



More Horsepower, More Style, More Conveniences: 2012 Model-Year Vehicles Now Available At Avis

U.S. Line-Up Includes Vehicles From BMW, Infiniti, Mazda and Volkswagen

PARSIPPANY, N.J., Dec. 5, 2011 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- For both car enthusiasts and casual drivers, this time of year heralds the annual unveiling of new makes and models boasting exciting new features and compelling amenities. And Avis welcomes one and all to try out the new 2012 model-year vehicles, whether while traveling or at a local market Avis location close to home.

"At Avis, we know that many of our customers view the opportunity to try out an exciting new model as more than just temporary ground transportation during a trip," said Tom Gartland, president, North America, for Avis Budget Group, Inc., parent company of Avis. "For those who truly like to enjoy the ride, our 2012 fleet includes a broad range of vehicles — from compact to full-size as well as luxury and specialty wheels for those needing more space or looking to drive a 'cool car.' We welcome the new vehicles to our fleet and look forward to serving business and leisure travelers alike."

The Avis 2012 line-up features quality GM vehicles as well as makes and models from other automobile manufacturers, including:

BMW — The BMW **X3** and **X5** Sports Activity Vehicles® are the newest addition to Avis Cool Cars, a collection of fun-to-drive vehicles. The X3 features a 240-horsepower 3.0-liter, in-line 6-cylinder engine and xDrive all-wheel-drive. The X5 Sports Activity Vehicle boasts a 300-horsepower 3.0-liter, in-line 6-cylinder engine and xDrive, all-wheel-drive.

Chevrolet — The all-new Chevrolet **Sonic**, named a 2011 Top Safety Pick by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, is the latest new car model to join the Avis fleet. The vehicle features a 1.8-liter 4-cylinder engine, a fuel efficiency rating of 35 miles per gallon (highway) and seating for five. The Sonic sedan and hatchback are available for rent at Avis.

Infiniti — The Infiniti **QX56** features a 400-horsepower, 5.6-liter V8 engine. The SUV also has a heated steering wheel, heated front seats and tri-zone automatic temperature control system so that the driver, front passenger and rear passengers enjoy their own climate controls. Also available in the Avis fleet are the 2012 **FX35** SUV which sports a new grille and has a 303-horsepower 3.5-liter V6 engine, and the Infiniti **M37** sedan, powered by a 330-horsepower 3.7-liter V6 engine.

Mazda — The **Mazda5**, with seating for six passengers spread out among three rows for maximum elbowroom, features rear doors for easy entry and exit and a 157-horsepower, 2.5-liter engine. The **Mazda6** sedan features an in-dash six-disc CD/MP3 compatible changer with six speakers and a 170-horsepower, 2.5-liter engine. The five-passenger **CX-7** and the seven-passenger **CX-9** crossover SUVs are also included in the 2012 Avis fleet.

Volkswagen — The 2012 **Passat**, awarded with the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety's Top Safety Pick rating for 2011, features a 2.5-liter 5-cylinder engine, which is being offered in the Passat for the first time.

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

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