

2004 Cadillac XLR

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Price as Tested: \$76,250

List Price: \$75,435

Price as tested incl std equip, (dual front and side airbags, ABS, stability and traction control, power retractable hardtop, automatic climate control, keyless entry, AM/FM/CD/DVD player, navigation system, head-up display, run-flat tires, Active Cruise Control; power windows, mirrors and door locks), dest charge (\$815).

At a Glance

0-60 mph 5.6 sec

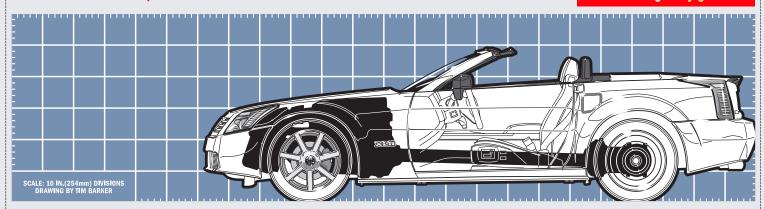
0-1/4 mile 14.0 sec

Top speed 155 mph

Skidpad 0.88g

Slalom 62.3 mph

Brake rating very good



SPECIFICATIONS

Type.....aluminum block & heads,

V-8

Valvetrain.....dohc 4-valve/cyl Displacement.....279 cu in./4565 cc Bore x stroke....

...3.66 x 3.31 in./ 93.0 x 84.0 mm

Compression ratio 10.5:1

Horsepower (SAE)......320 bhp @ 6400 rpm

Bhp/liter.....70.1

Torque......310 lb-ft @ 4400 rpm

Redline.....6700 rpm

Fuel injection.....elect. sequential port Fuel.....premium unleaded,

91 pump octane

Warranty

Basic warranty.....4 years/50,000 miles Powertrain.....4 years/50,000 miles Rust-through......6 years/100,000 miles

Chassis & Body

Layout.....front engine/rear drive

Body/frame.....unit steel

12.8-in. vented discs Brakes: Front. ...12.0-in. vented discs

Rear. Assist type. vacuum, ABS

...411 sq in. Total swept area.

Swept area/ton.....239 sq in.

Wheels.....cast alloy, 18 x 8

Tires.....Michelin Pilot HX

MXM4 Zero Pressure,

P235/50R-18 ...rack & pinion, variable

power asst

Steering. Overall ratio........17.2:1

Turns, lock to lock......3.0

Turning circle.....39.0 ft

<u>Suspension</u>

Front: upper & lower A-arms, transversemounted leaf spring, elect. variable tube shocks, anti-roll bar

Rear: upper & lower A-arms, transversemounted leaf spring, elect. variable tube shocks

General Data

Curb weight......3660 lb Test weight......3840 lb

Weight dist (with

...48/52 driver), f/r, %...

Wheelbase.. ...105.7 in.

Track, f/r.....62.2 in./62.2 in.

Length......177.7 in.

Width......72.3 in. Height.....50.4 in.

Ground clearance......6.6 in.

Trunk space.....4.4 cu ft + 7.2 cu ft

w/top up

Accommodations

Seating capacity.....2

Head room......36.0 in.

Seat width.....2 x 18.5 in.

Leg room.....42.5 in.

Seatback adjustment......65 deg

Seat travel.....8.0 in.

Drivetrain

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Transmission:		5-speed automatic	
Gear	<u>Ratio</u>	Overall rat	io (Rpm) Mph
1st	3.45:1	10.11:1	(6250) 48
2nd	2.21:1	6.48:1	(6250) 76
3rd	1.60:1	4.69:1	(6250) 104
4th	1.00:1	2.93:1	est (5800) 155*
5th	0.76:1	2.23:1	est (4400) 155*
Final drive ratio			2.93:1
Engine rpm @ 60 mph in top gear1700			
*Electronically limited.			

Instrumentation

160-mph speedometer, 7000-rpm tachometer, coolant temp, fuel level

Safety

dual front and side airbags seatbelt pretensioners anti-lock braking stability control traction control (all standard equip.)

PERFORMANCE

Acceleration

Time to speed Seconds 0-30 mph.....2.1 0-40 mph.....3.1 0-50 mph.....4.2 0-60 mph.....**5.6** 0-70 mph......**7.1** 0-80 mph.....8.9 0-90 mph......10.9 0-100 mph......13.3 Time to distance 0-100 ft.....3.0

> 0-500 ft......7.7 0-900 ft.....11.0

0-1320 ft (1/4 mile)......14.0 @ 102.6 mph

60 ♠ 2004 CADILLAC XLR 30 ¹4 mile: 14.0 sec. @ 102.6 mph ■ 2002 LEXUS SC 430 ¹4 mile: 14.6 sec. @ 98.1 mph 20 2003 MERCEDES-BENZ SL500 14 mile: 14.5 sec. @ 98.4 mph

Braking

Minimum stopping distance From 60 mph.....122 ft From 80 mph.....217 ft Control....excellent Brake feel.....very good Overall brake rating.....very good

Subjective ratings consist of excellent, very good, good average, poor; na means information is not available.

Fuel Economy

Our driving......16.3 mpg EPA city/highway......17/24 mpg Cruise range.....277 miles Fuel capacity......18.0 gal.

Handling

Lateral acceleration (200-ft skidpad)......0.88g Balance.. ...mild understeer Speed through 700-ft slalom......**62.3 mph** Balance.....mild understeer Lateral seat support.....average

Interior Noise

Idle in neutral.....51 dBA Maximum in 1st gear......78 dBA Constant 50 mph......68 dBA 70 mph......**74 dBA**

Temperature Humidity Elevation Wind 69° F 47% 150 ft heavy

The Cadillac XLR scoots off the line with little drama. Before launch, hold the car by power-braking the engine. Launches at 2500 rpm give the best acceleration times. The XLR upshifts through the gears quickly and smoothly. • Through the

slalom, moderate body roll is exhibited that unsettles the car toward the end of the run. In 2nd gear around the skid-pad, the torque from the engine can be easily tapped through the throttle to help balance the car.