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Maryland Public Television's MotorWeek has entered in its 30th season of assessing new cars, trucks, vans and SUVs. To note the milestone, John Davis, the show's creator and host, listed and described the 10 most unforgettable rides — "the sexy and the significant" — out of an estimated 5,000 new cars that he and colleagues reviewed over three decades.

1. 2004 Ferrari Enzo: "Absolutely the easiest-to-drive high-performance car we've ever tested."
2. 2009 Alfa Romeo 8C Competizione: "The closest thing to automotive art we have ever driven."
3. 2005 Porsche Carrera GT: "The ultimate in speed, technology and in-your-face Porsche style."
4. 1990 Lamborghini Diablo: "Outrageous to look at, to drive, and to own."
5. 1992 Dodge Viper RT/10: "Restored Chrysler's performance pedigree on a global scale."
6. 2009 Corvette ZR1: "Exotic car performance priced right."
7. 1982 Honda Accord: "The first Accord built in the U.S., it raised Americans' expectations about what they could expect from a family car — roominess, comfort and standard premium features."
8. 1984 Jeep Cherokee XJ: "The first four-door compact sport utility vehicle. Equally at home on and off-road, the XJ revolutionized how families drove, making a bigger impact than even the minivan."
9. 1986 Ford Taurus: "Proved American automakers could build a world-class family sedan. It was the best-selling car in America from 1992 to 1995, an accomplishment no other domestic automaker has achieved since."
10. 1989 Lexus LS: "The first car from Asia to seriously challenge the European luxury sedans."

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