, 3-way catalyst w/feedback control	
<b>CLUTCH</b>		
Clutch Type	Single-plate, dry; hydraulically actuated	
Diameter (in.)	9.5	
<b>TRANSMISSION RATIOS</b>		
5-Speed Manual Overdrive	1st/3.369, 2nd/2.035, 3rd/1.360, 4th/1.000, 5th/0.856, Rev/3.578	
4-Speed Automatic Overdrive	N/A 1st/2.458, 2nd/1.458, 3rd/1.000, 4th/0.686, Rev/2.182	
Final Drive Ratio	3.545	
<b>SUSPENSION</b>		
Front Type	Independent with struts, coil springs, shock absorbers, 0.83-in. stabilizer bar*	
Rear Type	Independent with struts, coil springs, shock absorbers, 0.75-in. stabilizer bar*	
<b>DIMENSIONS</b>		
Chassis/Body Construction	All steel unibody	
Wheelbase (in./mm.)	95.9/2435	
Overall Length (in./mm.)	173.2/4400	
Overall Width (in./mm.)	68.3/1735	
Overall Height (in./mm.)	50.2/1275	
Tread Width (in./mm.)	Front-57.7/1465 Rear-57.3/1455	
Head Room (in./mm.)	Front-36.6/930 Rear-35.4/900	
Shoulder Room (in./mm.)	Front-52.4/1330 Rear-51.2/1300	

<b>DIMENSIONS cont'd</b>		
Hip Room (in./mm.)	Front-53.2/1350	Rear-40.6/1030
Leg Room (in./mm.)	Front-40.8/1035	Rear-29.1/740
Cargo Capacity cu. ft. (EPA Index)	10.3	
<b>WEIGHTS</b>		
	ESI	ESI-R
Curb Weight (lbs./kg.)	2970/1347	5M-3036/1377 3A-3102/1407
<b>STEERING</b>		
Type	Recirculating ball, power-assisted	
Overall Steering Ratio	14:3:1	
Turning Circle, Curb to Curb (ft./m.)	31.5/9.6	
<b>BRAKES</b>		
Front	Power-assisted vented disc	
Rear	Power-assisted vented disc	
Diameter Front/Rear (in.)	10.8/10.4	
Total Brake Swept Area (sq. in.)	395.6	
<b>ELECTRICAL SYSTEM</b>		
Battery	12-volt. maintenance-free	
Ignition System	Electronic	
Alternator Rating (amps)	75	
<b>FUEL SYSTEM</b>		
Type Fuel Required	Unleaded (RON 95)	
Fuel Pump Type	Electronic	
Fuel Tank Capacity (U.S. gal.)	19.8	
<b>WHEELS &amp; TIRES</b>		
Wheel Size and Type	16 x 7J front, 16 x 8J rear, cast alloy	
Tire Size and Type	205/55VR16 front, 225/50VR16 rear Yokohama high performance steel belted radials	
Spare Tire Size and Type	Tempa-type	
<b>FUEL ECONOMY</b>		
Model	Engine/Trans.	Fed. Est. City Highway
Starion ESI	2.6/4A	18** 24**
Starion ESI-R	2.6/5M	18** 22**

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