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If any publication can make sense of this extraordinary period for the automotive industry, it's Automobile Year. From the heights of an \$11m classic Ferrari in the spring, to worldwide recession as the leaves fall in autumn: this most indispensable book covers it all.

Concept cars, new production models, racing and rallying, concours and the collectors' classic car movement are all in the latest **Automobile Year** (the third published by **Christian Philippsen**). Written concisely and with authority, by contributors of the calibre of **Philippsen** himself, **Karl Ludvigsen** ('Markets: Analysis'), **Prof. Gordon Murray** ('Sustainable Mobility: Concept for a City Car') and **Paul Frère** ('Sustainable Mobility: The Diesel Engine'), the book once again becomes a definitive volume.



Peugeot and Honda both unveiled heavily revised 2009 CTT contenders. Honda, with a three-liter engine and 170-hp, topped the list, followed by Peugeot's 160-hp, four-liter contender. The Honda CTT is a 2009 model, while the Peugeot CTT is a 2008 model.

The CTE winning Acura Integra D160P lost all rally points after last year when the improved fuel economy of such a small Civic was negated by the weather and the safety net. After 24 hours, the Acura Integra found the low maintenance means of driving the Civic.

As usual, the **Formula 1** season is covered in depth, as is long-distance racing and **Le Mans** in particular – all illustrated with stunning photography in the best tradition of the series. As in previous Philippsen AYs, the top-level classic car world has a generous section, with a review of the best concours around the globe and a good summary of cars sold at auction.

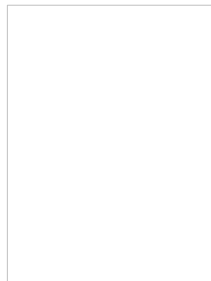
The latter is included in 'Culture', the last part of the book that is dedicated to the history and heritage of the automobile. You will also find articles on 'BMW World and Museum', as well as that great American tradition, 'The Bonneville Speed Week'.



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If you have all the others, you'd better get your credit card out - and if you **don't** have many previous **Automobile Years**, why not make this the excuse to start collecting? For further information, see the multi-language www.automobileyear.com - but be warned: not only can you order online, but you can also search for out-of-print issues, too. It can become addictive.



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