Autotrader Names Top Tailgating Tech Features for Football Season

ATLANTA, Sept. 22, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Football fans are flocking to stadiums around the country to not only cheer for their favorite teams, but also to pre-game party in the parking lot. Beyond the boisterous spirits associated with game day, many new cars today feature amazing technology that can take tailgating to the next level. Autotrader editors recently published Tailgating Tech: 8 Cool Must-Haves for Fall which highlights new products that lend an extra edge to tailgating.

"Tailgating has evolved since its early days. Car shoppers have a lot more options than they used to and we've picked things that should satisfy both the most and least tech-savvy tailgate fans," said Brian Moody, executive editor for Autotrader. "New-car technology and other consumer products are perfect for creating the ultimate tailgating experience."

Tailgating Tech: 8 Cool Must-Haves for Fall 2016 from Autotrader

1. Pickup-Bed Speakers in the Honda Ridgeline

The 2017 Honda Ridgeline is an audiophile's dream come true. This pickup boasts a fierce in-bed audio system made up of six 10-watt waterproof exciters (think speakers on steroids) built into the bed walls. Now, game-goers can soak up the scores and the tunes on the outside -- no more rolling down the windows to hear the tunes.

2. **Flip-Back Third-Row Seat on Used Dodge Grand Caravans**Need room for a few more bros on the road? The flip-back, third-row seat on a used Dodge Grand Caravan is perfect for parties.

3. In-Car 4G LTE Wi-Fi in Chevy and GMC Pickups

In addition to sweet grub, tailgaters need access to scores and social media updates on how teams are faring. Chevy and GMC drivers will love the in-car, 4G LTE Wi-Fi, which provides seamless Internet access on the go.

4. The Ford F-150

You can't think of tailgating without thinking about the Ford F-150. It boasts a roomy, LED-lit bed for storage, numerous electrical outlets, and heated and cooled massage seats to add extra comfort pre- or post-game.

5. RamBox Storage

Ah, sweet, sweet storage. It's there for us when we need just a little more room to tote extra bags of chips and buckets of potato salad. In the 2016 RAM 1500 pickup, the RamBox is your new bestie.

6. YETI Cooler with College Logo

No game-day bash is complete without some cold ones and a YETI cooler. Even better? Showing your college spirit with an officially licensed YETI cooler boasting the name of your alma mater.

7. Dreamwave Survivor Bluetooth Speaker, USB Charger and Car Jump Starter

Sweet speakers, plus a powerful car-battery starter? Done and done, thanks to Dreamwave Survivor, a high-performance 30-watt Bluetooth sound system combined with a 400-amp emergency 12-volt car-battery jump starter. You can fire up your favorite game day playlist all tailgate long using its built-in 12,000-milliamp-hour lithium-polymer battery.

8. SWING'N Smoke Hitch-Mounted Tailgage Grill

Tailgate grills are like a favorite team t-shirt or a well-worn ball cap – you can't really imagine a tailgate party without it. The Party King Grills

SWING'N Smoke Varsity 6412 is just the thing to get your burgers and dogs done right.

For more information about Autotrader's Tailgating Tech: 8 Cool Must-Haves for Fall, visit http://www.autotrader.com/best-cars/tailgating-tech-8-cool-must-haves-for-this-fall-256214.

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