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This talk will discuss some aspects of joint work with Mike Mandell on multiplicative structure in algebraic K -theory. In particular, the K -theory functor developed in our paper “Rings, modules, and algebras in infinite loop space theory” extends to a lax monoidal functor from the symmetric monoidal category of small based multicategories to the category of symmetric spectra, with the construction being a two-step process. Each step involves the use of a representing object, in some sense. The talk will describe the context in which these representing objects arise, and how they are constructed. (Received January 25, 2008)