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The Carmudgeon Show ft. Jason Cammisa & Derek Tam-Scott | Episode 129 | The Good Old
Days vs. Tomorrow

Purpose: The general purpose of *The Carmudgeon Show* is to inform the listener on the modern automotive landscape, with the show's host, Jason Cammisa, being a prominent figure in the automotive enthusiast community.

Audience: Cammisa targets individuals that are already well-informed on most things within the automotive world, primarily targeting enthusiasts. While someone who is unfamiliar with cars would not be totally lost, there are a few talking points that may not make much sense to them, such as more technical information.

Genre: *The Carmudgeon Show* falls between educational and comedy, with Cammisa and Tam-Scott often making fun of a car's looks, how it sounds, or some of a marque's questionable engineering decisions. This is done with keeping the listener informed, however, on why or why a certain facet of an automobile is either a good or bad choice.

Stance: In this specific episode, Cammisa opens by talking about the newly released Tesla Cybertruck, and the controversy surrounding it for its extremely unusual design & material choice, and the electric powertrain it utilizes. Cammisa explains a situation in which he was approached by CNBC to investigate a recently uploaded video of a Cybertruck struggling to

climb a snowy driveway. He rebukes this video, saying that; “if everyone posted a video every time an F150 struggled in the snow, TikTok’s server would blow up.” (Cammisa, 4:59). Further in, Cammisa also states “if a vehicle is sitting and spinning its four wheels; guess what? The car’s not the problem: tires are the problem.” (Cammisa, 5:26). His stance here being that a vehicle's four-wheel drive system is only as strong as its weakest link, which in this case, are the tires that the Cybertruck is equipped with from the factory.

Media: *TCS* does not make much use of media within their podcast, however, I am listening to it on Spotify where there are no visuals, and the only music that is played is in the introduction. That said, the podcast has its own YouTube channel. Looking at the corresponding episode on YouTube, the visuals that Cammisa provides are clear cut and simple: any time someone is speaking, the camera typically pans to them, and whenever a specific vehicle is brought up, an image of said vehicle is also show on screen.

Design: The episodic format as described in the podcasts’ description clearly defines the two different talking points of each show, with Episode 129 starting off with the aforementioned Cybertruck segment, which is much shorter than the following, main segment, discussing the currently astronomical prices for enthusiast cars, how difficult & expensive it is to acquire one, nevertheless acquire one in good shape. Especially for some Japanese imported cars, which, due to pop culture, have recently seen a cataclysmically large climb in prices, making acquiring one impossible for anything less than 6 figures.

Works Cited:

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