

2014 Chevy SS to Hit Showrooms in Fall

The suggested retail price for the 2014 Chevrolet SS sports sedan is \$44,470, including a \$995 destination charge, Chevrolet officials have announced. Title and license fees are extra.

The SS goes on sale in the fourth quarter of 2013.

The SS will be subject to the gas guzzler tax. Pricing information will be updated when the charge is determined.

The U.S.-exclusive SS – Chevrolet's first rear-drive performance sedan since 1996 – comes in only one model, with a power-operated sunroof (\$900) and full-size spare tire (\$500) as the only options. The vehicle is based on GM's Zeta platform and is Chevy's first rear-wheel-drive V8 sedan since the Chevrolet Caprice.

"The all-new SS is engineered for performance enthusiasts who've been clamoring for a rear-wheel-drive sedan," said Chris Perry, vice president of Chevrolet Marketing.

"Adding the SS to the lineup further solidifies Chevrolet's position as America's best-selling performance-car brand that also includes the all-new 2014 Corvette Stingray and Camaro Z/28."

Standard equipment includes:

- High-intensity discharge headlamps with light-emitting diode daytime running lamps;
- Automatic Parking Assist;
- Chevrolet MyLink with a color touch screen and GPS-based navigation system;
- Bose premium audio system – including SiriusXM radio (with 12-month trial);
- Color head-up display and color driver information center dual-zone automatic climate control;
- Alloy pedal covers;
- Heated and ventilated front seats with memory;
- Side Blind Zone Alert and Lane Departure Warning;
- Rear-vision camera with rear park assist;

- Keyless access and push-button start.

The LS3 6.2L small-block V8 powers the SS, is SAE-certified at 415 horsepower and 415 lb.-ft. of torque, which helps it sprint from 0 to 60 mph in about five seconds, say GM officials.

It's matched with a six-speed automatic transmission that can be shifted manually using TAP-shift paddles mounted on the steering wheel.

The rear axle has an aggressive 3.27 ratio that GM says enhances the feeling of acceleration. Additional chassis and suspension features include:

- MacPherson strut front and multi-link independent rear suspension geometry;
- Electronic power steering system, optimized for sport driving;
- Standard Brembo front brakes, with ventilated, 14-inch two-piece rotors and four-piston calipers;
- Forged aluminum wheels, wrapped in ultra-high-performance Bridgestone tires



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with 19 x 8.5-inch wheels with 245/40ZR19 tires in front; 19 x 9-inch wheels with 275/35ZR19 tires at the rear.

Handling is also designed to be optimized with a nearly 50/50 weight distribution and a low center of gravity – attributes made possible in part by the aluminum hood and rear deck lid that are 30 percent lighter than traditional steel panels.

The SS will be available in five exterior colors – Mystic Green, Silver Ice Metallic, Red Hot 2, Phantom Black Metallic and Heron White.

All interiors will be Jet Black and feature sport front bucket seats.

Cruisin' Downriver Set for June 29

The 2013 Autopalooza is heading downriver.

This Saturday, June 29, the "14th Annual Cruisin' Downriver" cruise will take place as part of this year's Autopalooza.

The event's route is Fort Street from Sibley Road to Outer Drive through the cities of Lincoln Park, Riverview, Southgate and Wyandotte. Or – for those who want a shorter route – just Fort Street from Sibley Road to Outer Drive from Riverview to Wyandotte.

The cruise will begin at 10 a.m. The Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber of Commerce (SWCRCC) expects more than 500,000 car buffs and enthusiasts to line Fort Street in hopes of getting a sneak peek at their dream car.

There is no registration fee for the cruise itself.

Preferred access to the cruise route is Southfield Freeway, but other access will be permitted.

Each city on the route will enforce a strict code of conduct to

ensure public safety. Speeding, drag racing, hole shots or laying rubber will not be tolerated.

Violators will be ticketed and removed from the cruise.

Unless otherwise marked, the two curb lanes of northbound and southbound Fort Street will be designated for the cruise.

Since Fort Street will remain open for other traffic, the traffic signals will remain operational and must be observed.

To help get things started, the SWCRCC is holding a "Cruisin' Downriver After Business 'Ours'" get-together on June 27, at Smokies Restaurant and Bar at 3131 Third Street in Wyandotte, starting at 5:30 p.m.

The event is scheduled to last about two hours and there will be food, drink, door prizes and opportunities for networking. Attendees are urged to wear 1950s attire and it is open to the public.

There will be a cost – \$5 for chamber members, \$15 non-members. For more information, call 734-284-6000.

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