2006 Ford Fusion SEL I-4

vs.

2006 Nissan Altima 2.5L S w/SL Package

Advantages over Nissan Altima

Head-turning styling

- **Piano black appliqué (with black or light grey interior) —** adds to the already stylish interior of Fusion. *Not available on Altima*
- **17-inch aluminum wheels —** add an aggressive look to the vehicle's stance by making the wheels and tires look more substantial. *Altima features 16-inch aluminum wheels*
- **Fog lamps —** add an aggressive and sporty touch to the exterior while also helping to improve nighttime visibility. *Not available on Altima*

True driver's car dynamics

- **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 Altima*
- **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. *The Altima SL package requires an automatic transmission*
- **Wider front and rear tread width than Altima —** helps contribute to precise handling and confident steering control
- **17-inch wheels with low-profile tires —** do not "flex" as much while cornering, adding to the already precise handling of Fusion. *Altima has standard 16-inch wheels and standard series tires*
- **Wider tires than Altima —** provide a larger contact patch to help keep the vehicle firmly planted on the road for precise handling
- **Lower control arm double ball-joint front suspension design —** helps isolate steering system from undesirable feedback. *Not available on Altima*

Quality you can count on

- **Roadside Assistance —** adds extra peace of mind by providing emergency services including: towing, changing a flat tire, jump starts and fuel delivery. *Not available on Altima*

Substantial accommodations for cargo and people

- **Power driver's seat —** allows the driver to position the driver's seat for optimum comfort and visibility. *Part of an extra-cost package on Altima*
- **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 Altima*

Essential amenities

- **Steering-wheel-mounted audio and climate controls —** allow drivers to operate the audio system and climate controls without taking their hands off the steering wheel. *Not available on Altima*
- **CD/MP3 player —** can play standard audio CDs or those that have been "burned" with music in an MP3 format. *Altima only offers a CD player*
- **Message center —** monitors vehicle data such as distance to empty, average speed and average fuel economy. *Not available on Altima*
- **Remote Keyless Entry key fob —** is integrated into the vehicle key, making it more convenient to use the keyless entry feature. *Not available on Altima*
- **Dual illuminated visor vanity mirrors —** allow the driver or passenger to have access to a mirror even at night. *Part of an extra-cost package on Altima*

Value for the money

- **Affordability —** a comparably equipped Fusion SEL I-4 *is $2,450 less than an Altima 2.5L S with SL Package*[1]
- **Available freestanding options —** Fusion has many popular freestanding options not packaged with others. Most options can be equipped on both I-4 and V-6 models. *Altima often forces customers to purchase popular options in expensive packages that may not be desired*

= Key Ford advantage.

(1) Prices are based on comparably equipped vehicles that contain as many similar features as possible to determine a fair price comparison.

Nissan Altima

Altima is positioned as a vehicle that raises the bar for design and performance in the midsize sedan segment.

What's New for 2006

- Available XM® or SIRIUS satellite radio

Key Selling Features

- Powerful four-cylinder engine
- 5-year/60,000-mile powertrain warranty
- Navigation system
- Heated front seats
- Bose® audio system

Altima Advantages over Fusion

- **5-year/60,000-mile powertrain warranty —** *Fusion does not provide any extra warranty beyond the 3-year/36,000-mile warranty*
- **Navigation system —** *not available on Fusion*
- **Fuel economy —** Altima has a more powerful four-cylinder engine than 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 SEL I-4		VERSUS	2006 Nissan Altima 2.5L S w/SL Package
	Duratec 23 · 2.3L DOHC I-4 160 @ 6250 156 @ 4250	STANDARD ENGINE HORSEPOWER (SAE net @ rpm) TORQUE (lb.-ft. @ rpm)	2.5L DOHC I-4 175 @ 6000 180 @ 4000
	5-speed Manual Transmission	STANDARD TRANSMISSION	Electronically Controlled 4-speed Automatic Transmission
✔	**Electronically Controlled 5-speed Automatic Transmission**	**OPTIONAL TRANSMISSION**	—
	Independent Short- and Long-Arm (SLA) with Coil-over-shocks and Stabilizer Bar	FRONT SUSPENSION	Independent Struts with Coil Springs and Stabilizer Bar
	Independent Multi-link Design with Stabilizer Bar	REAR SUSPENSION	Independent Multi-link Design with Coil Springs, Shock Absorbers and Stabilizer Bar
	Front-wheel Drive	LAYOUT	Front-wheel Drive
	Power Disc/Disc; Available Anti-lock Braking System (ABS)	BRAKING SYSTEM	Power Disc/Disc; Available Anti-lock Braking System (ABS)
	Power Rack-and-pinion	STEERING	Power Speed-sensitive 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
		DIMENSIONS (All dimensions are in inches unless otherwise noted.)	
	107.4	WHEELBASE	110.2
	190.2	OVERALL LENGTH	192.3
	57.2	OVERALL HEIGHT (@ curb)	57.9
✔	**72.2 (excluding mirrors)**	**OVERALL WIDTH**	70.4
	5	SEATING CAPACITY	5
✔	**61.6/61.3**	**TREAD WIDTH (F/R)**	61.0/61.2
✔	38.7/**37.8**	**HEAD ROOM (F/R)**	40.8/37.6
✔	**57.4/56.5**	**SHOULDER ROOM (F/R)**	56.3/56.0
✔	**54.0**/53.4	**HIP ROOM (F/R)**	53.0/54.5
✔	42.3/**37.0**	**LEG ROOM (F-max./R-min.)**	43.9/36.4
	100.0	PASSENGER VOLUME (cu. ft.)	102.8
✔	**15.8**	**LUGGAGE CAPACITY (cu. ft.)**	15.6
	17.5	FUEL TANK CAPACITY (gal.)	20.0
	3151	BASE CURB WEIGHT (lbs.)	3041
	Not Recommended	TRAILER TOWING (max. lbs.)(1)	1000
✔	23/**31**	**EPA ESTIMATED MPG (city/hwy.)(2)**	23/29
✔	**$19,635**	**PRICE (MSRP)***	$24,430
	3 years/36,000 miles	BASIC WARRANTY	3 years/36,000 miles
	3 years/36,000 miles	POWERTRAIN WARRANTY	5 years/60,000 miles
	5 years/unlimited mileage	CORROSION WARRANTY	5 years/unlimited mileage
✔	**3 years/36,000 miles**	**ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE**	Not available

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	Altima		Fusion	Altima
5-speed automatic transmission	O	NA	**Fog lamps**	S	NA
17-inch aluminum wheels	S	NA	**Message center**	S	NA
CD/MP3 player	S	NA	**Power driver's seat**	S	O
Dual illuminated visor vanity mirrors	S	O	**Roadside Assistance**	S	NA

S = Standard O = Optional NA = Not available

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