

Avis Unveils 2013 Line-Up of Vehicles, Including Cars From BMW, Cadillac, Infiniti and Volvo

PARSIPPANY, N.J., Nov. 13, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Avis Car Rental today announced that the new 2013 model-year vehicles have started rolling into Avis locations across the United States.

"From compact vehicles to luxury sedans, SUVs and convertibles — we've got you covered," said Tom Gartland, president, North America, Avis Budget Group. "Our 2013 fleet features a wide range of vehicles from a variety of manufacturers to fit every occasion, from business to leisure."

The Avis 2013 line-up features quality Chrysler, Kia, Nissan, Toyota and Volkswagen vehicles as well as makes and models from other automobile manufacturers, including:

BMW — BMW's first roadster with a retractable hardtop, the **Z4**, and BMW's **740i** sedan join "Avis Cool Cars," a collection of fun-to-drive vehicles. Available in January, the Z4 features rear-wheel drive and a 240-horsepower 2.0-liter engine. The 740i sedan has a 315-horsepower 3.0-liter TwinPower Turbo 6-cylinder engine, and joins the BMW 3-Series and 5-Series cars already in the fleet.

Cadillac — The most acclaimed luxury SUV, the Cadillac **Escalade**, is now available in the Avis fleet. The vehicle seats up to eight passengers and features a 403-horsepower, 6.2-liter V8 engine that "moves from 0-60 in 6.8 seconds." The Escalade also boasts a rear-view camera, tri-zone climate control and a roof-mounted luggage rack. The all-new Cadillac **XTS** arrives this month. The luxurious front-wheel drive sedan features a 3.6-liter V6 engine that delivers 304-horsepower and an eight-speaker Bose[®] sound system.

Chevrolet — The internationally acclaimed Chevy **Spark** makes its debut in the United States and in the Avis 2013 fleet. The five-door, four-seat subcompact car is rated 38 miles per gallon (highway) and is perfect for navigating around large cities. Beginning this month, the redesigned Chevy **Malibu** will also be available for rent. The LS model features a 5-liter, 4-cylinder engine, 6-speed automatic transmission and an estimated 34 miles per gallon (highway).

Ford — Joining Avis Cool Cars are two hybrid vehicles that each boasts 47 miles per gallon (city and highway). These include the Ford **Fusion Hybrid** and the Ford **C-MAX**, the all-new five-passenger multi-activity hybrid.

Infiniti — With three rows of seating, the Infiniti **JX35** crossover vehicle comfortably seats seven passengers. The JX35 also boasts two panoramic moonroofs, a 3.5-liter V6 engine, a power rear liftgate and tri-zone automatic temperature control. The JX35 will be available in January.

Volvo — The front-wheel drive Volvo **XC60** crossover comfortably seats five passengers. In addition, the rear seat backrests fold down and provide more than 67 cubic feet of cargo space. The XC60 rolls in this December.

Avis takes pride in maintaining a young fleet. A variety of 2013 model-year vehicles are now available for rent and others will be soon. Many of these will also be available for consumer purchase through the Company's Ultimate Test Drive program sometime next year. Ultimate Test Drive is available in Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Nevada and Texas.

Availability of vehicles is limited and may vary by location. For more information or to make a reservation, customers should visit <u>www.avis.com</u>.

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