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From his roots in the Motor City to his hip-hop and pop culture status on MTV, one characteristic has remained constant in super hip-hop and rap artist Xzibit's life, his passion for cars.

Focusing its automotive lens on the ultimate automotive lifestyles, Celebrity car magazine, published by duPont Publishing, Inc., reveals the hottest celebrity rides and accessories as well as gives readers an in-depth look into the hottest trends among celebrity car lovers. The Summer 2005 issue, on newsstands now, profiles a cross-section of American superstars highlighted by the MTV Pimp My Ride host hip-hop 'gansta' rapper Xzibit.

While Pimp My Ride is best known for extravagant pimp-overs of beat-up cars owned by deserving auto enthusiasts, Xzibit reveals that he personally prefers to keep his collection practical. Xzibit's personal collecting rule dictates the he can only own two vehicles at any time -- a car and a truck. He started with the truck by purchasing a Hummer H2 when it first came out. He consulted with his MTV team at West Coast Customs and upgraded from measly 24" rims to monster truck tires.

But the Hummer is nothing compared to the rap artists' latest ride, his 2005 Bentley Continental GT. "This is my latest purchase," Xzibit gushes discussing his \$150,000 performance car. "I"ve always wanted one and now I can finally afford to get one. I absolutely love this car." Xzibit has no plans to change a thing on the GT as he affirms it is already pimped out.

"Today, the automotive landscape is being shaped by the habits of pop

idols," said Tom duPont, Publisher of Celebrity car. "Celebrities like Xzibit define American car culture directly influencing buying and collecting trends like never before. These personalities also set the tone for automotive aftermarket accessories and customizing, which in turn helps to drive automotive design in new and interesting directions."

The Summer Issue of Celebrity car profiles former Secretary of State and confirmed car guy Colin Powell who drove the pace car at the Indianapolis 500. The issue also showcases the extraordinary collection of Super Middleweight Champ Jeff "Left Hook" Lacey and the wildly

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customized "Rollscalade" of New York Knicks star Stephon Marbury, among others.

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