## Nissan Maxima offers luxury AND excitement





By Anne Fracassa Avanti NewsFoatures This is Nissan's flagship vehicle, this 1997 Maxima. You would tend to assume flagship means "the best, the most luxurious."

If that's what you want from the Maxima, you're done shopping because the GLE trim line is what you'll choose. But this flagship has a little more to offer. A little more cur.

A little more excitement. Choose the Maxima SE and you'll get that and

The fun is the way this puppy acts more like a orts car than a midsize sedan.

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The excitement? Well, you've got a 3.0-liter dual overhead cam V6 that outputs
190 horsepower with a tap of your right foot. When you get this thing up to cruising speeds, theck your speedometer, cuz you've probably over the limit by now.

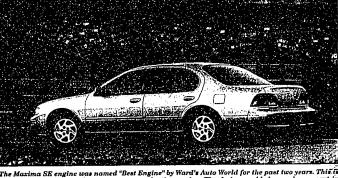
There have extensive exterior and interior updates for this model year. From
the front grille to the new taillights, most of the exterior has been refined to be

even more sporty-looking.

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The test Maxima SE was outfitted with a standard 4-speed manual transmission that wasn't effortless to shift, but was not a big pain, either. It's standard on the GXE as well. On the GXE or SE with an automatic is standard equipment. You can still outfit either the GXE or SE with an automatic as an option. Stick with the manual — it gives you a spirited driving experience.



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The safety equipment on all Maximas this year is impressive. Take a look; at the front and rear crumple zones, dual airbags, power-assisted 4-wheel disc brakes (anti-lock brakes are an option), energy-absorbing steering column, child safety rear door locks and steel side-door guard beams.

The 3-point front seat belts have height-adjustable front shoulder belts that make it a breeze to wear without cutting across your neck. There are also 3-point seat belts for the rear outboard passengers in the back.

Handling this car docen't mean you have to pull the reigns in once in a white. There are front and rear stabilizer bars and a rear multi-link suspension system that really helps keep the car firmly planted on all fours. The SE has a sport-time suspension package that gives you firmer shocks and struts. Response, as I said before, is there at a tap of the foot.

Interior room is impressive. You can fit three people in back without so much as a squeeze. Front buckets are comfy and the center console can hold a top of your junk.

Instrumentation is, well, funky during the day. The analog tachometer and

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