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1003-20-100      **Arturo Magidin\*** (magidin@member.ams.org), Department of Mathematical Sciences, The  
University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812-0864. *Capable two generator  $p$ -groups of class two.*

A group  $G$  is capable if it is isomorphic to the central quotient of another group; that is, if  $G \cong H/Z(H)$  for some group  $H$ . We characterize the capable  $p$ -groups which are two-generated and of nilpotency class at most two, for all primes  $p$ . For odd prime, the group is regular and the equality of the two largest type invariants is both necessary and sufficient. For  $p = 2$ , the situation is more complicated. (Received August 07, 2004)