
A question about Utah County

Posted by loopycoug - 2008/05/01 20:00

I'm moving to Utah County soon and was wondering how important is it to have a 4-wheel drive/AWD vehicle?

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Re:A question about Utah County

Posted by COUGARSTU - 2008/05/01 20:11

I see your still watching the thread so I'll just say that they are not needed at all. I have 4wd and the only time I use it is when I launch our boat at sandy beach.

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Re:A question about Utah County

Posted by snoscythe - 2008/05/01 20:17

AWD or 4WD is nice about 3 days out of the year when it snows bad.

If you can stand 3 sketchy days driving FWD in snow, then save the \$ and go 2WD, but FWD.

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Re:A question about Utah County

Posted by Tyler1830 - 2008/05/01 21:09

I second what everyone else has said. Sure there are a couple days each winter when 4WD is nice to have, but in my opinion it's not worth the extra \$. It's Utah County, not Minnesota.

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Re:A question about Utah County

Posted by Short_Changed - 2008/05/01 21:27

Depends on where you live really. If you're living on the bench or on a pretty big hill 4WD will be very beneficial, if not then don't worry about it.

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Re:A question about Utah County

Posted by bengel - 2008/05/01 22:16

If you plan on winter recreation of any kind, opt for AWD or FWD.

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Re:A question about Utah County

Posted by Talkdoc - 2008/05/01 22:26

I use mine a lot in the winter, but like was said, I live up on the benches where there are less plows, more snow, and steeper terrain.

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Re:A question about Utah County

Posted by Conosticator - 2008/05/01 23:17

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Put a nice scoped 7mm and a pistol grip 12 guage in the rack and you'll likely be barred from campus but you sure won't have any problems changing lanes during rush hour. Plus, then when you go to the NASCAR race they'll probably ask you to say the prayer... :lol:

Re:A question about Utah County

Posted by fansince5 - 2008/05/02 00:02

I sell cars if you need some help...

Re:A question about Utah County

Posted by loopycoug - 2008/05/02 05:45

Thanks guys

Re:A question about Utah County

Posted by bustamorg - 2008/05/02 06:38

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You sound like you live in the SOUTH. They all have gun racks and NRA bumper stickers, and unfortunately it is race weekend here and they re nuts about Nascar too.

Re:A question about Utah County

Posted by Cougy_Monster - 2008/05/02 08:23

I grew up in Utah County and drove a 2WD(FWD) Honda Accord and then a 2WD(FWD) Buick Regal. I snowboarded ~3 times a week and drove up Provo Canyon almost daily in the winter.

The key is to get studded tires in the winter. That will do more for you than 4WD. I would blow past the trucks in the canyon with my cleats on my car, even in big snow storms. Just buy the studded tires and pay the \$80 or so to get them put on and balanced every winter and store them in your garage the other 3 seasons.

4WD still stops like 2WD, but studded tires stop like a lock-down cover corner.

Re:A question about Utah County

Posted by Hengst - 2008/05/02 08:47

We get along fine in our carolla, it doesn't get much less like a 4wd car than that :-). They do a pretty good job keeping the roads plowed here when it snows. It's not like Seattle where the whole city shuts down for 2 inches of snow.

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Re:A question about Utah County

Posted by Sage - 2008/05/02 09:00

Cougy_Monster wrote:

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Great job bringing in FB to this thread.

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Re:A question about Utah County

Posted by rackem - 2008/05/02 09:23

Short_Changed wrote:

Depends on where you live really. If you're living on the bench or on a pretty big hill 4WD will be very beneficial, if not then don't worry about it.

It's nice to have if you go up to Sundance or Park City. I used mine around the county 9-10 times this winter but I live in the foothills in South County right at the snow line.

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Posted by ABYUFAN - 2008/05/02 09:55

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Or have them mounted on a spare set of wheels so you can swap them out yourself at the change of season.

My take is this, if you have to ask if you need a 4x4, you probably don't need one. Those who need them really know that they really need them.

BTW I cried last month when gas prices forced me from the Jeep to the sedan....

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Re:A question about Utah County

Posted by Mingjai - 2008/05/02 10:26

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I've lived in Minnesota for the past 5 years since graduation, and though Minnesota snows more than Provo, they do a lot better job plowing during snow storms here than they ever did in Utah. I've never needed anything more than FWD here

in Minnesota--and I don't think my traction control kicked in all winter despite having 3-4 storms that dumped between 6" to 12" on us.

To answer the original question, I'd agree that FWD will generally be sufficient in Utah Co., especially if you have some good all weathers (or switch to snow tires in Dec).

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