

# What's coming

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## Saab

The 2003 Saab 9-3 sport sedan, just introduced last fall, adds two high-output turbo models in 2003.

Both new models, the 2003 9-3 Arc and 9-3 Vector, have a 210-horsepower, 2-liter, turbocharged four-cylinder, up from 175 horses in the base 9-3 Linear model that debuted last year.

And where the base Linear comes with a five-speed manual, the uplevel Arc and Vector models have a six-speed manual. A five-speed automatic also is available for all three.

## Saturn

The coupe version of Saturn's new Ion small car is a quad coup, with dual rear-access doors which are an industry first.

The 2003 Ion coupe combines the sleek styling of a two-door model with two abbreviated and unobtrusive rear doors for easy back-seat access.

A 140-horsepower, Ecotec 2.2-liter four-cylinder engine is standard in all Ions. The

standard transmission is a five-speed manual.

But a VTi variable transmission available on the quad coupe is the first application of a continuously variable transmission on a high-volume compact car in North America.

## Scion

The auto industry's newest brand begins selling cars in June in California before heading for a nationwide launch in summer, 2004.

Scion is a new Toyota brand aimed at young buyers. The first models to be sold are xA and xB.

The xA is a subcompact five-door hatchback with sculpted wheel arches. It's powered by a 108-horsepower, 1.5-liter four-cylinder. Buyers can select either a standard five-speed manual transmission or an available four-speed automatic.

The xB looks like a blockish miniwagon and is modeled after a Toyota model called the Black Box in Japan. There's a flat floor and it seats five inside.

The xB has the same engine and transmission offerings as the xA.

AP Photo/Subaru

**The turbocharged Impreza WRX from Subaru, previously sold only overseas, comes to the United States this year in limited numbers.**

## Subaru

Subaru is bringing a 300-horsepower Impreza WRX STi model to the U.S. this summer.

The most powerful version of the turbocharged Impreza WRX, the rally racing-inspired STi has, until this year, been sold only in Japan and Europe.

The STi engine is a 2.5-liter, turbocharged and inter-cooled, double overhead cam, four-cylinder boxer unit capable of generating 300 foot-pounds of torque at 4,000 rpm. The tachometer goes to 9,000 rpm in the STi, and there's only one transmission — a close-ratio, six-speed manual.

Numbers will be limited to 4,000 or 5,000 annually.

The all-wheel-drive STi will be a 2004 model, incorporating new front styling that's debuting in showrooms right about now on regular 2004 Subaru Impreza models.



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