



 **VUE**

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Saturn VUE. A new perspective on the SUV.





• What do you like about SUVs? • What don't you like? • How do you plan to use one? • Where would you like to go? • We asked people a lot of questions when we set out to design the Saturn VUE, because we wanted it to be more than just another SUV. • We learned that people like the interior room but not the exterior bulk that makes traditional SUVs hard to park, difficult to get in and out of, and awkward to maneuver in traffic. • People also said they like the off-road capability but they really didn't intend to power their way up rock piles or jump a dry wash in Baja. • And almost all said they'd prefer an SUV that was fuel efficient, environmentally sensible and well equipped with safety features. And a couple more things: how about throwing in some extra comfort and convenience inside and a ride that wasn't so bumpy? • So we designed the VUE their way. Plenty of room, without the bulk. Strong but not muscle-bound. Fuel efficient and conscious of the environment. Safe and smooth riding. • The VUE could have been just another SUV. But then it wouldn't have been a Saturn.





VUE family. SUV translated four ways.

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VUE environment. The nature of our design.

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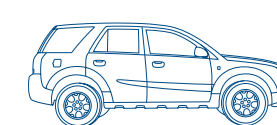
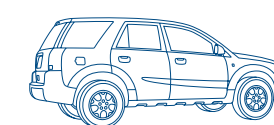
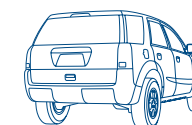
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VUE color and trim. Stunning in any environment.

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VUE specs. All the dirt on our SUV.

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FWD 4



AWD 4



FWD V6



AWD V6



FWD 4 Front-wheel drive with an Ecotec™ 2.2-liter, inline-four-cylinder engine and five-speed manual transmission (VTi variable transmission also available). Our entry-level SUV with a long list of standard features, including electric power steering, electronic throttle control, air conditioning, four-speaker AM/FM stereo, 16-inch wheels, integrated roof rails, rear cargo organizer, fold-down rear seatbacks with 70/30 split and fold-flat front passenger seat to accommodate long loads.

AWD 4 All-wheel drive with an Ecotec 2.2-liter, inline-four-cylinder engine. Beyond the same set of standard features found on our FWD 4, the AWD 4 offers some additional technological innovations including a VTi variable transmission that constantly adjusts gear ratios for smooth, seamless acceleration. The AWD 4 configuration delivers an EPA-estimated 21 miles per gallon in town, 26 on the freeway.

FWD V6* Front-wheel drive with the powerful 3.0-liter, 181-horsepower, V6 engine and a five-speed automatic transmission. Standard features include 16-inch steel wheels, six-speaker AM/FM stereo with CD player and foglamps. Plus a package that features power windows, door locks and sideview mirrors; remote keyless entry system; cruise control; map lights; and an auto-dimming mirror with compass and outdoor temperature gauge. You can also upgrade with the available Advanced Audio System and optional Leather Appointments.

AWD V6 All-wheel drive teamed up with a powerful 3.0-liter, 181-horsepower, V6 engine and a five-speed automatic transmission with a 2,500 pound towing capacity.** In addition to the traction capabilities of all-wheel drive, you get all the features of the FWD V6 described above, but you're upgraded to 16-inch alloy wheels.

*FWD V6 not available at start of production. **Maximum trailer weight ratings are calculated assuming a base vehicle, except for any option(s) necessary to achieve the rating, plus the driver. The weight of other optional equipment, passengers and cargo will reduce the maximum trailer weight your vehicle can tow. See your Saturn retailer for details.



Rugged but with the heart of a Saturn. Saturn engineers worked hard to make the VUE a solid environmental citizen. Along with providing aggressive lines, every dent-resistant polymer bodyside panel is 100% recyclable. Each VUE is also painted with an advanced waterborne process that dramatically cuts manufacturing emissions. All of which means the VUE can help you enjoy more of our planet while using less of it. Of course, some of what you see was designed merely to beautify your own environment. Take a look at the roof rails; they blend smoothly into the roofline. And the clamshell hood covers the tops of the fenders to add to the VUE's unique appearance.



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Optional equipment shown.



No bending, stretching or contorting required. The VUE has a full eight inches of ground clearance to handle dirt roads or potholed streets yet provides a modest step-in height for you to easily negotiate. In fact, everything about the VUE has been designed to fit how and where you'll use it. For instance, the VUE's bumpers are rugged but set at a car-friendly height. The hood opens wide to offer full access to an engine compartment that has been equally well thought out. You'll find fluid containers positioned for easy reach and dipsticks that are color coded to lessen confusion. We've also chosen cartridge oil filters that are simpler to change than spin-on types. Smart ergonomics continue around the back where the entire cargo area is revealed by a rear liftgate that can be opened with one hand. Grab-style door handles and wide door openings welcome you into an interior that is both comfortable and practical. Switches, buttons and knobs are easy to see, understand and reach from the height-adjustable driver's seat. And there's plenty of hip room, shoulder room and headroom for everyone. The rear seats even recline for added comfort. While you're adding comfort, add Leather Appointments with heated front seats and lumbar support. You'll get leather-trimmed seats as well as a leather-wrapped automatic shifter and steering wheel. This option, which requires the available Power Package, is shown in the foldout photo across the page. As you see, this SUV was built around you.





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Spacious interior—A four-way adjustable driver's seat and adjustable steering wheel allow you to fully appreciate the VUE's headroom and legroom while driving.

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Fold-flat front passenger seat—The front passenger seat folds down to accommodate loads as long as an eight-foot 2 x 4 with the liftgate closed.* Which is why you'll also find a scratch-resistant seatback.

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Instrument cluster—Gauges are easy to read at a glance and located just below the driver's line of sight to the road ahead. Including an oil-life monitor that signals when a change is due.

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Audio systems—An AM/FM stereo with CD player is standard on the VUE AWD V6 and FWD V6. A single CD/cassette system and six-disc in-dash CD changer/cassette system are optional on all models, and either can be upgraded with the Advanced Audio System, which includes a 180-watt amplifier and 8-inch sub-woofer.

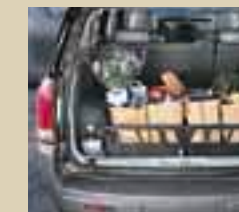
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Door pockets—Roomy, expandable storage areas up front give you easy-to-reach, easy-to-see storage. There are also pockets in the back doors and a center storage area for your back seat passengers.

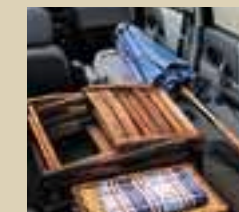
*Loads should be kept low, away from the air bags and windshield area, and should be properly secured.



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Cargo area—30.8 cubic feet of easy-to-load space, all thanks to a low liftover height. Of course, there's even more room with the rear seatbacks folded down. In addition, loading lights mounted on the liftgate help illuminate all that space.

Cargo organizer—Paper or plastic? Either way, this cargo-floor-mounted bin simply lifts into place to secure grocery bags or other cargo and folds down when not in use.

Fold down the rear passenger seats, and you'll have 63.8 cubic feet of cargo volume. A 70/30 split still allows room for passengers who can help carry what you haul.*

Side storage bins—VUE designers made every cubic inch count, installing recessed side storage bins in the cargo compartment to make use of otherwise wasted space behind the rear wheels. They're also handy places to stow items that would otherwise roll around.

Tie-down rings—Handy tie-down rings can be found throughout the cargo area to help secure loads.

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The Ecotec 4 engine delivers smooth power at all speeds thanks to twin balancing shafts that help cancel vibrations.



A five-speed automatic transmission is standard with both the FWD V6* and AWD V6. The close-step gear ratios mean smoother acceleration, especially when passing traffic. And since the shift points are matched with the engine torque curve, shifting is less noticeable. You'll also find an intermediate gear (the *I* in the P-R-N-D-I-L) in the gear-selector markings. The *I* setting acts as 2nd through 4th gears and is especially useful in long downhill runs or when towing. • **The Ecotec 4.** Another way to go is with the Ecotec 2.2-liter, four-cylinder, 143-horsepower engine. It has dual-overhead-camshafts and four valves per cylinder. The engine block, head and crankshaft are built with a lost-foam casting that reduces the number of parts and creates a more precise assembly. • A lively five-speed manual transmission is standard on our base model FWD 4. It adds a whole lot more sport to this sport-utility vehicle. • The revolutionary VTi variable transmission is standard on the AWD 4 and optional on the FWD 4. Turn the page to find out more.

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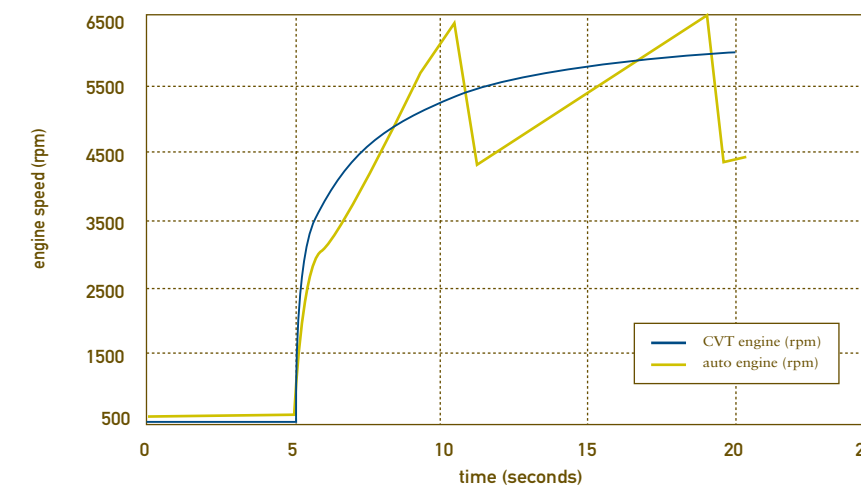
Several driveline choices. (And you thought picking a color would be tough.) The VUE V6. Both the FWD V6* and the AWD V6 VUE are equipped with a 3.0-liter, V6 engine that packs 181 horsepower and an estimated 195 foot-pounds of torque. Inside, there are dual-overhead-camshafts and four valves per cylinder that are perfectly content with 87-octane fuel. Plus electronic throttle control for quick response and torque-heavy tuning for more power off the line.



Unlike the heavy rpm fluctuations of engines paired to traditional automatic transmissions, an engine with a variable transmission runs continuously at its most efficient speed. The result gives you smooth acceleration and fuel efficiency.

Smooth Shifting (Ratioing)

Wide Open Throttle Vehicle Acceleration vs. Time

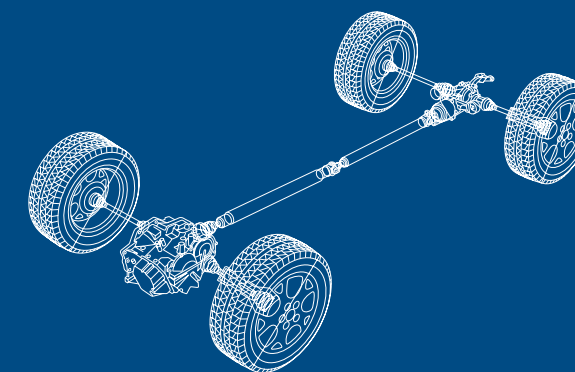


The VTi variable transmission. The next generation of transmission technology is standard on the VUE AWD 4 and optional on the FWD 4. Once the vehicle is put in Drive, the VTi's system of flexible steel belts and hydraulically controlled pulleys continuously adjusts the effective gear ratio for optimum performance regardless of your driving situation. Acceleration is seamless and smooth—no jumping between gears on hills. And most important, the variable transmission makes certain the engine operates in its most efficient range for fuel economy. Estimated mileage with the VTi is almost identical to that of the manual transmission—23 miles per gallon in the city, 28 on the highway for the FWD 4. And an EPA-estimated 21 miles per gallon in the city, 26 on the highway for the AWD 4. • The VTi also offers the same intermediate *I* setting that's found on both the VUE FWD V6* and AWD V6 automatic transmissions. Located between Drive and Low on the shift selector, Intermediate gives you better performance in long downhill runs or when towing.

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No road too winding. The VUE's backbone is a high-strength-steel spaceframe welded into a single solid structure. This design, combined with a hydroformed engine cradle, allowed Saturn engineers to tune the four-wheel independent suspension to isolate the driver and passengers from many of the road's imperfections. To make the VUE agile and responsive to driver input, we added electric power steering (EPS). With EPS, electronic sensors and computer controls measure and react to thousands of inputs a second, adjusting steering assistance to help the VUE operate smoothly over rugged terrain and during evasive maneuvers.



The VUE's all-wheel drive is fully automatic and seamless. On dry surfaces, the system sends power to the front wheels only. When there is slippage, the system is smart enough to balance the power between the front and rear wheels—so it flows where it's needed. For added support, an optional Anti-lock Braking System is also available on all-wheel-drive models. On VUE models with front-wheel drive,* an Anti-lock Braking System with Traction Control** option is available to help provide similar control.

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**FWD 4 equipped with the optional VTi transmission requires Anti-lock Braking System with Traction Control.



First on a long list of safety features and options: Head Curtain Side Air Bags.* Designed to help protect the driver and front and rear passengers in outboard seating positions from head and neck injuries in certain side-impact collisions. Optional Head Curtain Side Air Bags inflate in 1/20th of a second and drop down like curtains. They're the latest in a list of safety features and options that begin with the VUE's spaceframe. Its high-strength-steel stampings are welded into a single solid safety cage with crumple zones to help absorb front or rear collisions. And reinforced windshield pillars and bodyside structures to help shield occupants from side-impact collisions.

*Always use safety belts and proper child restraints, even with air bags. Head Curtain Side Air Bags are designed to help reduce the risk of head and neck injuries to front and rear seat occupants on the near side of certain side-impact collisions. All Saturn models are equipped with driver and front passenger frontal-impact air bags. The primary benefit of any frontal air bag is to help protect occupants in certain collisions by supplementing the protection provided by safety belts. However, even with air bags, there remain fatal risks to infants in rear-facing restraints and to other children who are not properly secured when the air bag inflates. Children are safer when properly secured in a rear seat. Never secure an infant in a rear-facing restraint in the front seat of any vehicle with an active air bag. See the Owner's Handbook for more safety information.

Other standard safety features include driver and front passenger air bags,** attachments for LATCH child-safety seats on all three rear seating positions, three-point safety belts throughout and daytime running lamps. Beyond collision safety, we've also added a theft-deterrent system, child-safety door locks and battery run-down protection. • High-tech safety features are important, but nothing can replace sound engineering that helps protect you. For instance, take a look at the VUE's stance; it's wide and offers a low step-in height. Combine that stance with four-wheel independent suspension, and handling becomes even more predictable. Of course, most of the engineering feats on the VUE are a lot less noticeable. Lift the rear hatch inside the cargo area, and you'll find the spare tire is mounted at a slight angle. It's a small adjustment that actually helps the spaceframe crumple zone absorb energy and transfer momentum to minimize overall intrusion during a rear collision. • It would take hours to explain every engineering nuance. Not to mention how we tested the VUE for over 2.5 million miles, covering just about every kind of road you're likely to encounter in a lifetime of driving (and some unpaved terrain and environments you may never want to attempt). Regardless, our goal was simple: to test and refine the VUE to exceed the standards set by the government and, hopefully, you.



**Air bag inflation can cause severe injury or death to anyone too close to the bag when it deploys. Be sure every occupant is properly restrained.



Optional OnStar* with a one-year Safe & Sound Plan. Just press the blue OnStar button on the rearview mirror, and an OnStar advisor is instantly ready to work for you, doing something as vital to your well-being as sending help in the event of a collision or mechanical failure. The OnStar Safe & Sound Plan includes a long list of safety and security features, including helping authorities locate your vehicle if it is stolen. Service upgrades are available at extra cost and can include everything from having OnStar arrange dinner reservations for you from the road to providing route support when you're lost. OnStar's available Personal Calling feature allows drivers to make and receive hands-free, voice-activated phone calls through a nationwide network. OnStar's available Virtual Advisor gives subscribers access to personalized Web-based information in a hands-free, voice-activated manner as well. The optional OnStar feature requires that your VUE is also equipped with an optional CD/cassette or CD changer audio system and optional Power Package (standard with both the FWD V6** and the AWD V6), which includes an auto-dimming mirror with outside temperature gauge and compass; remote keyless entry system; power windows, door locks and mirrors; and cruise control. Once you add the OnStar option, you'll have one year to experience the features included in the Safe & Sound Plan. Visit www.OnStar.com or talk to your Saturn retailer for more information.



*OnStar services require vehicle electrical system and wireless service to be available and operating for features to function properly. OnStar Personal Calling-enabled vehicle requires existing OnStar service contract and prepaid calling minutes. Personal Calling required for Virtual Advisor. Personal Calling and Virtual Advisor not available in select markets. OnStar voice recognition system may not work with all voices. Call 1-800-ONSTAR-7 or visit www.onstar.com for system limitations and details. **FWD V6 not available at start of production.

Colors		Wheel Trim	
Black			16" Standard Cover—FWD 4/AWD 4/FWD V6*
			16" Optional Alloy Wheel—FWD 4/AWD 4
			16" Standard Alloy Wheel—AWD V6 16" Optional Alloy Wheel—FWD V6
Bright Blue			
Medium Green			
Orange			
Red			
Silver			
White			

Optional Leather

	Grey	all models
	Tan	

Standard Fabrics

	Grey	FWD 4/AWD 4
	Tan	
	Grey	FWD V6/AWD V6
	Tan	

Standard Safety Features

Occupant Protection—Height-adjustable three-point manual safety-belt system with load-limiting retractor for driver and right-front passenger • Three-point manual lap-shoulder safety belts in all rear seating positions • Energy-absorbing steering column • Child-security rear door locks • Lower Anchorages and Top Tethers for Children (LATCH) in all rear seating positions • Energy-absorbing instrument panel • Energy-absorbing knee bolsters for driver and right front passenger • Side-impact protection includes front-door, rear-door and B-pillar energy-absorbing padding; high-strength steel side-impact door beams; reinforced side pillars and underbody • Three-ply laminated windshield with urethane bonding • Safety tempered side and rear window glass • Security door locks and door-retention components • Adjustable head restraints, driver and front passenger • Breakaway outside rearview mirror • Spaceframe construction • Front and rear crumple zones

Collision Avoidance—Automatic daytime running lamps (DRL) • Inside manual day/night rearview mirror • Dual-action hood latch • Side marker lamps and reflectors • Four-way hazard warning flashers • Back-up lights • Center high-mounted stop lamp • Flash-to-pass headlights • Windshield defroster • Easy-to-read gauges (analog) • Illuminated heater and defroster controls • Tires with built-in tread wear indicators • Brake/transmission shift interlock (automatic transmission only) • Maintenance-free battery • Outside dual rearview mirrors

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