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**By Will Reece**

Gas prices aren't high enough. Really... they aren't. Do you disagree? You should!!

Today (october 4th, 2005) we learned that SUV sales dropped dramatically after the huge gas spikes that hurricane katrina caused. Did you see that coming? I sure did. Gas prices have a direct effect on the economy. This you know. What you might not know is the amount of an effect it has on many things.

I forecast that SUV sales would drop significantly when gas hit \$3 per gallon. You may see this as a bad thing, but for those of us who have waited for the auto industry to increase mileage instead of horsepower, it is a blessing!

The auto industry has been made aware that Americans, at least those concerned about our daily driving costs, choose not to drive around in land yachts. Ironically, the auto industry will need to adapt... a sink or swim analogy to follow the land yacht comment!

Now for what you all have been waiting for... my new forecast.

The auto industry will adapt or go out of business. They will slow the production of SUVs and Trucks because several people who don't need these vehicles can't afford to drive them. This apparently has already begun in some aspects.

You will see a separation of the auto companies from the oil companies. This is for those of you who believe the oil companies have the auto industry in their back pocket. Anyway, the auto companies will begin investing serious money in alternate fuel vehicles and efficiency in current gasoline driven automobiles.

Sales in these vehicles will spike, along with motorcycles and scooters. This has also been happening in some aspects. Hard to beat 90 miles per gallon on a scooter if all you are doing is running around town!

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What will happen to gas prices? They will continue to go up. The oil companies still need their money, and all-in-all, the gas prices are not that high if you look at some of the other countries in the world.

The bigger question is what is going to happen to prices of all other consumables that Americans buy... imports as well as products made here in the USA.

The drop in sales of SUVs is more of a quick fix than a long term solution to gasoline prices. It is the one obvious thing we can do to lower our gasoline usage. What will be interesting to see is the long term solutions. I will patiently await the next chapter of this story and report accordingly.

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### **Honda SUV's Like The Honda CR-V Can Be Traced Back To The Honda Civic Platform**

**By Steven Johnston**

One of the most popular Honda SUV's on the market is the Honda CR-V, which is considered to be what is called a `crossover' SUV. This Honda SUV is a car that has an SUV or sport utility vehicle look but is assembled on a more economical construction. The Honda SUV, CR-V, was `copied' from the extremely popular Honda Civic in order to meet a growing demand for a SUV made by Honda. The letters CR-V stand for "comfortable runabout vehicle" and comes with either front-wheel drive or all-wheel drive.

The very first Honda SUV that was planned `in house' by Honda was the CR-V in 1996. While there was considerable uncertainty as to whether or not this type of Honda SUV could sell as well as it's forerunner, the Honda Passport, the CR-V was introduced to the US market in 1997. The CR-V has consistently maintained exceptional sales ever since.

The first CR-V was designed and produced from 1996 through 1998 known as the LX model trim. Attractive features included rear-folding seats, a picnic table stored in the rear floor and plastic covered front and rear bumpers as well as fender wells. The next model CR-V was on the market from 1998 to 2001 and didn't change the body style but increased the engine power from the original and was changed to an engine that produces 146-horse power and additional torsion. The beauty of this increase was that it did not affect the fuel consumption or price of the car.

The next line of Honda CR-V's was from 2002 through 2005 and the build of this Honda SUV was given a complete restyling based on the most recent Civic model. The new CR-V was also given a

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more powerful engine with 106-horse power and increased torsion. This new engine still offered the same fuel economy as the previous Honda CR-V models. This Honda SUV was awarded the Car and Driver magazine's award for best small SUV of 2002 and 2003.

In 2005, the CR-V received only a minor model change with 16-inch wheels instead of 15 inch, which has been on the earlier models. The taillights were also changes from the color amber to red and white. The 2005 CR-V was also equipped with front and side airbags, anti-lock brakes and side-curtain airbags. While the next CR-V model has not yet been unveiled, many are guessing that the new model will have more power in addition to the option of having an onboard navigation system.

Make sure you check out the exciting new 2006 Honda CR-V at Honda dealers now!

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