# CAR LIFE'S ROAD TEST COMPARATOR

## SUPERCARS

| Name | Tested | Engine C.I.D. | Trans. | Rear ratio | ¼ mile E.T. | Top speed | Braking | Avg. mpg | Price as tested |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rambler Scrambler | 5/69 | 390 | 4-spd man. | 3.54:1 | 14.2 | 108 | 32 | 12-14 | $2998 |
| Dodge Hemi Charger 500 | 4/69 | 426 | 4-spd man. | 3.55:1 | 13.68 | 134 | 28 | 13-14 | $5261 |
| Dodge Hemi Charger 500 | 4/69 | 426 | 3-spd auto. | 3.23:1 | 13.92 | 136 | 28 | 12-14 | $5026 |
| The Judge (GTO) | 3/69 | 400 | 4-spd man. | 3.55:1 | 14.45 | 124 | 27 | 9-11 | $4439 |
| Olds W-31 Cutlass | 3/69 | 350 | 3-spd auto. | 3.91:1 | 14.9 | 128 | 30 | 10-13 | $4212 |
| Dodge Super Bee | 2/69 | 383 | 3-spd auto. | 3.91:1 | 14.73 | 110 | 30 | 10-15 | $4036 |
| Fairlane Cobra | 1/69 | 428 | 4-spd man. | 3.50:1 | 14.9 | 125 | 25 | 10-11 | $3945 |
| Plymouth Road Runner | 1/69 | 383 | 4-spd man. | 3.90:1 | 14.7 | 113 | 22 | 12-14 | $3893 |
| Dart Swinger | 1/69 | 340 | 3-spd auto. | 3.23:1 | 14.8 | 121 | 22 | 12-15 | $3470 |
| Cobra GT500 KR | 10/68 | 428 | 4-spd man. | 3.50:1 | 14.57 | 130 | 23 | 11-14 | $4857 |
| Mercury Cyclone | 7/68 | 428 | 3-spd auto. | 3.91:1 | 14.4 | 117 | 30 | 10-13 | $3875 |
| Chevrolet El Camino | 7/68 | 396 | 3-spd auto. | 3.31:1 | 14.8 | 132 | 26 | 10-14 | $4179 |
| Olds 4-4-2 | 6/68 | 400 | 3-spd auto. | 3.42:1 | 15.13 | 115 | 20 | 11-16 | $4059 |
| Plymouth Road Runner | 5/68 | 383 | 3-spd auto. | 3.23:1 | 15.37 | 122 | 20 | 11-16 | $3637 |
| Pontiac GTO | 5/68 | 400 | 4-spd man. | 3.90:1 | 14.53 | 112 | 28 | 9-12 | $4595 |
| Dart GTS | 4/68 | 340 | 3-spd auto. | 3.23:1 | 14.68 | 122 | 25 | 12-16 | $3854 |
| Chevelle SS 396 | 4/68 | 396 | 4-spd man. | 3.55:1 | 14.8 | 120 | 25 | 9-14 | $4010 |
| Dodge Coronet R/T | 4/68 | 440 | 3-spd auto. | 3.23:1 | 14.69 | 123 | 28 | 9-15 | $4310 |
| Buicks GS 400 | 3/68 | 400 | 3-spd auto. | 3.91:1 | 14.4 | 110 | 23 | 11-14 | $3839 |
| Plymouth GTX | 2/68 | 440 | 3-spd auto. | 3.23:1 | 14.6 | 121 | 23 | 9-15 | $4524 |

## PONYCARS

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 440 'Cuda | 6/69 | 440 | 3-spd auto. | 3.55:1 | 14.01 | 118 | 24 | 10-12 | $3931 |
| Camaro SS 396 | 5/69 | 396 | 4-spd man. | 3.73:1 | 14.7 | 126 | 27 | 8-12 | $4294 |
| Avanti II | 4/69 | 350 | 3-spd auto. | 3.54:1 | 15.53 | 124 | 25 | 12-14 | $9640 |
| Mustang Mach 1 | 3/69 | 428 | 3-spd auto. | 3.50:1 | 13.90 | 121 | 29 | 9-12 | $4139 |
| Mustang Grande | 2/69 | 351 | 3-spd auto. | 2.75:1 | 15.59 | 119 | 26 | 12-15 | $3728 |
| 'Cuda 340 | 11/68 | 340 | 4-spd man. | 3.91:1 | 14.93 | 119 | 27 | 11-14 | $3449 |
| Cougar | 7/68 | 302 | 3-spd auto. | 3.00:1 | 17.41 | 107 | 25 | 12-16 | $4131 |
| Cougar XR-7 | 7/68 | 427 | 3-spd auto. | 3.50:1 | 15.12 | 122 | 26 | 10-14 | $4850 |
| Camaro Z/28 | 7/68 | 302 | 4-spd man. | 4.10:1 | 14.85 | 133 | 25 | 12-15 | $4086 |
| Corvette | 6/68 | 427 | 4-spd man. | 3.55:1 | 13.41 | 142 | 26 | 9-13 | $6142 |
| Corvette | 6/68 | 327 | 3-spd auto. | 3.08:1 | 15.82 | 128 | 25 | 13-17 | $6129 |
| AMX | 4/68 | 390 | 3-spd auto. | 3.54:1 | 14.59 | 107 | 26 | 10-15 | $3741 |
| Javelin | 12/67 | 343 | 4-spd man. | 3.54:1 | 15.4 | 114 | 24 | 11-15 | $3683 |

## COMPACTS

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Corvair | 1/68 | 164 | 4-spd man. | 3.55:1 | 19.84 | 98 | 26 | 16-20 | $2862 |
| Retest of Corvair | 5/68 | 164 | 4-spd man. | 3.55:1 | 18.4 | 104 | 24 | 10-15 | $2862 |
| Chevy II | 5/68 | 327 | 4-spd man. | 3.55:1 | 16.47 | 116 | 24 | 12-15 | $3642 |

## FAMILY CARS

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chevrolet Caprice | 6/69 | 427 | 3-spd auto. | 3.07:1 | 15.5 | 126 | 28 | 10-12 | $5319 |
| Ford LTD | 6/69 | 429 | 3-spd auto. | 2.80:1 | 16.7 | 123 | 28 | 10-12 | $5362 |
| Plymouth Fury III | 6/69 | 383 | 3-spd auto. | 2.76:1 | 16.7 | 115 | 25 | 11-14 | $4529 |
| Dodge Monaco | 6/69 | 440 | 3-spd auto. | 3.23:1 | 15.5 | 127 | 20 | 9-12 | $5421 |
| Mercury Marquis | 5/69 | 429 | 3-spd auto. | 2.80:1 | 16.3 | 114 | 22 | 11-13 | $5731 |
| Buick Wildcat | 5/69 | 430 | 3-spd auto. | 3.07:1 | 16.5 | 122 | 26 | 10-14 | $5955 |
| Chrysler 300 | 5/69 | 440 | 3-spd auto. | 3.23:1 | 16.1 | 119 | 24 | 11-15 | $5419 |
| Olds 88 Delta Royale | 5/69 | 455 | 3-spd auto. | 2.93:1 | 16.6 | 118 | 22 | 9-13 | $5036 |
| Mercury Marauder | 4/69 | 429 | 3-spd auto. | 2.80:1 | 15.17 | 126 | 28 | 11-13 | $4620 |
| Checker Marathon | 4/69 | 327 | 3-spd auto. | 3.31:1 | 17.8 | 109 | 19 | 12-16 | $4346 |
| Buick Skylark | 3/69 | 350 | 2-spd auto. | 2.56:1 | 17.8 | 109 | 18 | 14-16 | $4004 |
| Plymouth Satellite | 3/69 | 318 | 3-spd auto. | 2.76:1 | 17.2 | 113 | 21 | 15-16 | $3470 |
| Pontiac Tempest | 3/69 | 350 | 3-spd auto. | 3.23:1 | 18.6 | 105 | 28 | 12-14 | $4249 |
| Fairlane | 3/69 | 351 | 3-spd auto. | 3.00:1 | 17.4 | 119 | 26 | 14-18 | $3785 |
| Chevelle Malibu | 3/69 | 350 | 3-spd auto. | 3.36:1 | 16.1 | 115 | 26 | 10-15 | $4539 |
| Pontiac Grand Prix SJ | 2/69 | 428 | 3-spd auto. | 3.55:1 | 14.1 | 129 | 25 | 10-13 | $6095 |
| Buick Riviera | 2/69 | 430 | 3-spd auto. | 3.07:1 | 16.51 | 124 | 23 | 10-13 | $6555 |
| Thunderbird 2-Dr. | 2/69 | 429 | 3-spd auto. | 2.80:1 | 16.75 | 126 | 26 | 11-15 | $6363 |
| Ford XL | 1/69 | 427 | 3-spd auto. | 2.80:1 | 16.68 | 123 | 23 | 11-15 | $4480 |
| Impala | 6/68 | 307 | 2-spd auto. | 3.08:1 | 18.56 | 96 | 23 | 14-17 | $3441 |
| Galaxie | 6/68 | 302 | 3-spd auto. | 3.00:1 | 18.9 | 95 | 21 | 14-18 | $3430 |
| Fury III | 6/68 | 318 | 3-spd auto. | 2.94:1 | 18.7 | 104 | 21 | 14-17 | $3984 |
| Ambassador | 6/68 | 290 | 3-spd auto. | 3.15:1 | 18.5 | 98 | 24 | 14-17 | $3504 |
| Ford Torino | 3/68 | 390 | 3-spd auto. | 3.25:1 | 15.8 | 111 | 21 | 12-15 | $3787 |

## IMPORTS

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Opel GT | 6/69 | 115.8 | 4-spd man. | 3.44:1 | 17.4 | 111 | 31 | 22-26 | $3513 |
| Opel Kadett | 12/68 | 116 | 4-spd man. | 3.67:1 | 18.2 | 101 | 29 | 20-24 | $2487 |
| Ford Cortina GT | 11/68 | 97.6 | 4-spd man. | 3.90:1 | 18.8 | 102 | 25 | 26-28 | $2384 |
| Toyota Corona | 8/68 | 115.8 | 4-spd man. | 3.71:1 | 19.71 | 91 | 20 | 24-28 | $2054 |
| Toyota Corolla | 8/68 | 65.7 | 4-spd man. | 4.22:1 | 20.5 | 83 | 22 | 24-30 | $1666 |
| Datsun 2000 | 8/68 | 120.9 | 5-spd man. | 3.70:1 | 17.6 | 114 | 30 | 22-28 | $3136 |
| Datsun 510 | 8/68 | 97.3 | 4-spd man. | 3.70:1 | 19.7 | 98 | 25 | 23-27 | $1996 |
| Datsun 510 Wagon | 8/68 | 97.3 | 3-spd auto. | 3.89:1 | 21.7 | 89 | 24 | 22-27 | $2361 |

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