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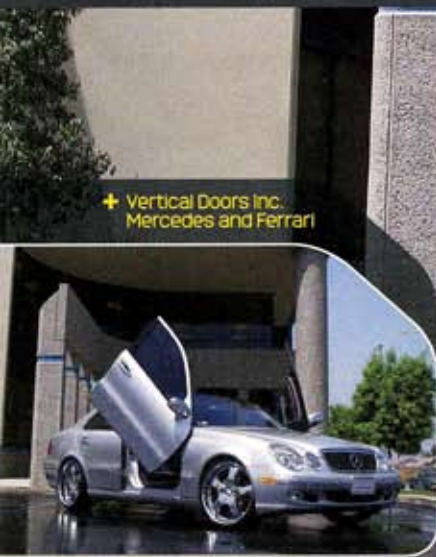


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Lamborghini-Style Doors: Quite Uplifting

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There's no doubt that having Lamborghini-style doors on your whip will definitely help you step up your game. Also known as Lambo-doors, VDCs, vertical doors, tilt-ups, vertical-lift doors, scissors, Diablo, wing or butterfly doors, this mod is definitely gets attention.

There's just something about swinging your car door skyward like a jackknife blade that announces you've arrived, at least in the sense that you're making the latest cutting-edge auto fashion statement. "Getting out of your car is like an entrance to the world to some people," says Daniel Chase of Chaser Aerodynamics (Edgewood, Maryland), a premier East Coast supplier and installer of aero kits and Lambo-door kits. "It's where you're seen first if you're a celebrity."

However, making such an alteration to your ride isn't to be taken lightly. It involves removing the front bumper and fender panels, removing the factory door hardware, extending the wiring harnesses, installing

the new door hardware and reattaching the doors. "Think about it, your extremely heavy door is operating in a direction it was never intended to by your vehicle manufacturer," says Chase. "This is a major modification, and before you have it done [or do it] you need to do your research. There is a lot of garbage out there, and [as such] it's hard to find out the real truth without doing the research yourself."

To make your research a little simpler, we talked with several industry experts who gave us some very important facts and objective opinions about tilt-up door kits. We've compiled the most important information regarding structural differences, materials, manufacturing processes, plus photos of each company's hinge kits and some of their cars for comparison. For more in-depth information, including specific applications, installation instructions, local dealers/installers, FAQs and more, visit their Web sites listed in the Sources.