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World Debut: 2005 Ford Mustang

America's original ponycar turns 40 and hits the spa for a full-body makeover. Here's your chance to enjoy our collection of exclusive photography and downloadable wallpaper-sized images.

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Remarkably true to the 2003 Detroit show-stopping concept, the next-generation [Ford Mustang](#) successfully borrows styling cues from its rich past and combines them into a musclecar for the future. With this thoroughly modern structure, gone forever are the platform pieces that dated back to the '70s. The chassis retains a rear live axle setup, with MacPherson struts up front. The [Mustang](#) will be offered initially with a choice of 4.0-liter/202-hp SOHC V-6 engine and 4.6-liter/300-hp SOHC V-8. A six-inch increase in wheelbase provides a much-needed interior space increase. The interior shows '60s influences with symmetrical dash segments accented with a squared arch, three-spoke steering wheel with black center hub, and defined circular gauges. The instrument face backlighting can be changed to any of 125 colors, allowing easy personalization. The [2005 Mustang](#) is a car loyalists should covet and rear-drive enthusiasts will be drawn to.



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