



# 2006 Ford Fusion S

vs.

# 2006 Chevrolet Malibu LS



## Advantages over Chevrolet Malibu

### True driver's car dynamics

- More horsepower and torque than Malibu** — helps contribute to increased vehicle performance
- Four-wheel disc brakes** — are more resistant to brake "fade" than drum designs and are designed to provide increased braking performance. *Malibu has front disc and rear drum brakes*
- Available 5-speed automatic transmission** — provides the convenience of no constant driver interaction to shift the vehicle, yet uses five speeds to provide the optimum balance of performance and fuel economy. *A 5-speed automatic transmission is not available on Malibu*
- Two transmission choices** — allow the driver to choose between a more performance-oriented 5-speed manual transmission or an available smooth-shifting 5-speed automatic transmission. *Malibu only offers one transmission choice*
- Lower control arm double ball-joint front suspension design** — helps isolate steering system from undesirable feedback. *Not available on Malibu*
- 16-inch wheels with low-profile tires** — do not "flex" as much while cornering, adding to the already precise handling of Fusion. *Malibu has standard 15-inch wheels and standard series tires*
- Wider front and rear tread width than Malibu** — helps contribute to precise handling and confident steering control

### Substantial accommodations for cargo and people

- Spring-assisted 60/40 split-folding rear seatbacks** — fold flat when pull handles in the trunk are used. Allow items almost 7 feet long to be carried as well as a rear passenger. *The 60/40 split-folding rear seatbacks in Malibu are not spring-assisted*
- Fusion is larger than Malibu in almost every interior dimension**
  - Rear-seat armrest** — gives rear-seat passengers a comfortable place to rest their arms while also providing cup holders. *Not available on Malibu*
  - Dash-top storage bin** — located on top of the instrument panel, provides convenient storage for a cell phone, PDA or handheld game. *Not available on Malibu*

### Essential amenities

- CD/MP3 player** — can play standard audio CDs or those that have been "burned" with music in an MP3 format. *Malibu only offers a CD player*
- Remote Keyless Entry key fob** — is integrated into the vehicle key, making it more convenient to use the keyless entry feature. *Not available on Malibu*

### Serious safety and security

- Available anti-theft perimeter alarm system** — sounds the vehicle horn and flashes the headlamps when unauthorized entry is detected. *Not available on Malibu*
- Front Passenger Sensing System (FPSS)** — determines whether the front passenger airbag should or should not be enabled, depending on size and weight of front-seat occupant. *Not available on Malibu*

### Quality you can count on

- Front and rear floor mats** — help protect the carpet from dirt and the elements. *Not available on Malibu*

= Key Ford advantage.

## Chevrolet Malibu LS

Malibu is positioned as the epitome of advanced automotive ingenuity.

### What's New for 2006

- New front-end appearance
- Body-color side moldings with chrome accent
- New four-spoke steering wheel
- Updated interior trim
- Three new exterior colors

### Key Selling Features

- Highest-ranked entry midsize car in Initial Quality Study by J.D. Power and Associates
- OnStar® satellite communication and assistance service
- Side curtain airbags
- Standard 4-speed automatic transmission
- All-Speed Traction Control

### Malibu Advantages over Fusion

- Standard 4-speed automatic transmission** — *an automatic transmission is available on Fusion*
- OnStar® satellite communication and assistance service** — *not available on Fusion*
- Fold-flat front passenger seat** — *not available on Fusion*

Note: Photos may not represent exact vehicle or selected equipment. For feature availability, refer to the latest Dealer Ordering Guide.

## Specification Comparison

2006 Ford Fusion S		VERSUS	2006 Chevrolet Malibu LS	
✓ Duratec 23 - 2.3L DOHC I-4		<b>STANDARD ENGINE</b>	2.2L DOHC I-4	
✓ 160 @ 6250		<b>HORSEPOWER (SAE net @ rpm)</b>	144 @ 5600	
✓ 156 @ 4250		<b>TORQUE (lb.-ft. @ rpm)</b>	155 @ 4000	
5-speed Manual Transmission		STANDARD TRANSMISSION	Electronically Controlled 4-speed Automatic Transmission	
✓ <b>Electronically Controlled 5-speed Automatic Transmission</b>		<b>OPTIONAL TRANSMISSION</b>	—	
Independent Short- and Long-Arm (SLA) with Coilovershocks and Stabilizer Bar		FRONT SUSPENSION	Independent MacPherson Struts with Coil Springs and Stabilizer Bar	
Independent Multi-link Design with Stabilizer Bar		REAR SUSPENSION	Independent 4-link Design, Coil Springs, Shock Absorbers and Stabilizer Bar	
Front-wheel Drive		LAYOUT	Front-wheel Drive	
✓ Power Disc/ <b>Disc</b> ; Available Anti-lock Braking System (ABS)		<b>BRAKING SYSTEM</b>	Power Disc/Drum; Available Anti-lock Braking System (ABS)	
Power Rack-and-pinion		STEERING	Power Electric Variable-assist Rack-and-pinion	
Dual-stage Driver and Front Passenger Airbag Supplemental Restraint System (SRS), Available Side Curtain Airbags		AIRBAGS	Dual-stage Driver and Front Passenger Airbag Supplemental Restraint System (SRS), Available Side Curtain Airbags	
<b>DIMENSIONS (All dimensions are in inches unless otherwise noted.)</b>				
✓ 107.4		<b>WHEELBASE</b>	106.3	
✓ 190.2		<b>OVERALL LENGTH</b>	188.3	
57.2		OVERALL HEIGHT (@ curb)	57.5	
✓ 72.2 (excluding mirrors)		<b>OVERALL WIDTH</b>	69.9	
5		SEATING CAPACITY	5	
✓ 61.6/61.3		<b>TREAD WIDTH (F/R)</b>	60.0/59.3	
✓ 38.7/37.8		<b>HEAD ROOM (F/R)</b>	39.6/37.6	
✓ 57.4/56.5		<b>SHOULDER ROOM (F/R)</b>	56.7/56.1	
✓ 54.0/53.4		<b>HIP ROOM (F/R)</b>	53.5/52.8	
✓ 42.3/37.0		<b>LEG ROOM (F-max./R-min.)</b>	41.9/38.5	
100.0		PASSENGER VOLUME (cu. ft.)	101.4	
✓ 15.8		<b>LUGGAGE CAPACITY (cu. ft.)</b>	15.4	
✓ 17.5		<b>FUEL TANK CAPACITY (gal.)</b>	16.0	
✓ 3151		<b>BASE CURB WEIGHT (lbs.)</b>	3174	
Not Recommended		TRAILER TOWING (max. lbs.) <sup>(1)</sup>	Not Recommended	
23/31		EPA ESTIMATED MPG (city/hwy.) <sup>(2)</sup>	24/32	
✓ \$17,795		<b>PRICE (MSRP)*</b>	17,990	
3 years/36,000 miles		BASIC WARRANTY	3 years/36,000 miles	
3 years/36,000 miles		POWERTRAIN WARRANTY	3 years/36,000 miles	
✓ 5 years/ <b>unlimited mileage</b>		<b>CORROSION WARRANTY</b>	6 years/100,000 miles	
3 years/36,000 miles		ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE	3 years/36,000 miles	

**Bold and ✓ = Ford advantage.**

(1) Properly equipped.

(2) With standard powertrain.

\* Includes base MSRP, destination charge and option package if applicable. Title, tax and registration fees extra. Package contents and price may vary by region and are subject to change. Check your Ford pricing information for the current incentives on your vehicles. **NOTE: Price is based on standard vehicle content for the vehicles listed above. Price does not reflect any additional features or options above and beyond the MSRP for the vehicles listed in this comparison.**

## Feature Availability Comparison

	Fusion	Malibu		Fusion	Malibu
5-speed automatic transmission	O	NA	Four-wheel disc brakes	S	NA
5-speed manual transmission	S	NA	Front Passenger Sensing System	S	NA
16-inch wheels	S	NA	Integrated key with key fob	S	NA
CD/MP3 player	S	NA	Rear-seat armrest	S	NA

S = Standard O = Optional NA = Not available



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