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News and reviews on new motor vehicles

2010 Ford Edge Sport AWD

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The 2010 Edge has a solid foundation. It has ample room for five passengers, plus a cabin that is class-leading in terms of comfort and noise isolation. Its chassis is stout, providing an agreeable balance between ride and handling. It can also be packed with an abundance of standard and optional equipment, including Ford's latest Sync and Sirius Travel Link technologies, which aren't offered by other manufacturers.

The 2010 Ford Edge is powered by a 3.5-liter V6 that produces 265 horsepower and 250 pound-feet of torque. A six-speed automatic transmission is standard. All trim levels come standard with front-wheel drive, and all but the SE can be equipped with all-wheel drive.

All Edge models include the latest family-vehicle safety features, including front-seat side

airbags, side-curtain bags, anti-lock brakes and Ford's AdvanceTrac with Roll Stability Control. The Edge also has done especially well in crash tests and was a Top Safety Pick from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

A next-generation navigation system is optional on the Edge, as is Sirius Travel Link, a subscription-based service that brings live traffic and weather conditions, along with other information like gas prices. Other standout options on the Edge include a power liftgate; a panoramic-style Vista Roof and Ford's Sync system (standard on Limited and Sport), a voice-activated interface for Bluetooth hands-free calling and access to personal media players, including iPods.

The Sport Premium Package adds the Leather Comfort Package equipment plus



Tested Vehicle Specifications: 3.5L V6 engine; Automatic overdrive transmission; 15 city mpg, 22 highway mpg; MSRP \$38,985



driver memory functions, heated mirrors and a power liftgate. The Edge has an option of 22-inch wheels, which also come with a unique suspension tune. Features that add to the Edge are telescoping steering wheel, numerous storage bins and reclining rear seats help make up for the Edge's shortcomings. Without the power feature, the Edge's rear hatch can be hard for shorter drivers to close, but cargo capacity is a respectable 32 cubic feet with the backseat in use. Folding down the second row opens up a not-so-flat cargo floor and a max capacity of 69 cubes.

The Ford Edge offers striking styling. The Edge is a far more efficient vehicle than a traditional SUV. Opt for all-wheel drive and you've got a great all-year-round car as well. Some criticize the Edge for not having three rows of seats but that fact makes for a much more practical and pleasant five-seater.



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Latino Theatre Makes Impact

Art Beat explores local venue

Over 25 years ago, Jose Gonzales and Danel Malan moved to Portland and wondered why there wasn't much work for Latino and Latina actors. They took matters into their own hands and created a theater company called Miracle Theater Group or Milagro.

Oregon Art Beat, Oregon Public Broadcasting's local arts series, visits the southeast Portland theater during its regular broadcast on Thursday, Oct. 29 at 8 p.m.

Viewers will see how Portland's oldest Latino theater presents plays and develops educational outreach programs in both Spanish and English.



Milagro Theater is located at 525 S.E. Stark St.

Miracle's efforts have impacted the community with many positive results and through the successful development of a variety of artistic programs; it has given a promi-

nent voice to issues affecting the local and national Hispanic community.

The organization's dedication to the Hispanic arts and community has introduced a host of new performers, opportunities, and diverse artists to the local arts scene.

Miracle's aggressive outreach initiatives serve the underprivileged, at-risk youth, and under-served communities and individuals throughout the Northwest. Miracle has also utilized its artistic capacity and resources to collaborate with local and regional human and social service agencies to assist them in addressing important issues impacting health, education and cultural sensitivity.

Day of the Dead Parade

Sunday, Nov. 1 is an opportunity to celebrate, pay tribute to, or mourn those you have loved and lost. Dia de los Muertos or Day of Dead has been celebrated all over the world for the past 3,000 years.

In Portland, the festivities will include a parade, starting at 3 p.m. on Southwest Fourth Avenue and Yamhill Street in front of Pioneer Mall and proceeding down Fourth into Old Town, stopping in front of Someday Lounge where a celebration takes place Sunday, from 1:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The event at Someday will begin with altar building and sugar skull decorating in remembrances for loved ones. Guest artists will help with the decorations. Traditional hot chocolate, movies and fresh tamales are also planned.

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De La Salle North Catholic High School da la bienvenida a los estudiantes de la escuela secundaria y a sus familias a nuestra casa abierta. Únase con nosotros y descubra lo que le ofrece nuestro colegio preparatorio urbano. Obtenga más información acerca de nuestro programa de trabajos corporativos, alumnado diverso y nuestra matrícula asequible.

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