

# 2014 Cadillac CTS Crowned Motor Trend Car of the Year

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car to really compete on that level,” Caldwell said. “This award is a nice landmark on the CTS’s journey to becoming a world-class automobile.”

Caldwell said *Motor Trend*’s Car of the Year program is open to any all-new or substantially upgraded 2014 automobile. Rather than being compared against one another, contending vehicles are first put through *Motor Trend*’s full battery of performance tests to measure acceleration, braking, and limit handling.

All contenders are then evaluated on three separate courses at a professional automotive test center before finalists are selected. Out of 22 contending 2014 models, *Motor Trend*’s judges picked seven Car of the Year finalists, in addition to the Cadillac CTS:

- BMW 4 Series;
- Mazda3;
- Chevrolet Corvette;
- Mazda6;
- Jaguar F-Type;
- Mercedes-Benz S-Class;
- Kia Forte.

Each finalist is then driven on a real-world road loop that provides a range of surfaces and traffic conditions to evaluate ride and handling, engine and transmission smoothness and responsiveness, wind and road noise, and ergonomics.

In the final phase of Car of the Year, *Motor Trend* judges debate and evaluate each vehicle against the award’s six key criteria.

After 10 full days of testing, driving and deliberating, *Motor Trend* selected the CTS as its Car of the Year for the second time in six years.

In its public announcement, *Motor Trend* editors stated that the CTS “beat out 21 other vehicles in almost two weeks of testing. So, how’d the Caddy drive away with the award? By excelling in all six of our Car of the Year criteria: Advancement in Design, Engineering Excellence, Efficiency, Safety, Value, and Performance of Intended Function.

“The 2014 CTS is the second CTS to get the Car of the Year nod, with the last-generation model driving home with the Golden Calipers in 2008. The 2014 CTS faced stiff competition, with the BMW 5 Series and Mercedes-Benz E-Class also 2014 Car of the Year contenders.

“Cadillac’s Art and Science design language – deemed dead by critics well into the first-genera-

tion CTS’ production run – continues to be as relevant as ever, and we expect the new car’s design to stay contemporary well into the future.

“As for Engineering Excellence, the 2014 CTS shows just what Cadillac’s engineers are capable of when given the resources to develop a chassis of their own. Riding on the Alpha platform that debuted on last year’s ATS, the CTS rides on a composed and tossable chassis that’s significantly lighter than its segment rivals, which also helps give it the edge in efficiency.

“Further helping the efficiency and engineering excellence arguments are the CTS’s three available powertrains: a 2.0-liter turbocharged I-4, a 3.6-liter V6, and a twin-turbo 3.6-liter V6. While the turbo-four uses a six-speed automatic, the V6s get a new eight-speed automatic transmission. Cadillac also offers the CTS in rear- or all-wheel drive.”

“The all-new 2014 Cadillac CTS sedan delivers crafted design, thrilling performance and sophisticated technology,” said Bob Ferguson, General Motors senior vice president of Global Cadillac. “With Cadillac growing globally, driven by rising product credibility, the new CTS elevates the brand to a new level.”

The 2014 CTS is also the first Cadillac vehicle to receive the brand’s eight-speed automatic, Ferguson said. Pricing starts at \$46,025, including a \$925 destination charge.

Since the first *Motor Trend* Car of the Year was awarded to the Cadillac brand in 1949, Cadillac has won the title three additional times – for the full brand again in 1952, with the 1992 Seville Touring Sedan, and with the second-generation CTS sedan in 2008.

## Library to Host Concert Pianist

The Warren Public Library is sponsoring a performance by concert pianist Deborah Wyndham on Monday, Dec. 16, at 6 p.m. in the Civic Center conference room in city hall.

Wyndham will perform in a variety of musical stylings, including classical, jazz and ragtime. She will also play her own arrangements of traditional and popular holiday pieces.

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