

# NISSAN MAXIMA HERITAGE

## 1<sup>st</sup> GEN

1981  
to  
1984

The first-generation Nissan Maxima featured the engine of a 240Z, standard 5-speed transmission and rear-wheel drive. It also included a feature that would notify you by talking if you left your lights on.  
**Engine: 145-hp, 2.4L I6**



1985  
to  
1988

The second-generation Maxima was assigned "compact" status in the U.S. market and adopted a transverse-mounted V6 with front-wheel drive. This generation was also the last to be available as a station wagon.  
**Engine: 154-hp, 3.0L V6**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> GEN

## 3<sup>rd</sup> GEN

1989  
to  
1994

The third-generation Maxima was assigned "mid-size" status in the U.S. market due to its larger dimensions and was branded the "4-Door Sports Car" ("4DSC").  
**Engine: 160-hp, 3.0L V6**



1995  
to  
1999

The fourth-generation Maxima saw a new engine, rear suspension and interior upgrades. In 1995, it was chosen as *Motor Trend's* Import Car of the Year and was included on *Car and Driver's* 10Best list.  
**Engine: 190-hp, 3.0L V6**

## 4<sup>th</sup> GEN

## 5<sup>th</sup> GEN

2000  
to  
2003

The fifth-generation Maxima was designed at Nissan Design America and received the legendary VQ35 V6 engine in 2002, which also went into the 350Z when it debuted a year later.  
**Engines: 222-hp, 3.0L V6 (2000-2002); 255-hp, 3.5L V6 (2002-2003)**



2004  
to  
2008

Nissan moved production for the sixth-generation Maxima from Japan to Smyrna, Tennessee. This generation was also placed on a stretched Altima platform and repositioned as a more premium sedan.  
**Engine: 265-hp, 3.5L V6**

## 6<sup>th</sup> GEN

## 7<sup>th</sup> GEN

2009  
to  
2014

The seventh-generation Maxima provided unique and aggressive styling with the sophistication of a luxury sedan—and performance that paralleled a sports car.  
**Engine: 290-hp, 3.5L V6**



## 8<sup>th</sup> GEN 2016

Sporting a "V-Motion" front end, "floating" roof design and LED signature lights, the new "4-Door Sports Car" has arrived.  
**Engine: 300-hp, 3.5L V6**

