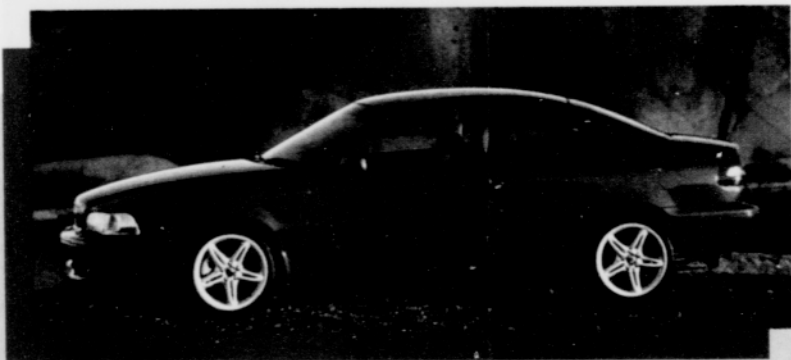


# FIRST IMPRESSIONS



1998 Volvo C70

It is also the first of Ford's vehicles to offer "de-powered" airbags deploying at a reduced force. The leather seats and wood-trim are set in a roomy, comfortable interior. And this full-sized SUV is loaded with amenities. The Navigator's base price is just under \$40,000.

*By Jacqueline Mitchell*



1998 Lincoln Navigator



Interior of Subaru Forester

## All-New 1998 Subaru Forester

The Subaru Forester is the newest "hybrid" sport-utility-vehicle (SUV) to hit dealers' showrooms as a 1998 model. Taking cues from the Honda CR-V and Toyota RAV4, the Forester is more like a car than a truck. Built off the same platform as the Impreza small car, the Forester is powered by the 2.5-liter, 4-cylinder engine used in the larger Legacy passenger car. It also comes standard with the same full-time, all-wheel-drive system found on all Subaru products. The Forester is on sale now with a base price of under \$20,000.

*By Adam Dixon*

## Re-Designed 1998 Altima

The Altima comes equipped with a 2.4-liter, 4-cylinder engine, delivering a spirited 150 horsepower. The 5-speed manual transmission makes this car really fun to drive. Altima's starting price is \$14,990.

*By Marc Battle*



1998 Nissan Altima

## All-New 1998 Volvo C70

For those who desired the safety features of a Volvo, but snubbed the boxy, tank-like appearance, here's something for you. The all-new Volvo C70 is so, well, un-Volvo. Sculpted curves and defined body lines combine for an attractive two-door coupe. But as pleasing as it is to look at, it is as fun to drive. It packs a turbocharged 5-cylinder in-line all-aluminum engine

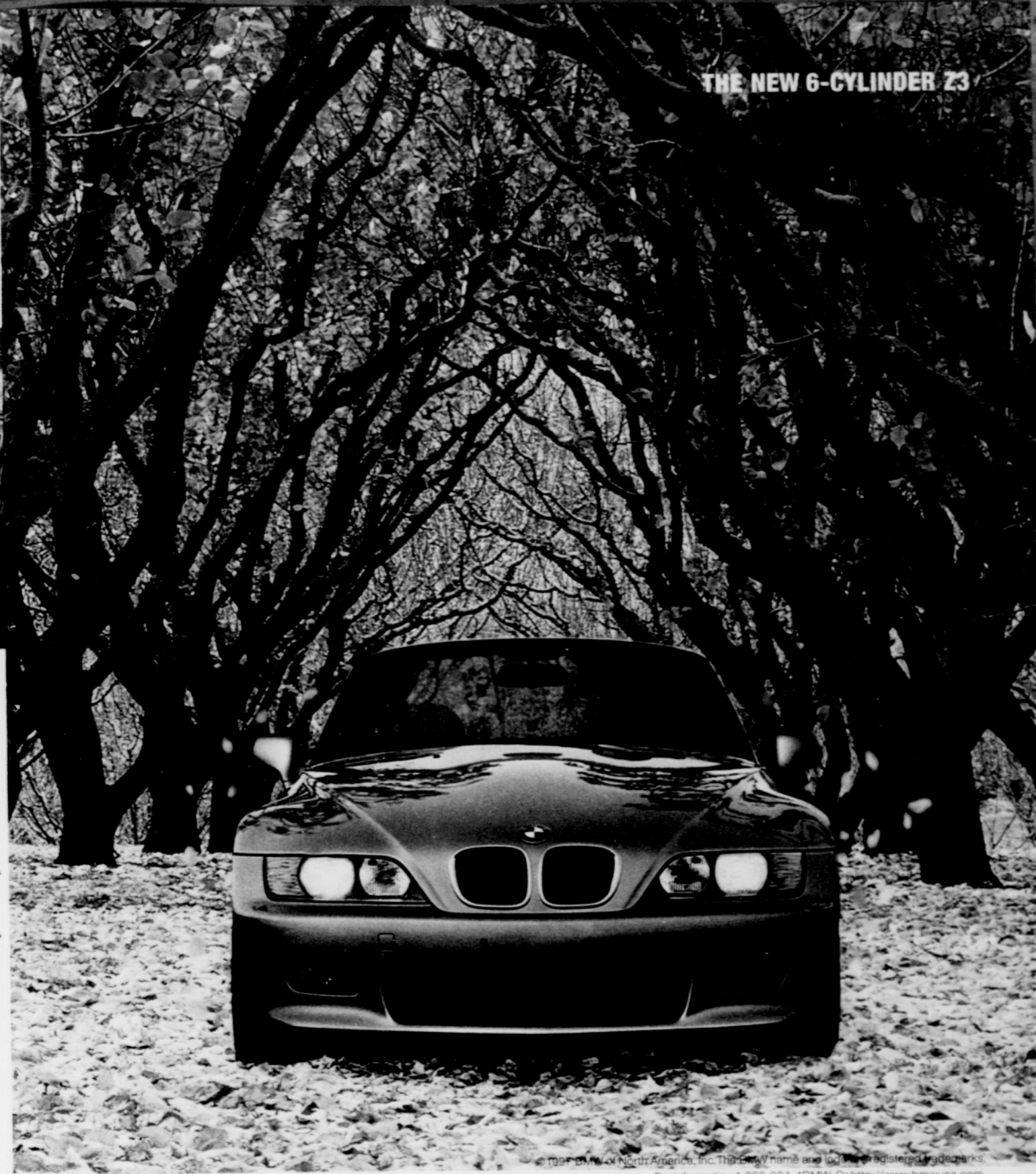
with double overhead camshafts and 20 valves. Safety isn't sacrificed -- a trademark of this Swedish automaker -- as Volvo loads all of the latest safety technology on the C70. Volvo is aiming this coupe at men, but women may like it too. The rear-seat offers ample leg-room for two passengers, and the trunk accommodates an abundance of items, including a stroller. The C70's base price is \$38,995.

*By Jacqueline Mitchell*

## All-New 1998 Lincoln Navigator

Lincoln, Ford's luxury car division, is going after the baby boomer generation with a passion. This rebellious group redefined luxury as an upscale sport-utility-vehicle (SUV). Lincoln's response: The Navigator, an upscale cousin to Ford's full-size Expedition SUV. Powered by a 5.4-liter, V8 engine boasting 230 horsepower, the Navigator is exceptionally quiet for an SUV.

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