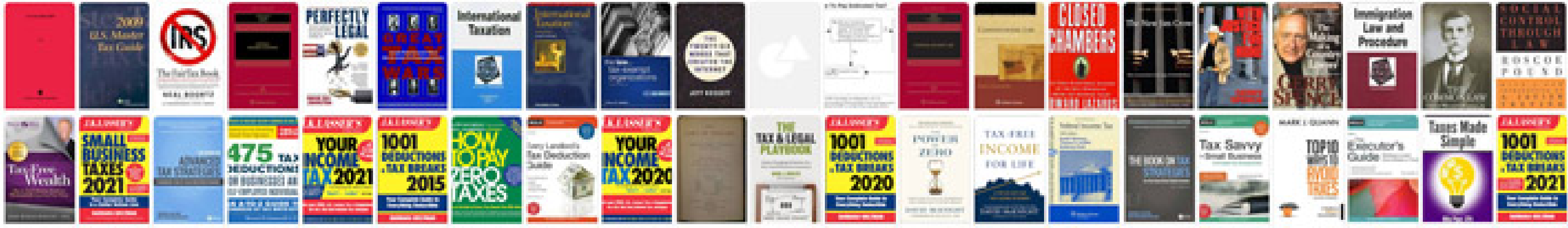

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Reengineering one's flagship offering is always a unique and formidable challenge. What do you change? What do you keep-and in what proportions? When this type of generational transition occurs in the luxury-sedan market, the stakes are phenomenally high. With its all-new Q45, Infiniti intentionally has opted for the road not taken last time around. The '97 Q-ship has become a kinder, gentler automobile-not exactly devoid of sporting character, but clearly endowed with a softer and more sophisticated personality than its predecessor. The unibody has 10 percent more torsional rigidity and four percent more bending resistance than before. Adding to this increased stoutness are a series of structural members in the underpan, plus tie-bars across the front and rear shock towers. The new car has a simplified design that makes it easier and less expensive to put together, and at pounds, the '97 Q45 also is pounds lighter than the vehicle it replaces. This luxury four-door's styling drew mixed reviews from both staffers and civilians. Most felt that its high, squared-off shoulders, bolder greenhouse treatment, and sweeping C-pillars give the car a substantial presence, but that it still lacks visual excitement. Several found the front-end treatment just a bit too reminiscent of an I30 on steroids, and one observer thought it looked a bit like a Mercury product. Changes to the Q45's passenger compartment are immediately evident. Although the car remains classified as midsize, interior volume has grown by 2. While the single most notable gain is in rear-seat legroom, there's a sense of increased people space in all seating locations. Burled walnut accent trim is present in much greater quantity, a tasteful complement to the supple leather upholstery. Redesigned power front buckets now provide even better comfort and support, though their adjustment switchgear is somewhat awkwardly located. Despite a few minor ergonomic glitches, most drivers are likely to find this inner sanctum a mighty pleasant environment, whether facing a run across town or across country. For its many laudable elements, the Q45 package has some surprising omissions. Retained-power circuitry, a front-passenger power door-lock control, and a dual-zone air-conditioning system, de facto market segment standards, are similarly-and inexplicably-absent. Although the Q45 name remains, the old 4. Smaller, lighter, and with a shorter stroke, this potent all-aluminum twincammer retains the same degree V-angle and bore centers as the 4. Smooth, responsive, and an enthusiastic revver, the new V-8 also has six percent more combustion efficiency and 12 percent less internal friction. It ships driving force horsepower at rpm and pound-feet of torque at revs-to the rear wheels via a computer-controlled four-speed automatic transmission that's been electronically upgraded to deliver cleaner, swifter gear changes. The final link in the powertrain is a viscously coupled limited-slip differential. Although the power-to-weight ratio stays about the same as that of the '96, our '97 tester's mph best of 7. Considerable revisions to the Q45's underpinnings upgrade ride compliance without sacrificing too much control. Front suspension went from multilink to MacPherson strut, which is simpler, lighter, quieter, and has less internal friction. The rear multilink setup carries over, but has been massaged to improve handling and maneuverability. Both fore and aft assemblies are rubber-mounted to steel subframes and employ fluid-filled bushings for optimum isolation. While the slow-selling Q45 Active variant has been dropped, a Touring model-which functionally includes slightly stiffer rear springs and a smaller-diameter rear anti-roll bar-is available for those seeking a tad tauter ride. Both remaining models now get inch cast alloy rims in place of the previous inchers. The new, vehicle-speed-sensitive rack-and-pinion power steering exhibited some on-center deadness, but provided decent driver feedback. Despite a softish pedal, the larger-for-'97 four-wheel anti-lock vented disc brakes proved easy to modulate and hauled our car down from 60 mph in an impressive feet. Dynamically, this new Q-ship comes across more like a first-generation LS than a current Q The front end feels less "planted" than the '96's and some degree of transient edge also has vanished. Press it hard into a turn, and the car will slip from neutrality to a benign push. Although you can rotate the tail a bit under trailing throttle or by nailing the gas with the traction control off in low-speed corners, power oversteer is hardly its forte. Where the Q45 does excel is in the realm of grand touring. Whether casually chewing up mile after mile of high-speed interstate or blithely blitzing through endless fast sweepers on some rolling rural two-lane, this is a talented luxo-cruiser. The Q45 should also get a supplemental bounce from the latest J. Power and Associates Customer Satisfaction. Index results, in which Infiniti displaces Lexus as the country's top-rated marque when it comes to keeping buyers happy. Only time will tell whether the new Q45 will truly strike a resonant chord among people in the market for a top-line luxury sedan. This is a competitive segment, ripe with cars that evoke passion from their owners, and passion isn't one of the new Q's personality traits. Nonetheless, despite its loss of some enthusiast flair, there's still plenty for pure luxury fans to embrace in this new Infiniti flagship. Close Ad. Watch Originals. Join MotorTrend. Randy Lorentzen photographers Bob Nagy writers. Location of final assembly plant Tochigi, Japan Body style 4-door, 5-pass. Share on Facebook Share on Twitter. Bought my '97 Infiniti I30 in with 30K miles on it. In mid-atlantic USA weather. It has only needed regular maintenance. But that was well past the , mile mark. And they do eventually have to be replaced :- It still runs great. And the leather seats are still very comfy, show very little wear and are quite supportive. It has been incredibly solid. Love this car! I think the fact that it has a timing chain instead of a belt really helped it's longevity. The V6 and transmission in this car are incredible! I bought this car used 7 years ago, and it has been the most reliable car I have ever owned. I am about to turn , miles and the only maintenance besides oil changes has been replacing struts and brakes. Runs like new and has the smoothest ride of any vehicle I have owned. I would like a newer car but I am not ready to give up my i30 yet. Car had 35, miles on it when we bought it. We have driven this to Fla. Great ride. With , miles on it we are concerned about that long ride again. Hate to part with it. Best car I ever owned. No major repairs. Great acceleration and great Bose system. As a new vehicle I put over , miles on it. No work was ever done on the engine, except for normal maintenance. Every option still works, as it did when brand new. Popular searches. My notifications My Account. More about the I View Photos. List Price Estimate. ZIP Code. See all for sale. Filter by: All ratings 5 stars 4 stars 3 stars 2 stars 1 star. Amazing Longevity! Darn good car. Items per page:. Write a review See all I30s for sale. Sponsored cars related to the I Sign Up. When the Infiniti J30 was introduced, its designers said it represented a departure from the "tyranny of the wedge. The look was unique on introduction day, and inspired people to either love it or hate it, with little middle ground to stand on. New J30 owners felt cheated and cheapened, but others didn't much care about the family resemblance. J30 sales have been steadily increasing since then, though crosstown rival Lexus is selling quite a few more ES s. No doubt, the J30 is a solid, substantial luxury automobile that can hold its own in the stoplight drag race, not that you'd ever see one of these things smoking away from the corner of 3rd and Main. We didn't much care for the J30's look when it came out, finding the front styling too aggressive and the rear a bit dumpy looking. We've always maintained that the wheel design of a car influences the visual impression of the entire vehicle, and with the J30t's lace-spoke wheels, the J30 looks pretty good. Inside, you get coddled in sumptuous leather seats. The interior of the J30 is small, but in a cozy way. Just don't try to stuff more than four adults inside its subcompact dimensions. Ergonomics are nearly flawless, with beautiful gauges and a dashboard clock that would more accurately be described as a fine timepiece. We're lukewarm about the styling, but the rest of the J30 is sure to please the most discerning drivers. My Gold J30t is my third. I hit the wheel well of a truck exiting a lot perpendicular to my direction. Totaled my '95 but she totally protected me. This car is built like a welter weight boxer-rounded, firm, athletic lines. Women say that my J30's sexy lines and cozy interior warm and cradle them, evoking a sensuality rare in today's cars. She is comfortable on the highway and her engine emits a quiet growl when accelerating, like Serena Williams' aggressiveness on the court. Luxury-Sport is an apt description. I give her the normal maintenance she needs, plus some extras. She's classy, sassy, and deserves every bit. An excellent all around car. Handles well, quiet, good quality in a unique design. I now have two of these, a 93' and a 97', and I love them both. A comfortable car with inexpensive luxury. Handles well, but is a little heavy. All the bells and wistles are great and the stereo kicks butt. Upgraded tired make a world of difference. Rather bland apperance, but hey I could see that before I bought it. For the money, it was a steal. It had 20k miles. What a deal! This car has been perfect for me. I'm 6'3" and have plenty of leg room in the front. I rarely carry passengers in the back, but when I do a little adjustment gives them plenty of room and comfort too! I've replaced the brake pads and turned the front rotors once. It now has k miles. Great vehicle and still looks like new! Write a review. See all 21 reviews. Available styles include Touring 4dr Sedan Overall, Edmunds users rate the J30 4. Edmunds consumer reviews allow users to sift through aggregated consumer reviews to understand what other drivers are saying about any vehicle in our database. 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