

2006 Chrysler Apocalypse

Description: Picture a gun-metal grey SUV with six solid wheels, dedicated hardpoints on the sides, an empty turret on top, and a space for a rear gunner. The 'windows' are metal with vision slits, the vehicle itself is immune to machine gun fire, and it seats ten fairly uncomfortably. Length: 15 feet. Weight: 10 tons. Top speed: 30 mph.

No, really. There are entire underground warehouses full of these things. Apparently Chrysler made about ten thousand Apocalypses in 2006, only to then put them into long-term storage. If there's anybody who knows why, they're no longer working at the company. In fact, nobody's really sure who first signed off on making the Apocalypses. People remember doing the production run, to be sure: it took a month to switch over, it was a hassle, but the orders came from **somewhere**, so the cars got made. After that, the production line got switched over again and then everyone involved got a nice little bonus next pay period.

As to the Apocalypses themselves; they are admittedly impressively, and even brutally, simple in their design and operation. The engine can be easily converted to run on

kerosine or ethyl alcohol, and features a remarkable lack of moving parts. This philosophy extends to the rest of the vehicle, from top to bottom. A Chrysler Apocalypse can be maintained or repaired effectively and indefinitely in low tech conditions -- including, say, those 'enjoyed' by hardscrabble mechanics just trying to survive in a post-apocalyptic blasted wasteland. The Apocalypse's aesthetic fits such a milieu, too, to the point where anyone who looks at the vehicle for too long will start subconsciously noting where to put the skulls.

Which makes it no doubt *interesting* why the Chrysler company decided to make ten thousand of these babies. Precognition? A failed interdimensional trade deal? Somebody watched [Mad Max: Beyond Thunderdome](#) one too many times? Nobody knows. Nobody also knows just who to talk to in order to **purchase** one of these, either. Because there are rich people out there who really want to buy one. Or, hey, just **steal** one if Fiat Chrysler Automobiles won't start being reasonable about reducing their inventory.

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