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they've got is a Chevy Blazer." I pressed the accelerator and the chase was on. "Take that left up ahead," my companion navigated. And soon we were on an old rocky cart path.

Our Outback, with its Subaru All-Wheel Driving System, easily handled this unforgiving terrain. But thanks to its optimally tuned suspension, our rocky

passage felt more like a freshly paved road. Still, the pesky vermin proved difficult to shake. What could they be after? Suddenly, I realized that it must be the Outback itself. After all, how many vehicles have more cargo space than a Honda Passport,\* more driver headroom than a Jeep Cherokee, ground clearance like a Ford Explorer,<sup>†</sup> plus the riding comfort and fuel economy of a passenger car? Indeed, the world's first sport-utility wagon

would make quite a prize. With escape in mind, we found our way onto a winding mountain road, our pursuers still just a stone's throw away. We soon met with a particularly tight turn, which tested the limits of our stability. Our Outback's lower

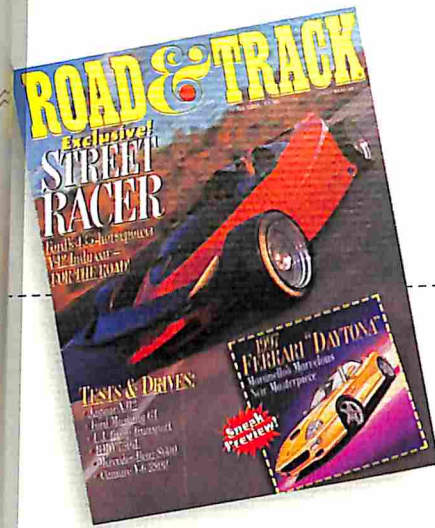
#### COMPARE THE SUBARU OUTBACK.\*

	Subaru Outback	Jeep Grand Cherokee	Ford Explorer	Chevrolet Blazer	Honda Passport
Fuel Economy (mpg)	20/26	15/20	15/20	16/21	15/18
Front Headroom	40.2"	38.9"	39.9"	39.6"	38.0"
Front Legroom	43.1"	40.9"	42.4"	42.5"	42.5"

1996 EPA estimate. \*Subaru Outback 4LE†Cruiser 201Hw. 26. Use for comparison only. Your actual mileage may vary.

center of gravity handled it with nary a problem. Our rivals, following in their Chevy Blazer, fared less well. So we drove on, safe for the moment, but keenly aware that other adventures might await us down the road. Join our exploits. Pop in for a test-drive at your Subaru dealer or call 1-800-WANT-AWD.

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This month, Detroit Editor Ken Zino's mammoth efforts have paid off: He has driven Ford's answer to all the exotics that came before—the V-12 Indigo supercar. V-12 devotees will also want to pay special attention to our do-it-yourself comparison of ultimate-luxury sedans, comprising a Road Test of Jaguar's XJ12 and First Drives of the Mercedes-Benz S600 and BMW 750iL. Adrenaline fans won't want to miss another R&T first: a full test of Disneyland's Indiana Jones Adventure Troop Transport, angry gods and all.

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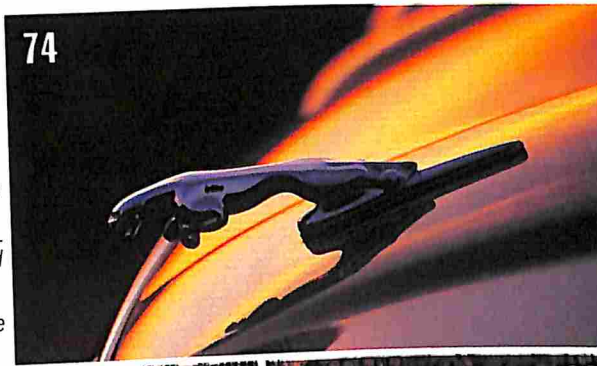
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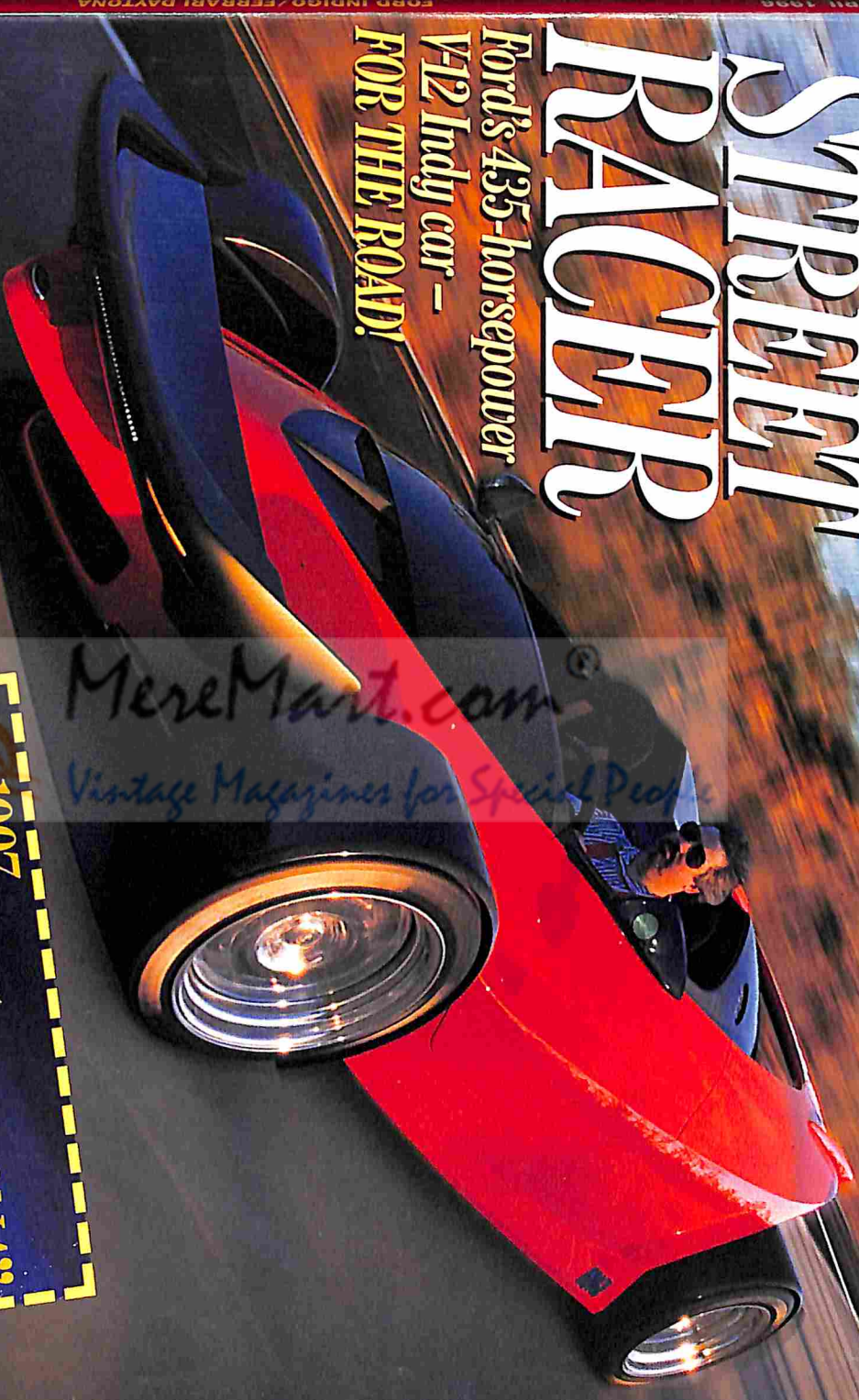
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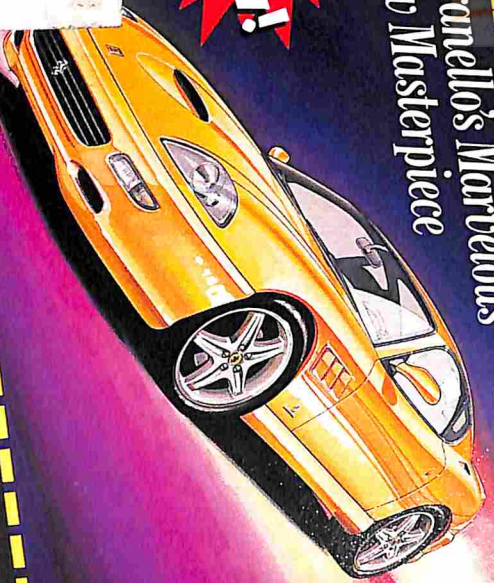


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- Ford Mustang GT
- I.J. Troop Transport
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- Mercedes-Benz S600
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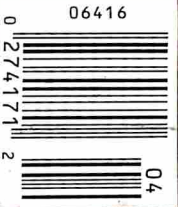
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