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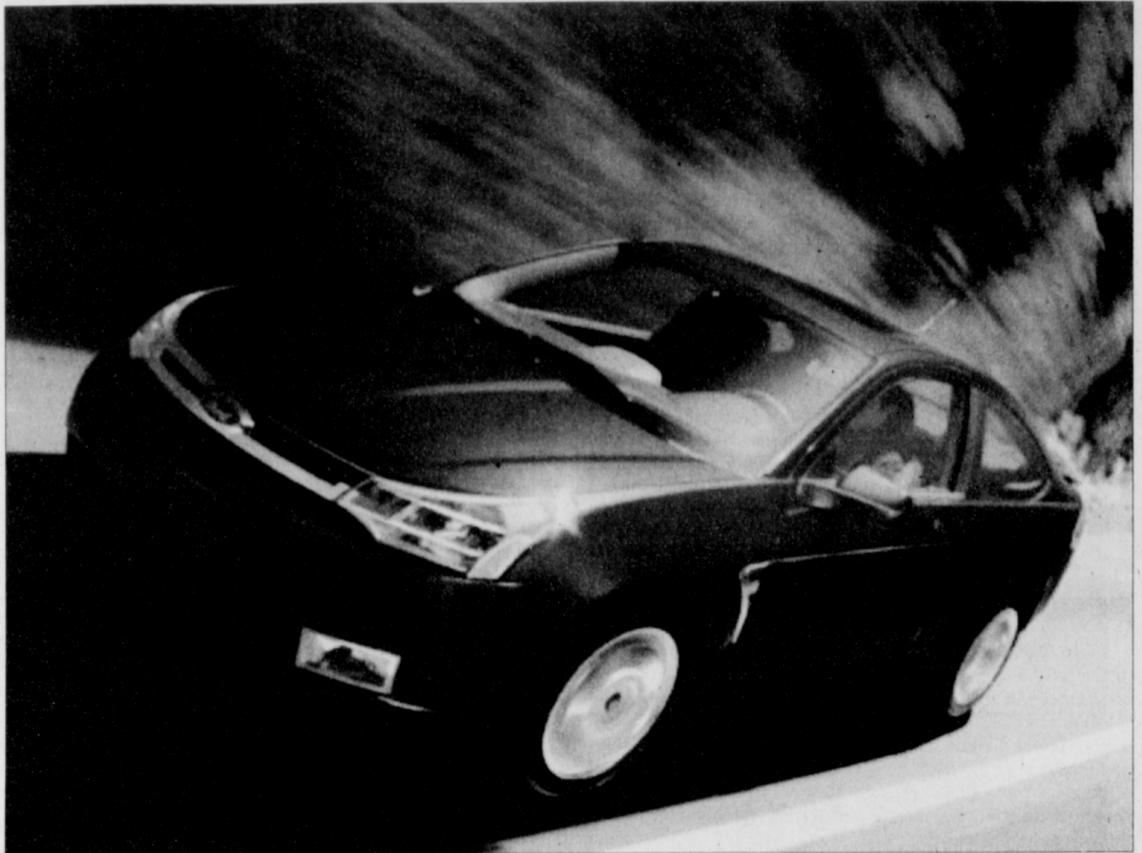
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# Portland Observer Auto Review

## 2008 Ford Focus 2 Door Coupe SES

### Focus connects MPG & MP3s

By KATHLEEN CARR

Transportation, recreation, communication. Three concepts, formerly distinct, but lately related, as the lines blur between work and play, home and away. Originally, cars were conveyances, something to get us from place to place. But increasingly,

### News and reviews on new motor vehicles

that view of auto as rolling appliance is being crowded out by a different take.

Ford has reworked the Focus for 2008, giving it new styling inside and out but maintaining the same platform and basic size. The new design shares a family look with Ford's other cars, distinguished by a two-bar version of the company's characteristic razor blade-like grille. The new, 2008 Ford Focus comes in four-door sedan and two-door coupe body styles. (Wagon and hatchback body styles are not offered.)

The big news for 2008 is the introduction of Ford's new SYNC™ entertainment and communications system. Developed with Microsoft, SYNC™ provides a hands-free link to cell phones and MP3 players through a series of voice commands. It recognizes your cell phone's address book. It can even read text messages to occupants through the stereo system. It's an amazing system and Ford appears to be ahead of everyone else in this area.

While expounding about the sound, we shouldn't lose sight of light. Another new addition to

the option sheet is programmable, LED powered ambient lighting. Lights in the cup holders and foot wells can be set to glow in seven different shades.

Newly standard on all Focus models are a standard input jack for your MP3 player, ice blue instrument backlighting, driver and front passenger side impact and side curtain air bags, air conditioning and a tire pressure monitoring system.

Ford has outfitted the Focus with its 140-hp, 2.0-liter Duratec four-cylinder for better fuel economy. With the manual transmission the Focus gets an EPA-rated 24/35 mpg City/Highway. With the automatic, it gets a healthy 24/33mpg. The 2.0-liter is competitive with most engines in this class. It has decent power for most needs, but passing maneuvers will require plenty of space.

The 2008 Ford Focus Coupe is a front-wheel drive vehicle with a traditional suspension setup for its class -- an independent MacPherson strut front with control blade rear suspension. The SES Coupe also has a rear stabilizer bar, an option for the mid-

range SE. All Focus Coupes have hydraulic gas pressurized shock absorbers, power rack-and-pinion steering and front-vented, rear-drum brakes. An anti-lock braking system with traction control is optional and recommended.

As in the past, the Focus handles well. We experienced lots of road feel with little body lean in corners while driving the top-line SES with it's a sportier suspension. That road feel can make the ride a bit harder than some might prefer, but it isn't harsh and we appreciated the handling response.

These are tough times for compact cars. Japanese makes have set the bar high for reliability and quality. And the increasingly tech savvy group of buyers who dominate the segment often have the proverbial champagne taste and a beer budget. Ford deserves credit for rolling their new SYNC™ feature all the way across their model line. It's given a good little car like the new Focus the means to attract attention in a segment full of fine competitors.

The 2008 Ford Focus SES, amps up the cool factor with the SYNC™ entertainment and communications system, ambient interior lighting, respectable fuel economy and a reasonable sticker price.



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