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2003 Dodge Kahuna Concept Vehicle

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Where minivan function and convenience meets Next Wave cool, you'll find Dodge Kahuna.

That Next Wave of fun and function blew in like a warm Pacific breeze at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit in the form of the all-new concept vehicle, Dodge Kahuna. It is intended for those looking for a free-spirited approach to a vehicle that meets many needs without bowing to convention.

"Active individuals, true free spirits, demand vehicles that are flexible with appropriate room for gear, but they want it with style," said Trevor Creed, Senior Vice President - Design, Chrysler Group. "The Kahuna was named for its extreme attitude and approach - both Dodge brand attributes."

The six-passenger Dodge Kahuna features an exterior design that conveys an athletic, capable image that is readily associated with the California coastal culture. But it is far from laid back. This is about pushing interior volume and flexibility to the max to allow its owners to work or play hard - all surrounded by an exterior that lends an element of sophistication and attention to detail.

The Dodge Kahuna's exterior is finished in Point Break Blue, with composite bird's eye maple laminate accents along the side panels. The roof is a silver/gray water resistant canvas that is see-through. The retractable top allows the outside to become part of the interior as it folds back in accordion-like fashion.

There are minimum front and rear overhangs - a strong visual departure from what is seen in many minivans today. The front end appearance features an all-new and bold interpretation of the face of Dodge.

A roof system that opens from the B-pillar to rear bumper allows for extreme function and enjoyment. In addition, all exterior windows are frameless, with all door glass having the capability to completely retract into the doors.

Inside, the "big wave" theme continues, as Kahuna blends Pacific Blue two-tone colors. In addition, a flowing wave design can be seen in the shaping of the instrument panel as well as its switches, door panel detailing and seat forms. There are three rows of flexible seating, two of which can be turned into tables if needed, and a Sto & Go® load floor, complements the full capability and flexibility of the system.

Under the hood there is nimble performance from a 2.4-liter turbocharged, 215 horsepower engine and a four-speed automatic transmission driving the front wheels. Suspension is independent in the front, with a beam axle and coil leaf springs from the company's award-winning minivan.

Dodge Kahuna Concept Key Specifications

Length: 185.6 inches (4,714 mm)

Wheelbase: 122 inches (3,099 mm)

Overhang

Front: 28.9 inches (734 mm)

Rear: 34.7 inches (881 mm)

Width: 77.8 inches (1,976 mm)

Height: 67.0 inches (1,702 mm)

Track

Front: 65.3 inches (1,659 mm)

Rear: 65.3 inches (1,659 mm)

Tires

Front: 255/50R22-inch; wheel size: 22 inches; outer diameter, 32 inches

Rear: 255/50R22-inch; wheel size: 22 inches; outer diameter, 32 inches

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