

## Avanti Chronology

### 1961 – 1962 Sherwood Egbert's inspiration and Raymond Loewy's masterpiece

1961 Egbert envisions a sports/luxury vehicle to boost Studebaker's image  
1961 Loewy assembles Avanti design team in Palm Springs, California in March  
1961 Full-size clay mock-up presented to Studebaker board in April '61  
1962 Avanti debuts at the New York International Auto Show in April '62  
1962 R-3 driven by Andy Granatelli at Bonneville shatters 29 U.S.records  
1962 Avanti's arrive in Studebaker showrooms summer of '62



1963 Studebaker Avanti

### 1963 – 1964 Studebaker Avanti

1963 Studebaker manufactures 4647 Avanti's from June '62 to December '63  
1963 '64 model is built from August to December '63, but there is some overlap  
1964 The glory ends prematurely as Studebaker closes South Bend  
1964 Nathan Altman purchases all rights, equipment, and parts



1964 Studebaker Avanti

### 1965 – 1982 Avanti Motor Corporation – Avanti II

1965 Avanti Motors press release issued Monday August 2, '65  
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 Stephen Blake purchases Avanti Motors on October 1, '82



Avanti II

### 1982 – 1985 Avanti Motor Corporation – Stephen Blake

1983 Contoured, body-colored bumpers replace chrome ones  
1983 Limited Edition 20th Anniversary car introduced  
1984 Limited Edition Touring Coupe introduced  
1984 First prototype convertibles produced  
1985 Blake files bankruptcy in October



1983 Blake

### 1986 – 1988 New Avanti Motor Corporation – Michael Kelly

1986 No '86 cars produced  
1987 Limited Edition Luxury Sport Coupe (LSC) introduced  
1987 Production moved from South Bend to Youngstown, Ohio



1984 Blake

### 1989 – 1991 Avanti Automotive Corporation – John J. Cafaro

1989 Four-door sedan unveiled at the New York Automobile show  
1991 Avanti production ends after 29 years



1990 Four Door

### 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  
1997 Production prototype shown at Avanti meet in South Bend

### 2000 – 2006 Avanti Motor Corporation – Michael Kelly

2000 John Seaton and John Hull form Avanti Motor Corporation with Michael Kelly  
2001 A 2001 Avanti is produced in Villa Rica, Georgia from GM chassis  
2003 Avanti Motors introduces Studebaker XUV at the Chicago Auto Show  
2004 Introduction of a 2005 model Avanti using a Ford chassis  
2005 Avanti Motors and Studebaker develop 2006 models  
2006 Announced new operations in Cancun, Mexico, in October  
2006 Mike Kelley arrested for operating Ponzi scheme in December  
2007 to Present. Website still active, <http://www.avantimotors.com/>, not updated since 2007



2002 Convertible



2005 Convertible