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Shop Subscribe Home Latest News Jalopnik Reviews The Morning Shift Nice Price Car Buying Video The Inventory Drive Free or Die. Prev Next View All The Ram 2500 represents the end of an era in which farmers, construction workers, and even suburbanites could shift their own gears in a brandnew fullsize pickup. That's right, the Cummins dieselpowered heavyduty Ram was the U.S.'s final fullsize truck with a manual transmission, and after having driven it, I can say My god are we now deprived. Advertisement When I set out to buy a classic pickup years ago, I wanted three things a practical bench seat, a smooth and torquey inlinesix motor, and a fun manual transmission. These desirable attributes, once common among American trucks, have been disappearing at an alarming rate. But my friend Michael Douglas, an engineer at Fiat Chrysler, owns a modern truck with all three. In some ways, it truly is the holy grail. This is a 2017 Ram 2500 Laramie Sport Mega Cab outfitted with the optional 6.7liter Cummins inlinesix rated at 350 horsepower and 660 lbft of torque at a low 1,400 RPM that's 20 horsepower and 140 lbft fewer than the automatic model, in case you're curious. Image Michael Douglas Michael's previous vehicle was a Hemi V8powered 2012 Ram 1500, but since the Michigander installed enormous oneton axles on his Jeep XJ offroad rig which sits on 39.5inch Super Swamper tires shown above, he decided to upgrade his truck and trailer to handle the extra load. He's been a fan of the Columbus, Indianabased engine manufacturer for years he owns a 1993 Dodge D250 4x2 regular cab longbed with a 5.9liter Cummins, and he recognizes how much of an advantage compression ignition engines are for towing applications. Image Michael Douglas I met Michael at his farmhouse in rural parts of southeast Michigan after having arranged to drive his beloved machine which has 50,000 miles on it on the surrounding country roads.http://yjunguk.com/userfiles/brother-sewing-machine-2125-manual.xml

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With his keys in my hand, I grabbed the handle on the truck's Apillar, and pulled myself up into the giant 2500 Ram, plopping down on a nice, wide leather bucket seat located what felt like a mile above the road surface. Once in that seat—directly adjacent to a flat center seat that doubles as an armrest, I'd imagine that would be a tricky place to sit, since it requires straddling the shifter and placing your feet on a plastic floor console—I shoved the chintzy DaimlerChryslerera key into the dashboard and turned it to the "on" position. After under 10 seconds of waiting for the grid heater to warm up on the 62degree Fahrenheit afternoon, I clutched in and cranked the motor over. Advertisement My door was open and the foot brake was engaged, as I wanted to take some pictures of the truck as the Cummins warmed up. From the outside, the motor sounded amazing—agricultural in some ways, with a classic diesely rattle, but also authoritative in a big rigesque sort of way. Closing the door hushed the sound markedly, leaving me in a decently highquality, reasonably quiet cabin with absurd amounts of space in every direction. I pulled the park brake release handle on the left side of the lower dash near the driver's footwell, shoved the tall, bent shifter to the left and up, and slowly let off the clutch. I realized quickly that I could have lifted off that clutch with a lot less finesse because first gear on this truck is absurdly short. With a nearly sixtoone ratio, it is in every way a true "granny gear" that—with the 3.42 axle ratio and 33inchish tires—runs the motor to its peak power RPM of 2,800 revs by about 15 MPH. While I bet that first gear is a godsend for preserving clutch life while towing, for daily driving, I found it best to start in second gear, which offers a Typical For A First Gear In A Manual Gearbox 3.28toone ratio.http://prim-chess.ru/userfiles/brother-pt-580c-manual.xml

Advertisement From second, I clutched in and gripped the shifter—a satisfyingly visceral stick

through which I could feel the truck's heartbeat—and slid it up, right, and up again into third. Pressing the accelerator pedal hard in that gear sent an avalanche of torque through the drivetrain as boost kicked in. My pedal's position near the floorboard meant what was normally a smooth engine during steady state cruising stopped trying to hide its diesely nature, and roared with an intimidating fury. With my third gear pull out of the way, shifting to fourth, then fifth, then sixth revealed that this motor can usually lug the truck along at the desired speed at low, sub1,200 RPM engine speeds without any problems. Choosing high gears sacrifices some acceleration, of course, but the motor felt happy handling the loads even at the low revs, and from a stop—even starting in second—it felt borderline unstallable. Advertisement The lowend torque is fantastic. With Michael in the passenger seat, I left his rural neighborhood and headed into suburbia, where I noted a vague but nicely boosted hydraulic power steering feel as well as a decent ride—surprising for a heavy duty truck with two solid axles. Those axles are coil sprung, with the front incorporating a threelink setup with two radius arms and a track bar, while the rear is a fivelink with a pair of both upper and lower control arms and a track bar. The truck felt a bit bouncy over bumps, but that's not surprising for an unloaded heavy duty truck. I thought it was acceptable given the machine's intended function. Ditto for wind noise and just general cabin comfort. This Ram 2500 is totally daily drivable, and that's exactly what Michael does. Though the truck's hood is at the same level of many small homes, the seat sits at water towerheight, so visibility out of the front is excellent.

The view out of the rearview mirror isn't great thanks in part to the rear fixed center headrest, but the massive foldout tow mirrors help on that front. Advertisement One thing I thought was a bit odd was the clutch pedal. As I pressed it, I felt a vibration through my left leg and heard what seemed like a rubbing noise of some sort. I also found that, since I like to drive close to the dashboard, and since I'm still waiting for my growth spurt to arrive, my left shin made contact with the lower dash anytime I applied the clutch. It was a tiny bit uncomfortable. My threepoint turnaround attempt, after driving the truck again a few days later, and accidentally overshooting Michael's driveway was also a bit awkward. Though I liked using the "crash through" reverse gear shifter pulled hard to the left and down. This Ram is just a big, sometimes cumbersome truck, and while the visibility from the rearview mirror isn't great, the backup camera and side mirrors help make navigating this Goliath significantly less stressful. After pulling off the threepoint turn without flattening any mailboxes or getting stuck in a ditch, I rolled up to Michael's house on Saturday, popped the transmission into neutral, stepped on the park brake, and shut the vehicle down. The shifter shook violently from sidetoside as the motor's revs slowed to a halt, and within moments all the glorious diesel clatter was gone. Advertisement As I shifted through my Jeep J10 's fourspeed on my way home, I couldn't help but mourn the end of the manual fullsize pickup truck era. I couldn't shake Michael's Ram 2500 from my mind; even after that short drive, I knew I'd just driven something special. Its incredible lowend torque, its awesome bench seat surrounded by a decent interior, its handsome looks, its livable ride quality, and above all, its lovely longthrow shifter—all of these things had combined to form one of the greatest pickups I'd ever driven.

It's no wonder Michael plans to keep this thing until he's an old man. It is, after all, the holy grail. TL;DR Its the holy grail of modern pickups. Technical Editor, Jalopnik. Always interested in hearing from auto engineers—email me. Cars Willys CJ2A 48, Jeep J10 85, Jeep Cherokee 79, 91, 92, 00, Jeep Grand Cherokee 5spd 94. Share This Story Get our newsletter Subscribe More from Jalopnik All The Wacky Submarine Terms You Never Knew You Wanted To Know Ford Teases Front End Of The Upcoming 2023 Electric F150 Another Idiot Caught Sleeping At The Wheel Of A Tesla On Autopilot, This One Speeding I Want To Trade My 4x4 For Something With Gears On The Floor. What Car Should I Buy. With most manuals you're basically getting the same version of the car but with a stick shift. However, with this Ram you're sacrificing over 100 foot pounds of torque just to have a

manual. Additionally, if used as intended, this will probably require a new clutch waaaay before an equivalent AT even needs a fluid change. I understand the allure of an MT, but I really don't see the point in this particular application. Perhaps I've missed the point of this product as did most consumers. See all replies. Shop Subscribe Home Latest News Jalopnik Reviews The Morning Shift Nice Price Car Buying Video The Inventory Drive Free or Die. Prev Next View All The 2018 Ram 2500 will be the last big truck you can buy with a manual transmission. Ram's threepedal option is going away for 2019, and every other brand abandoned stick shift for its fullsized trucks a long time ago. It's not surprising, but it's still sad. Advertisement As of right now, you can order a new Ram 2500 with a 6.7liter inline sixcylinder Cummins diesel engine and a G56 sixspeed manual transmission. You can even pair that powertrain with fourwheel drive and the mediumluxury Laramie trim. I don't care what anybody's payload and towing max claims are, to me, what I just described has been King Of The Trucks for as long as it has existed.

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Image edited by the author Image FCA Advertisement So while I'm sure the flatbrim folks are already sore from fist bumping over Ram's "1000 lbft of torque" claim announced today, I will solemnly pour out a little diesel on the deck tonight for the death of the stick shift sovereign. Manual transmissions have not been common in fullsized trucks like the Ford FSeries and such since the 1980s. Well, they've never really been common in America since automatics were invented, but relatively speaking. You could spec most trucks with a stick until the '90s when they basically got relegated to being paired with small engine options as the "cheap" choice in a brand's lineup, and over the last 10 years they essentially disappeared altogether. Even the mighty 2019 Tacoma TRD Pro can be bought with a stick, as well as the less extreme and much less expensive 2019 Frontier PRO4X. You can have the smaller 2019 Chevy Colorado with a manual too, but only in the ultralean 2WD fourcylinder base model. Advertisement That makes the herd of trucks you can buy stateside, with a stick, pretty darn thin. If you want evidence of that, check out what a 10yearold Cummins manual 4x4 with 250,000 miles costs today. Do people drive their trucks seeking a sense of involvement and engagement like I do a sports car. Edit This is not a rhetorical question meant to malign the viewpoint of other enthusiasts. General Motors and Ford have long retired manual transmission options for their diesel powered pickups. Meanwhile, Ram continues to offer a 6 speed manual transmission behind the 6.7L Cummins, but the option is only available on a severely derated engine. The auto vs manual dilemma is therefore going to be primarily faced by those looking to purchase a used pickup. Automatic transmission technology has made huge strides in the last decade and they are widely favored to manual transmissions. However, each transmission type displays inherent advantages and disadvantages.

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The typical manual transmission service consists of simply draining and refilling the gearbox with fresh fluid. In addition to having a significantly larger fluid capacity, an automatic transmission service can include replacing multiple filters, removal of the transmission pan, and flushing transmission cooler lines. Additionally, automatic transmission performance can suffer from dirty or broken down fluid, making routine service much more important for reliability and longevity than in a manual transmission. In terms of service cost and ease, a manual transmission holds the clear advantage. Rebuilding or repairing an automatic transmission is typically required due to clutch pack wear. The rebuild process is time consuming and requires specific expertise in addition to special service tools in order for repairs to be performed correctly. As a result, automatic transmission repairs can run several thousand dollars. When a manual transmission requires a rebuild, it typically includes replacing bearings, seals, and synchronizers. Having a manual transmission rebuilt or replacing a manual transmission with a remanufactured unit is therefore less costly in most instances. However, the clutch life on a manual transmission is much less than the

expected life of an automatic transmission clutch pack. The service complexity, however, tends to be lower for a manual transmission. Its true that many manual transmissions weigh less than their automatic transmission alternatives. However, the New Venture NV5600 for example, weighs in at roughly 360 lbs thats equivalent to the weight of some medium duty automatic transmissions. Because transmission weight varies considerably, neither transmission type holds a definitive advantage in this category. In instances where a manual transmission option is lighter than the automatic, the weight difference is negligible in the grand scheme of things.

As a result, it is difficult to declare whether a manual or automatic transmission is more advantageous in this category. Since many automatic transmissions shift schedules include downshifting and torque converter lockup techniques to provide the same characteristics, neither transmission type has a significant advantage. An automatic transmission does all the shifting for you, and therefore a vehicle can be operated with one hand and one foot. Meanwhile, operating a manual transmission equipped vehicle requires two hands and both feet. The automatic transmission is therefore much more convenient and comfortable for the operator; one may also argue that the automatic has a slight advantage in terms of safety. In a true truck manual transmission, the 1st gear ratio will always be considerably lower numerical higher than that of an automatic transmission. Take the Allison 1000s 3.10 to 1 compared to the ZF 6 speeds deep 5.79 to 1 ratio; the manual is geared much lower, which presents obvious advantages in terms of gear multiplication. A lower gear ratio numerically higher yields greater torque multiplication and therefore a higher tendency to overcome load with less effort. While the function of a torque converter is to transmit power between the engine crankshaft and transmission and negate the need for a manual clutch system, a torque converter also acts as a torque multiplication device. When a torque converter slips, as it is intended to do, it serves as a gear reduction unit. As an arbitrary example, take the Allison 1000s 3.10 to 1 ratio at a 1.7 to 1 torque converter slippage rate.However, the clutch in a manual transmission is intended to be slipped as little as possible as this practice contributes to excessive wear. A torque converter, on the contrary, is designed to experience slippage through all gears and can, within reason, endure extended periods of operation in this manner.

In terms of gear progression, neither transmission is inherently advantageous as the gear spreads depend on the individual transmission designs and are not necessary attributes directly related to the type of transmission. These losses are typically low and a manual transmission tends to be highly efficient. Parasitic loss through an automatic transmission also includes these factors, but in addition to supplementary losses in the transmission fluid pump and torque converter. An automatic transmission must use engine power in order to pressurize fluid, and the energy required by the pump is not transmitted into usable drive power at the transmission output. Though an automatic transmission is not necessarily inefficient, a manual transmission is inherently more efficient. However, this is not necessarily the case, and the reasoning is interesting. The diesel pickup category reached a milestone near the 2010 model year; they outgrew all available and more importantly, feasible synchronized manual transmissions. The Mercedes Benz G56, offered with the 6.7L Cummins, is available only with an engine detuned to 660 lbft based on 2016 model year. This seems to be the ceiling on available light and medium synchronized manual truck transmissions. Thats not to say that a manual transmission suitable for a pickup application could not be engineered for a higher input torque rating. However, there has not been a great enough demand to tempt a manufacturer into designing such a gear box. Strength and tow capacity is therefore not necessarily directly related to the type of transmission, but the automatic has a slight advantage in the pickup market do to the lack of availability of suitable manual transmissions. This stems from the fact that Chryslers automatic transmissions were, at least in some instances, insufficiently adapted to the Cummins and lacked the strength necessary to manage the high torque characteristics of a diesel.

We've also identified the trim levels that allow a manual transmission. Now that the CVT is the transmission of choice in the budget car segment, you also almost never get better fuel economy with the manual. Don't hold your breath for one in the next generation of the 2 Series, but for now, it's still there, even if it's hard to find. It's available on the 230i and M230i coupe trims and the M230i convertible trim. Fuel economy in the manual drops across the board, from 24 to 21 MPG city, from 33 to 32 MPG highway, and from 27 to 25 MPG combined. The sixspeed manual is available on the 320i, 320i xDrive, 330i, 340i, 340i xDrive sedans xDrive signifying allwheel drive. The manual is not available in the wagon, or the Gran Turismo in any trim. Whether you choose the four or the sixcylinder 3Series, you suffer a fuel mileage penalty like that of the 2Series. Also, selecting xDrive allwheel drive deletes the availability of a sixspeed manual. Fuel mileage drops about 2 MPG in city, highway and combined fuel economy by selecting the manual. For the 2016 model year, though, Sonic Sedan or Hatchback have a standard fivespeed manual transmission.The Cruze is also available in a hatchback for the 2017 model year. The Dart and its stablemate, the Chrysler 200, will be cancelled some time after 2017. All Fiat 500 models including the cabriolets are equipped with a fivespeed manual transmission as standard equipment.The manual transmission is available at no additional cost. Highway mileage drops one mile per gallon as well. The 2019 arrives in the spring.Both the automatic and the manual provide 41 mpg highway, but the manual gives 29 mpg city, a onempg penalty versus the optional automatic. Selecting the CVT does increase city fuel mileage one mpg to 26, but the highway mileage stays the same at 34.The Scion xB provides a fivespeed manual as standard equipment. It delivers exactly the same mileage as the optional sequential automatic transmission.

It also offers a sixspeed automatic, but both transmissions deliver the same fuel economy.It provides slightly better highway fuel economy than the automatic at 37 mpg, but the same 30 mpg estimate for city fuel mileage. It's also now more expensive now that it's in the sportier trim. It is fun to drive, though. The new turbocharged fourcylinder engine in the Sport 2.0T is great fun with 252hp on tap, and it delivers up to 22 in the city and 32 on the highway. The manual is a nocost option versus the automatic. You'd have to drive to the moon and back on a regular basis to justify the threempg increase in city and highway mileage. Volkswagen offers the Passat with a manual transmission in all of its fourcylinder trims. Like the Jetta and Golf, if you really want to see fuel mileage, you'll be forced to select the TDI Clean Diesel at a much higher price point, when it becomes available for sale again. It's easy to do, since Volkswagen sells only about 550 a month, and only a tiny handful of those come through with manual transmissions.What you'll find almost exclusively now is that manual transmissions are only available on the doorbuster models with frontwheel drive, which have an increasingly limited audience. Yet there are some legit SUVs that offer a manual in the higher trims. They both feature either a sixspeed manual transmission, or a ninespeed automatic.Fuel mileage is the same in manual vs.It's not available at all on the standard Juke. And then you can only get it in front wheel drive.Unfortunately, in 2018, the Crosstrek's manual is a truly unsatisfying driving experience, and it seriously degrades fuel economy. You'll improve your economy by 4 MPG combined by selecting the excellent CVT. Six, if you insist on thinking that the Chevrolet Colorado and GMC Canyon are different trucks.

Manual transmissions once thrived in this formerly utilitarian segment, but now that pickups many times are thought of as emblems of a lifestyle, the interest in manuals has cratered. It seems counterintuitive, but that fourplugger with a stick gets worse fuel mileage than the V6 with an automatic. Incredibly, you can't buy a manual transmission from any other fullsize truck builder, in any trim.Depending which engine and drive configuration you choose, you'll either get a fivespeed or a sixspeed manual. The fivespeed's city mileage is two mpg better than in the automatic version. You can get a manual transmission in just four of those.You'll find no Ferraris, no Lamborghinis, nor any Alfas Romeo here. When the new car was introduced in Geneva last year, Automobile magazine paraphrased Audi's CEO "There is simply is no way for a stickshift to match the performance of the

R8’s dualclutch transmission and few buyers wanted one, so Hollerweger believes there’s no point in offering a manual on the new car.” It’s a partnership between Mazda and Fiat, where the Japanese manufacturer provides the basic platform, and FCA Automobiles provides the sheetmetal, interior and running gear.There is a new manual sport sedan for the 2017 model year, though. It’s coupled to a 2.9liter, twinturbo V6 with 505 horsepower and 443 poundfeet of torque. We’ll update our list with a link to available inventory when it arrives. There are actually three transmissions available a CVT, the sixspeed manual and a Tiptronic automatic. The manual is offered on Premium, Premium Plus and Prestige trim levels.It’s just the number of doors in question.It also forces you to select rearwheel drive, rather than allwheel drive.As per current trends, the sixspeed ZF manual that followed is half a second slower than the eightspeed automatic. It’s only available in the V6 models. The STi is available with the manual transmission only. Content Marketing and Publication Manager at BestRide.com.

To be fair, the writing was on the wall for years with Ford having dropped out of the game in ’11 and GM doing the same five years prior. But why have all of the big dogs now pulled anchor on what has traditionally been the backbone of the American work truck. To the Big Three, the answer is easy. It’s all about customer demand, and by customer demand they mean sales. Once Ram’s manual transmission sales bottomed out, it was likely no longer justifiable to offer the option. Sad but true. Was it an unwillingness to put in the legwork of shifting our own gears that killed off the manual, the lower power rating that often accompanied the standard shift option or are today’s automatic transmissions just that good. We think it’s a combination of all of the above. Below, we’ll highlight the technological advancements that made automatic transmissions more durable, functional and efficient, and that also sent the handshaker to the graveyard. Each vehicle manufacturer spends an inordinate yet necessary amount of time making sure the engine and transmission work in perfect harmony with one another. However, as the bottom line of any automaker is profit, no manufacturer is going to allocate time, resources and money into a dying product.Known for building worldclass medium and heavyduty automatic transmissions for RVs, dump trucks, Class 8 trucks and everything in between, getting the Allison name onboard offered GM a big leg up on the competition when it debuted behind the allnew 6.6L Duramax in 2001. A fivespeed from ’01’05, the Allison gained double overdrive in ’06 and the sixspeed version would survive through the ’19 model year, with considerable upgrades in strength occurring each time the Duramax received an uprate in power. For 2020 GM HDs, the Allison bolted to the L5P Duramax will offer 10 forward gears.

There are no pressure regulators or springcontrolled pistons, but instead a computer the transmission control module, or TCM that is constantly adapting to your driving style in order to provide the cleanest, smoothest possible shift for optimum comfort and drivability. Throughout the life of the Allison transmission, the TCM will even adjust its shift strategy based on clutch wear in order to maximize the overall efficiency of the transmission. The Allison name proved quite enticing for most prospective HD buyers. By the ’07 model year, GM canceled the ZF6, the first of the Big Three to kill the manual transmission option. As expected, it did very little to deter anyone from buying one of General Motors’ HD trucks. Not only was the ZF6 carried over from the 7.3L Power Stroke, but the 6.0L’s lack of lowend grunt meant owners frequently had to start out in the ZF’s ultralow 5.791 first gear with any load behind them.Nearing the ZF6 gearbox’s maximum input torque capacity—and an unwillingness to develop its own or outsource a different manual transmission—the 6.4L Power Stroke in front of the ZF6 turned out 325hp and 600 lbft vs.Even tougher than the 5R proved to be, the 6R140 featured a beefy 1.18inch diameter input shaft, a 12.6inch diameter twodisc torque converter and was admittedly built with the Allison 1000 as its benchmark. But even better than the Allison, the 6R140 had a true manual shift mode and an earlier lockup event that facilitated better fuel economy and maximized rearwheel horsepower and torque right off idle. With the 6R140 even being offered in trucks as big as Ford’s F750s, we’d say the sixspeed TorqShift has been a success. However, unlike the days of old where the manual

transmission afforded you access to the higher horsepower and torque version of the 5.9L Cummins, advancements in automatic transmission technology brought the slushbox onto an even playing field from 20032007.

Then, beginning with the release of the 68RFE sixspeed automatic in ’07.5, the auto became the version to have if you wanted the more powerful version of the 6.7L Cummins. By 2018, only one percent of all 2500 series and one percent of all 3500 model trucks were ordered with the Mercedes Benzsupplied G56 sixspeed manual gearbox pictured above. With a one percent takerate, it was only a matter of time before Ram put the kibosh on the manual option. As a result, the G56 went almost completely unchanged from ’05.5 to ’18 and was rated for a lower torque input than the automatic option from 2007.5 on. The G56 did come with a 660 lbft rating beginning in 2013 up from 610 lbft, but at the same time the 68RFE auto was rated for 800 lbft and the heavyduty Aisin AS69RC auto for 850 lbft. Unlike those four and three speeds, the 68RFE features six forward gears, no bands and is completely electronically controlled. It offers realtime, adaptive shift and pressure control for seamless operation and its converter lockup and shifting strategy helps protect the transmission in cases of high temperature. The 68RFE also debuted alongside the 650 lbft version of the 6.7L Cummins midway through Dodge’s ’07 model year. The G56 version was rated for the lower 610 lbft engine. After the release of the commercialgrade Aisin AS69RC automatic in 2013 pictured above, the same transmission that is currently tasked with harnessing the ’19 6.7L Cummins’ 1,000 lbft, Ram customers still wanting to shift their own gears had to settle for 190 lbft less 660 lbft vs. 850 lbft. That gap would widen even more in ’15, ’16 and ’18 when further torque increases were made for automatic models but not for G56spec’d trucks. Check out our Boiling Point series here ! Recognizing that every individuals motoring journey is unique, we seek to give form to both untold as well as celebrated facets of the automotive world. We invite you to get behind the wheel with us, its certain to be an interesting drive.