

Avanti Chronology



1963
Studebaker
Avanti

1964
Studebaker
Avanti



Avanti II

1983
Blake



1984
Blake

1990
Four Door



2005
Convertible

1961 - 1962 Egbert's inspiration and Loewy's Masterpiece

1961 Egbert envisions an innovative, high performance sports/luxury vehicle to boost Studebaker's image/sales
 1961 Loewy assembles design team in March at a Palm Springs, CA rented home
 1961 Loewy presents a full sized clay mock-up to the Studebaker board in April
 1962 Avanti debuts at the New York Auto Show in April
 1962 R-3 driven by Andy Granatelli on the Bonneville Flats shatters 29 US records on August 14th

1963 - 1964 Studebaker Avanti

1963 Studebaker manufactures 4643 Avantis from June '62 to December '63
 1963 The glory ends prematurely as engineers struggle to fix bugs
 1964 Nathan Altman purchases all rights, equipment, and parts

1965 - 1982 Avanti Motor Corporation - Avanti II

1965 45 new Avanti II's are produced as '66 models
 1968 100 cars built for Avanti II's third model year
 1973 10th anniversary generates national publicity
 1976 Nate Altman dies leaving his brother Arnold in charge of the company

1982-1985 Avanti Motor Corporation - Stephen Blake purchases company in October '82

1983 Limited Edition 20th Anniversary car introduced
 1984 Contoured body-colored bumpers replace chrome ones
 1984 Limited edition Touring Coupe introduced, first prototype convertibles produced

1986 - 1988 New Avanti Motor Corporation - Michael Kelly

1987 Limited Edition Luxury Sport Coupe (LSC) introduced, production moved to Youngstown, Ohio

1989 - 1991 Avanti Automotive Corporation - John J. Cafaro

1990 Four-door sedan unveiled at the New York Automobile show
 1991 Avanti production ends after 29 years

1992 - 1999 AVX - Jim Bunting

1993 Tom Kellogg submits designs for an Avanti AVX
 1996 First one-of-a-kind AVX shown at Studebaker meets, only 3 ever built
 1997 Production prototype shown at Avanti meet in South Bend

2000 - Avanti Motor Corporation formed by Michael Kelly with John Seaton and John Hull

2001 A 2001 Avanti is produced in Villa Rica, Georgia from GM chassis
 2003 Avanti Motors introduces Studebaker XUV at Chicago Auto Show
 2004 Introduction of a 2005 model Avanti using a Ford chassis/production moved to Cancun, Mexico
 2007 Final Avanti produced in March