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New 2014 Dodge Durango Special Service Is a High-tech Civil Servant

- Special Service Dodge Durango designed for police, fire and general fleet customers
- New Special Service model features the new 2014 Dodge Durango's standard eight-speed transmission, which delivers up to a 15 percent improvement in fuel economy
- Advanced technology and new interior and exterior updates include the Dodge signature racetrack tail lamps, 7-inch customizable TFT gauge cluster and Uconnect touchscreen
- Durango Special Service adds unique heavy-duty components to handle extreme use, extra-long life and added utility
- Durango can tow up to a class-leading 7,400 pounds and travel more than 600 miles between fill-ups

October 17, 2013, Auburn Hills, Mich. - Police and fire agencies and general fleet customers across the United States and Canada in need of a full-size SUV with best-in-class power and utility to provide emergency support need look no further than the new 2014 Dodge Durango Special Service. The 2014 Dodge Durango Special Service delivers the perfect combination of capability, fuel economy and utility with a new standard eight-speed transmission, improved fuel economy up to 25 miles per gallon and the ability to tow as much as 7,400-pounds. Featuring class-leading utility and driving range of over 600 miles, and a whole host of safety technologies, the new Dodge Durango Special Service will meet the needs of a wide range of fleet customers.

"The 2014 Dodge Durango Special Service model is a state-of-the-art resource for fleet customers," said Peter Grady, Vice President of Network Development and Fleet Operations. "It's been specifically designed for the demands and rigors of fleet duty. It joins the Dodge Charger Pursuit sedan and Ram 1500 Special Service truck currently available to government fleet customers."

In addition to the many features standard on the new Durango, the Special Service model also features additional components designed for the rigors of daily fleet use, including a heavy-duty brake package, heavy-duty battery, larger-output 220-amp alternator, heavy-duty water pump and engine oil cooler and a load leveling suspension.

The Dodge Durango Special Service will be built at the Jefferson North Assembly Plant in Detroit. Chrysler Group fleet operations will start taking orders now, with production expected to begin in the fourth quarter of 2013.

Dodge Durango Special Service model builds on highly equipped production model

The 2014 Dodge Durango Special Service interior features a programmable 7-inch display in the gauge cluster, the Uconnect 5.0-inch touch screen with voice command and Bluetooth, a media hub for USB, SD media card and auxiliary jack integration and Bluetooth streaming audio. New LED daytime running lamps and rear race track tail lamps last longer than traditional bulbs and reduce maintenance costs.

A customizable rear cargo area with under-floor storage compartments and additional storage in the side compartments is unique to the Durango Special Service. Further modifications include a special service headliner and red and white interior dome lamp and spot lamp wiring prep. The Durango's third-row of seats is removed to provide fleet customers more cargo capacity. Even with the deletion of the third row, the second row maintains separate air conditioning and heat controls.

These modifications make the already stout Durango more than capable of handling daily fleet use.

Available options include a Skid Plate Group for all-wheel drive models, ParkView Rear Back-Up Camera, a Trailer

Tow Group, Engine Block Heater and Uconnect Access Via Mobile capability.

Special Service models offer customers more than 60 safety and security features, including standard Electronic Stability Control (ESC), electronic roll mitigation (ERM), Hill-start Assist and standard Trailer-sway Control (TSC) to enhance off-road and towing capabilities, Rain Brake Support and Ready Alert Braking. Other standard safety and security features include seat-mounted and side-curtain air bags in the front row. The side-curtain air bag extends protection to second-row passengers. Durango also includes standard front-row active head restraints.

A 5-year/100,000-mile fully transferrable powertrain warranty helps eliminate worry of any repair costs to the covered components.

Dodge Durango: Best-in-class towing and driving range for the No Compromises SUV

The new 2014 Dodge Durango takes everything that customers love about Durango and adds the latest advancements in technology to enhance its design, capability and functionality. With a new standard eight-speed automatic transmission, improved fuel economy and performance, new LED exterior lighting, two new interior touchscreens, a new programmable instrument cluster and an available high-definition dual-screen Blu-ray entertainment system, the 2014 Dodge Durango reaches even higher levels of sophistication building on its proven performance, utility and comfort.

Named one of Ward's 10 Best Engines for three years, Durango's standard 3.6-liter Pentastar V-6 engine is paired with the new standard eight-speed transmission and generates an impressive 290 horsepower (295 horsepower on Rallye and Citadel) and 260 lb.-ft. of torque, and can tow up to a best-in-class 6,200 pounds. The V-6 powered Durango also features a best-in-class driving range of over 600 miles on a tank and up to 25 miles per gallon.

The available 5.7-liter HEMI V-8 engine produces a best-in-class 360 horsepower and 390 lb.-ft. of torque with a best-in-class tow rating of 7,400 pounds. The 5.7-liter engine's Fuel Saver Technology with cylinder-deactivation seamlessly alternates between smooth, high-fuel-economy four-cylinder mode when less power is needed and V-8 mode when more power is in demand. Models with the HEMI V-8 engine achieve up to 23 miles per gallon.

The new instrument panel features a redesigned center stack that houses the new 5-inch and 8.4-inch Uconnect touchscreens. The bottom of the center stack houses a new media hub with an SD card slot, USB outlet and auxiliary jacks, as well as a storage bin. The new center console features a new segment-first rotary shifter for the standard eight-speed automatic that adds another level of refinement over the traditional gated automatic shifter. Manual shift functions have moved to paddle shifters on the back of the Durango's new steering wheel.

The instrument cluster has also been given the high-tech treatment and now includes a full-color 7-inch thin-film transistor (TFT) screen similar to the one found in the all-new Dodge Dart. Standard on all models, this screen allows for drivers to customize more than 100 ways how information is presented.

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For more than 100 years, the Dodge brand has carried on the spirit of brothers John and Horace Dodge. Their influence continues today as Dodge shifts into high gear with a lineup that delivers unrivaled performance in each of the segments in which the brand competes while moving forward to a future that includes electrified muscle in the form of the next-generation, all-new Dodge Charger.

The next-generation Dodge Charger electrifies a legend, with the Charger retaining its title as the world's quickest and most powerful muscle car led by the all-new, all-electric 2024 Dodge Charger Daytona Scat Pack. The all-new Dodge Charger will also offer performance choices via multi-energy powertrain options including the 550-horsepower Dodge Charger SIXPACK H.O., powered by the 3.0L Twin Turbo Hurricane High Output engine.

Dodge also keeps its foot on the gas as a pure performance brand with the 710-horsepower Dodge Durango SRT Hellcat, the most powerful SUV ever, and best-in-class standard performance in the compact utility vehicle segment with the Dodge Hornet.

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