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# Infiniti Plugs a Hole in Its Lineup



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The Infiniti M sedan.

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**W**hat's the point? Infiniti desperately needed to fill the gap (in size and price) between the G35 sedan and coupe models and the flagship Q45 sedans.

**Is it real?** The M35 and M45 sedans go on sale in February .

**The company line:** "The new M is designed to connect and anticipate. Its technology is designed to think like you do." -- Mark Igo, vice president and general manager for the Infiniti division of Nissan North America

**The view from here:** If you like the G35 - and enjoy buying in bulk - you will love the larger M models. The M's shape borrows heavily from that of the G, so the revised model should fare much better than original, quirky M45 - a car that proved as popular as mud-flavor ice cream.

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**What makes it tick?** Power for the M35 is provided by a 3.5-liter V-6 that produces 280 horsepower, and all-wheel drive will be available. The M45 has a 4.5-liter V-8 with 340 horsepower; despite its sporty intent, the M45 is available only with a five-speed automatic transmission.

**How much? How soon?** A rear-wheel drive M35 will start at \$39,900 and the V-8 powered M45 at \$46,750 when they go on sale in February.

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