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Jeep's Cherokee Limited started a whole new market for upscale, 4x4 station wagons. They're super-versatile, able to tow, carry five passengers...and fit in at the country club porte cochere. And with prices that can top \$25,000, they let the status-arbiters know you've got what it takes.

Cherokee prices actually start at less than \$14,000 for the three-door with two-wheel drive and 2.5-liter Four. You can add two more doors, Command-Trac or Select-Trac four-wheel drive and a 4.0-liter, 177 hp Inline-6. Transmission choices are a 5-speed manual or 4-speed automatic. Tow rating: 5000 lbs.

Jeep offers an wide array of options and trim levels, right on up to leather upholstery that wouldn't look out of place on any luxury sedan. It's a combination of utility and style that's tough to beat.

Jeep's big 4x4 is the five-door Grand Wagoneer, available only with a 5.9-liter V-8, 3-speed automatic, Selec-Trac four-wheel drive and everything from keyless-entry to halogen fog lamps as standard equipment. With a 5000 lb. rating, it's a favorite vehicle for people who tow horse trailers as well as race cars. Base price is nearly \$28,000, but everything you want is standard.

It'd be hard to find a vehicle that's more fun than the little 4x4 Wrangler, a lineal descendant of the legendary CJ. There are five trim levels—Wrangler, S, Sahara, Laredo and Islander—but the most fun is the khaki and canvas Sahara. Like all Wranglers, it can be ordered with either a 2.5-liter Four or 4.2-liter Six, 5-speed manual or 3-speed automatic. Four-wheel drive is standard and prices start at just over \$10,000. Think of it as an off-road MG-TD that's benefitted from forty years of progress.

The Comanche pickup shares most everything with the Cherokee except for the addition of a 6 foot or 7 foot bed. There is no extended cab, but otherwise the Comanche offers every conceivable option or trim level. Prices start at under \$8000, and the hot Eliminator is the fastest-accelerating mini pickup of all.





