EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Csaba Csere EXECUTIVE EDITOR Tony Swan MANAGING EDITOR Steve Spence ART DIRECTOR

Jeffrey Dworin TECHNICAL DIRECTOR Frank Markus EDITORS AT LARGE Patrick Bedard John Phillips **Barry Winfield Brock Yates**

COPY CHIEF

Patricia Eldridge Maki TECHNICAL EDITORS **Larry Webster**

Aaron Robinson ASSOCIATE ART DIRECTOR **Tom Cosgrove**

> ASSOCIATE EDITOR **Daniel Pund**

ROAD-TEST EDITOR André Idzikowski

ONLINE SERVICES EDITOR **Brad Nevin**

PRODUCTION EDITOR Juli Burke

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Susan Mathews

COPY EDITOR

Cora L. Weber

ASSISTANT ART DIRECTOR Daniel V. Winter

> **OVERSEAS** CORRESPONDENTS

Ray Hutton Yasushi Ishiwatari Peter Lyon

Peter Robinson CONTRIBUTING EDITORS

Jerry Garrett Fred M.H. Gregory Larry Griffin Alex Law, Dan Neil

Arthur St. Antoine Jim Scoutten Don Sherman, Bob Zeller

CONTRIBUTING ARTISTS **Rich Chenet David Dewhurst**

Richard Dole, Tom Drew Pippa Garner, Ken Hanna Don Hunter, Dick Kelley Aaron Kiley, Bill Neale Bernie Solo, Mike Valente

RECEPTIONIST

Mary Ann Frendo-Pickney

ROAD WARRIORS

Dana Barton Brock Husby Dave Vander Werp

Robin Warner INTERN

Jared Gall

Cover photography by Stan Papior

VOLUME 46. NUMBER 11 2001

ROAD TESTS

48 COVER STORY: SUNSHINE MISSIONARIES Chevrolet Camaro Z28, Chrysler Sebring Limited, Ford Mustang GT, Mitsubishi Eclipse Spyder GT, Toyota Camry Solara SLE. - Tony Swan

PREVIEW: 2002 PORSCHE 911 GT2 66 Porsche produces a politically incorrect screamer. - Tony Swan

71 **AUDIS8**

An 'S' for super. As in super Audi duty. - John Phillips

MERCEDES-BENZ S600 77 Very pricey, but it includes an electronic chauffeur. -Frank Markus

PREVIEW: 2002 INFINITI Q45 82 How to get to that fancy soirée in six seconds. -Barry Winfield

2002 ISUZU AXIOM XS 4WD 87 Another Isuzu design from Planet 10. - Aaron Robinson

PREVIEW: 2002 MERCEDES C230 117 KOMPRESSOR SPORTS COUPE Say what? A cloth-upholstered Mercedes? - Daniel Pund

SPECIALTY FILE: 122 HARTGE H50 V-8 E46 How do you get eight into three? Crib the answer from Mr. Hartge. —Barry Winfield

SHORT TAKE: FORD FOCUS ZX8 126 Go slow, have fun. -Larry Webster





FEATURES

THE GREEN BRIGADE 105 Three 'supercars' you can't drive—even though you're paying for them now. - Aaron Robinson

THE DROWNING POOL 129 A school in Holland will teach you how to survive driving into the drink. -Zoltan Scrivener

LONG-TERM PORSCHE 911 CARRERA 140 Just your average 170-mph daily driver. $-Csaba\ Csere$

M1A1 ABRAMS MAIN BATTLE TANK 147 Acquiring empowerment that Deepak Chopra just wouldn't understand. -Tony Assenza

SPORT: A YANKEE IN KING BERNIE'S COURT 156 Can Bobby Rahal restore Jaguar's racing aura? Well, he can't hurt it. - Jerry Garrett





"Okay, quick, let's see a show of hands: Who wants to sing with Elton John and Eminem at next year's **Grammy Awards?!"**

COLUMNS

THE STEERING COLUMN Wine bottles and SUVs. -Csaba Csere

BACKFIRES Boattail Chryslers, copycats, SUV controversy. 16

24 The tires of summer just say no to winter.

BROCK YATES A shocker notion about seatbelts. 32 35

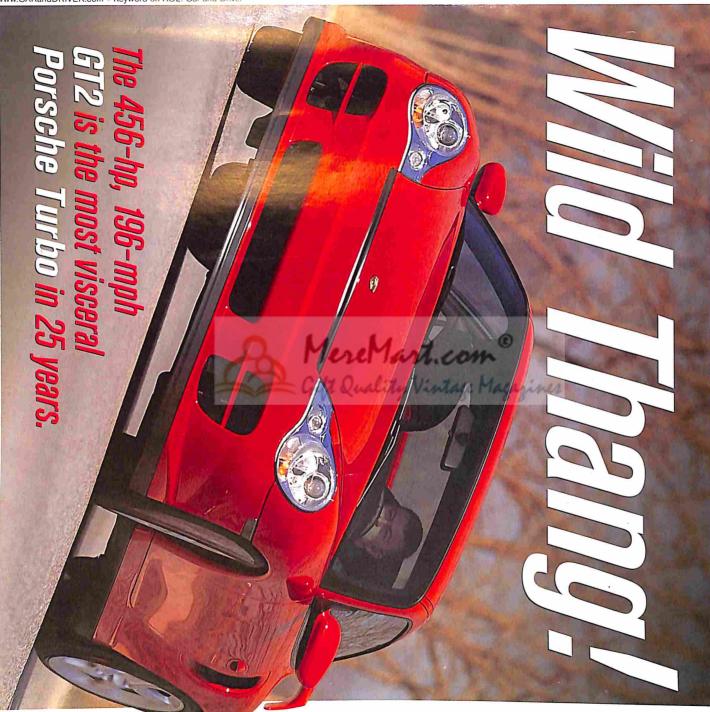
UPFRONT Tragedy sells, screamer Subaru, All Pimp stuff. ROAD TEST DIGEST 154

175

LAST PAGE Nanomobiles. -Pippa Garner

COMPARED: 5

MAY 2001 • CANADA \$4.99 UK £2.95 US \$3.99



TESTS: Audi S8, Ford Fo EW: Infiniti Q45, Merce US: Underwater driver

18

965065#9 -RT

#BXBBGKR****CAR

lest.

LOT**C010

AUG 01 ME14 #1188 55343-1903

NX NA T SCHREINER 1417 CAMBRIDGE HOPKINS

00.

gon.

03915