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Specifications: 4.4.69L 3V OHC V8 Engine; 5-speed manual transmission; 15 city, 23 highway; \$34705.00 MRSP

### 2008 Ford Mustang GT Coupe Premium

BY KATHLEEN CARR

The Ford Mustang is the longest surviving of the affordable breed of classic American muscle cars. The Mustang GT comes with a 300-hp V8 and is an absolute hoot to drive, making all the right sounds, hanging onto corners tenaciously, and delivering thrilling acceleration performance. The American pony car has never been better than the current Mustang GT.

The current Mustang is fast and agile, more so than any past Mustangs. It delivers the bold styling, rear-drive performance and affordability that have been Mustang hallmarks for decades, but it's smoother and quieter and better built than older models. The Mustang GT will run 0-60 mph in about 5.5 seconds. The three-valve-per-cylinder V8 engine features both variable camshaft timing and electronic throttle control. If you order ABS, you automatically get traction control, which has a dash-mounted off switch for special situations, including drag racing.

The GT Premium coupe starts at (\$27,020) adds a 500-watt six-disc CD changer and Aberdeen leather-trimmed sport seats to the standard equipment. Not much change in the interior from the past. Although Ford offers an optional color-changeable instrument panel display, with 125 color schemes to choose from. The front bucket seats are comfortable, supportive and retentive in hard cornering.

The Ford Mustang GT looks and feels like an all-American car, it just one of those nostalgic cars in time that has been able to out last technology. It's quick and fun to drive and offers combination of style, performance, and handling that's hard to beat for the price.

**REDISCOVER**  
BINGO HALLS  
AS THEY GO SMOKEFREE  
BY JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2009

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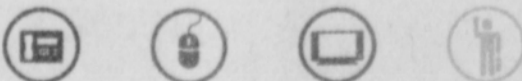
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