

SATA drives, a dual-layer DVD/CD combo burner drive, wireless and wired LAN, and an nVIDIA GeForce Go 7900 GTX video card with 512 MB of its own GDDR3 RAM driving a 17-inch screen. I expect the new machine to provide me with many years of reliable and much faster service.

Those of you who visited my Web site recently and accessed my Current Feature page are aware of the safety advantages of vehicles with Electronic Stability Control (ESC). In a relatively recent study, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety ([www.iihs.org](http://www.iihs.org)) determined that vehicles with ESC were very much less likely to be involved in any type of motor-vehicle incident and that, when they were, the costs to repair the vehicle with the ESC were often quite a bit less. Please visit their Web site if you are interested in more information about this and their other activities. Their “bottom-line” conclusion is that, of all safety systems and components, ESC is the one which demonstrates the most effective reduction in accident involvement, property damage, and personal injury. ESC is becoming standard equipment on many vehicles and is available on many more. If you are looking for a new vehicle, my advice would be to consider only those with ESC installed, either as standard equipment or as a factory-installed option.

This will probably be my last newsletter for calendar 2006. I am grateful to all my clients for your consideration of my services. I hope each reader has a safe and joyous holiday season and that 2007 will be a prosperous year for us all.

As always, please contact me anytime you have a question regarding any of my services.

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