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Volvo R-range receives new AWD system, automatic transmission

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TORONTO (July 4, 2005) – The high-performance Volvo S60 R and V70 R vehicles will be equipped with the next-generation all-wheel drive system with Instant Traction, and a new 6-speed automatic transmission for 2006.

The electronically-controlled AWD with Instant Traction is designed to distribute engine power to the rear wheels faster from a standstill. First seen on the 2006 XC90 V8, AWD with Instant Traction is now available with every 2006 Volvo vehicle.

A new 6-speed automatic transmission is also new for 2006. The new 6-speed is able to accommodate the engine's full 295 lb.-ft. of torque, replacing last year's 5-speed automatic.

V70 R vehicles will also be equipped with a new 12-volt outlet in the luggage area.

The 300-horsepower S60 R and V70 R, with a 2.5-litre, high pressure turbocharged 5-cylinder engine and 6-speed manual transmission, has a manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP) of \$60,620 and \$61,620, respectively. The new 6-speed automatic transmission adds \$1,500 to the price.

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