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Chrysler Group Leads in Alternative Fuel Vehicles

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Chrysler Group is a leader in the development and marketing of vehicles powered by alternate fuels. Use of these fuels offers the potential for significant gains in fuel economy and emissions. The EPIC electric minivan, based on the popular Dodge Caravan, is a full-function zero-emission vehicle. More than 200 EPIC (Electric Powered Interurban Commuter) minivans have been marketed in California and New York. The GEM, the battery-powered Neighborhood Electric Vehicle, is the bestselling, street-legal electric vehicle in the country, with more than 10,000 sold.

Chrysler Group has sold more than 1 million alternate fueled vehicles, including the 3.3 liter Flex Fuel version of the popular minivans. These vehicles can run on gasoline or a combination of 85 percent ethanol and gasoline. Full-size vans running on compressed natural gas (CNG) are also available. Diesel-fueled vehicles offer the potential for significant gains in fuel economy in technology that is available today. Chrysler will market diesel versions of the popular Town & Country minivan and the PT Cruiser in the near future. Chrysler Group is also exploring the potential of so-called designer fuels, including Syntroleum.

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