

## AMA Specifications – Passenger Car

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**NOTES:**

1. The Specifications herein are those in effect at date of compilation and are subject to change without notice by the manufacturer.
2. **UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED:**
  - a. Specifications apply to the standard model without optional equipment. Significant deviations are noted.
  - b. Specifications apply basically to 4-door sedan or equivalent.
  - c. Nominal design dimensions are used throughout these specifications.

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<b>BODY—TYPES AND STYLE NAMES—</b>	Body type, number of passenger & style names; use manufacturer's code for series & body style.
	RS1-L DeSoto
2-Door Hardtop	RS1-L-23
4-Door Hardtop	RS1-L-43

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## GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

(All dimensions in inches unless otherwise indicated)

MODEL	Additional Information Page No.:	RS1-L DeSoto
Wheelbase (L-101)	23	122.0
Tread	Front (W-101)	61.0
	Rear (W-102)	59.7
Maximum Overall Dimensions	Length (L-103)	215.6 (a)
	Width (W-103)	79.4
	Height (H-101)	2-Dr. H. T. - 54.8; 4-Dr. H. T. - 55.0
Transmission— (Specify trade name - opt., not available)	Manual	Std.
	Overdrive	NA
	Automatic	Opt.
Axle ratio	Manual	3.23
	Overdrive	-
	Automatic	2.93
Tire size	16	8.00 x 14
Engine	Type, no. cyl., valve arr.	90° V-8, In-Line, OHV
	Fuel system (Carb., other)	2-bbl Carb.
	Bore and stroke	4.12 x 3.38
	Piston displ., cu.in.	361
	Std. compression ratio	9.0
	Max. bhp at engine rpm	265 @ 4400
	Max. torque at rpm	380 @ 2400

(a) Add 0.2 for special equipment rear bumper guards.

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MODEL RS1-L

## ENGINE—GENERAL

Type, no. cyls., valve arr.	V-8, OHV	
Bore and stroke (nominal)	4.12 x 3.38	
Piston displacement, c.u. in.	361	
Bore spacing (C/L to C/L)	4.8	
No. system (front to rear)	L. Bank	1-3-5-7
	R. Bank	2-4-6-8
Firing order	1-8-4-3-6-5-7-2	
Compres. ratio (nominal)	9.0	
Cylinder Head Material	Cast Iron	
Cylinder Sleeve—Wet, dry, none	None	
Number of mounting points	Front	Two
	Rear	One
Engine installation angle	1.0° Right, 3.5° Up	
Taxable horsepower	Dia. <sup>2</sup> x No. Cyl.	54.3
	2.5	
Published max. bhp* @ eng. RPM	265 @ 4400	
Published max. torque* (lb. ft. @ RPM)	380 @ 2400	
Recommended fuel regular - premium	Regular	
Idle speed (spec. neutral or drive)	Manual	500 (a)
	Automatic	500 (a)

## ENGINE—PISTONS

Material	Aluminum	
Description and finish	Slipper Type, Steel Struts, Elliptically Turned, Tin Plated	
Weight (piston only) oz.	25.3	

\* Max. bhp (brake horsepower) and max. torque corrected as defined by SAE Engine Test Code.

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(a) Compressor operating when equipped with A/C.

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### POWER TEAMS

(Indicate whether standard or optional)

MODEL AVAILABILITY	ENGINE					TRANSMISSION		AXLE RATIO (Std. first)
	Displ. cu. in.	Carburetor	Compr. Ratio	BPH @ RPM	Torque @ RPM			
RS1-L	361	2-bbl	9.0	265 @ 4400	380 @ 2400	Manual	3-Speed	3.23 (a)
						Automatic	3-Speed	2.93, 3.23 (a)
								(a) Axle ratio 3.23 available with Sure-Grip.

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## ENGINE PISTONS (Cont.)

Clearance (limits)	Top land		.042 - .048
	Skirt	Top	.00075 - .00125 (a)
		Bottom	---
Ring groove depth	No. 1 ring		.230
	No. 2 ring		.230
	No. 3 ring		.221
	No. 4 ring		None

## ENGINE-RINGS

Function (top to bottom)	No. 1, oil or comp.		Comp.
	No. 2, oil or comp.		Comp.
	No. 3, oil or comp.		Oil
	No. 4, oil or comp.		None
Compression	Description - material, type, coating, etc.		Cast iron, standard taper and twist, tin plated
	Width		.078
	Gap		.013 - .025
Oil	Description - material, type, coating, etc.		Cast iron, single piece
	Width		.186
	Gap		.013 - .025
Expanders			Oil ring only - Standard tension hump type

## ENGINE-PISTON PINS

Material			High manganese steel
Length			3.565
Diameter			1.094
Type	Locked in rod, in piston, floating, etc.		Press-fit in rod
	Bushing	In rod or piston	None
		Material	None
Clearance	In piston		.00035 - .00085
	In rod		.0007 - .0014 (Interference)
Direction & amount offset in piston			.09 Right

## ENGINE-CONNECTING RODS

Material			Drop-forged steel
Weight (oz.)			28.6
Length (center to center)			6.36
Bearing	Material & Type		Lead-base babbitt on steel; removable, precision
	Overall length		.927
	Clearance (limits)		.0005 - .0015
	End play		.009 - .017 (2-Rods)

(a) Desired dimension; Actual .0005 - .0015

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## ENGINE—CRANKSHAFT

Material		Drop-forged steel		
Vibration damper type		Non-adhesion rubber dynamic		
End thrust taken by bearing (No.)		3		
Crankshaft end play		.002 - .007		
Main bearing	Material & type		Lead-base babbitt on steel, removable, precision #3 Only - Tin-base babbitt on steel	
	Clearance		.0005 - .0015	
	Journal dia. and bearing overall length	No. 1	2.63 x .94	
		No. 2	2.63 x .94	
		No. 3	2.63 x 1.22	
		No. 4	2.63 x .94	
		No. 5	2.63 x .94	
		No. 6	---	
No. 7		---		
Dir. & amt. cyl. offset		None		
Crankpin journal diameter		2.375		

## ENGINE—CAMSHAFT

Location		Center of "V" above crankshaft		
Material		Hardenable cast iron with drive gear for distributor and cams for fuel and oil pumps cast integrally		
Bearings	Material	Lead-base babbitt on steel		
	Number	5		
Type of Drive	Gear or chain		Chain	
	Crankshaft gear or sprocket material		High manganese steel	
	Camshaft gear or sprocket material		Cast Iron	
	Timing chain	No. of links	50	
		Width	.88	
		Pitch	.50	

## ENGINE—VALVE SYSTEM

Hydraulic lifters (Std, opt, NA)		Standard	
Valve rotator, type (intake, exhaust)		Low friction lock on exhaust	
Rocker ratio		1.5	
Operating tappet clearance (Indicate hot or cold)	Intake	Not Applicable	
	Exhaust	Not Applicable	
Timing marks on flywheel, damper, other		Stationary indicator on chain case cover	

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## ENGINE—VALVE SYSTEM (cont.)

<b>Timing</b>	Intake	Opens (°BTC)	15	
		Closes (°ABC)	57	
		Duration - deg.	252	
	Exhaust	Opens (°BBC)	57	
		Closes (°ATC)	15	
		Duration - deg.	252	
Valve opening overlap		30		
<b>Intake</b>	Material		<b>Aluminized Steel</b>	
	Overall length		4.87	
	Actual overall head dia.		2.08	
	Angle of seat & face		45	
	Seat insert material		None	
	Stem diameter		.373	
	Stem to guide clearance		.001 - .003	
	Lift		.390	
	Outer spring press. and length	Valve closed (lb. @ in.)	100 @ 1.86	
		Valve open (lb. @ in.)	195 @ 1.47	
	Inner spring press. and length	Valve closed (lb. @ in.)	None	
		Valve open (lb. @ in.)	None	
	<b>Exhaust</b>	Material		21 - 4N
		Overall length		4.89
Actual overall head dia.		1.60		
Angle of seat & face		45		
Seat insert material		None		
Stem diameter		.372		
Stem to guide clearance		.002 - .004		
Lift		.390		
Outer spring press. and length		Valve closed (lb. @ in.)	100 @ 1.86	
		Valve open (lb. @ in.)	195 @ 1.47	
Inner spring press. and length	Valve closed (lb. @ in.)	None		
	Valve open (lb. @ in.)	None		

## ENGINE—LUBRICATION SYSTEM

<b>Type of lubrication (splash, pressure, nozzle)</b>	Main bearings	Pressure
	Connecting rods	Pressure
	Piston pins	Metered jet spray
	Camshaft bearings	Pressure
	Tappets	Pressure
	Timing gear or chain	Jet
	Cylinder walls	Metered jet spray

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## ENGINE—LUBRICATION SYSTEM (cont.)

Oil pump type	Rotary
Normal oil pressure (lb. @ engine rpm)	45 - 65 psi @ 2000 rpm
Oil pressure sending unit (elect. or mech.)	Electrical
Type oil intake (floating, stationary)	Stationary
Oil filter system (full flow, partial, other)	Full Flow
Filter replacement (element, complete)	Complete
Capacity of crankcase, less filter-refill (qt.)	5
Oil grade recommended (SAE viscosity and temperature range)	Above +32°F . . . . . SAE 30, SAE 20W-40, or SAE 10W-30 As low as +10°F . . . . . SAE 20W, SAE 20W-40, or SAE 10W-30 As low as -10°F . . . . . SAE 10W, SAE 10W-30, or SAE 5W-20 Below -10°F . . . . . SAE 5W or SAE 5W-20
Engine Service Requirement (MM, MS, etc.)	MS

## ENGINE—EXHAUST SYSTEM

Type (single, single with cross-over, dual, other)	Standard: Single with crossover
Muffler No. & type (reverse flow, straight thru, separate resonator)	Single: One, reverse flow
Exhaust pipe dia. (O.D. & wall thickness)	Branch 2.0 x .083
	Main 2.5 x .083
Tail pipe diameter (O.D. & wall thickness)	2.0 x .048

## ENGINE—FUEL SYSTEM

(See Supplement to Page 6 for Details of Fuel Injection, Supercharger, etc. if used)

Induction type: Carburetor, fuel injection, supercharger.	Carburetor
Fuel Tank	Capacity (gals.) 20
	Filler location Behind license plate
Fuel Pump	Type (elec. or mech.) Mechanical
	Locations Lower right front of engine
	Pressure range 4 - 5 psi
Vacuum booster (std., optional, none)	None
Fuel Filter	Type Plastic and paper
	Locations (a)
Carburetor	Make & Model No. WWC3, 380943 (b)
	Number of carbs., bbls. per carb. & type 2-bbl, downdraft
	Barrel size 1-9/16
	Choke type Separate, automatic
	Intake manifold heat control (exhaust or water) Exhaust
	Air clnr. type Standard Paper element, replaceable Optional None

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- (a) Plastic filter in fuel tank and a paper element filter between the fuel pump and carburetor.
- (b) Used with Closed Crankcase Ventilation System - mandatory equipment - California, Special Order all others - BBD-3132S, manual and automatic transmission.

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## ENGINE—COOLING SYSTEM

Type system (pressure, pressure vented, atmospheric, other)		Pressure-Vent	
Radiator cap relief valve pressure		14 psi; 16 psi with air conditioning	
Circulation thermostat	Type (choke, bypass)	Choke pellet	
	Starts to open at (°F)	180	
Water pump	Type (centrifugal, other)	Centrifugal	
	Number of pumps	One	
	Drive (V-belt, other)	V-belt	
	Bearing type	Ball, permanently sealed	
By-pass recirculation type (Internal, external)		Internal	
Radiator core type (cellular, tube and fin, other)		Tube and Spacer	
Cooling system capacity	With heater (qt.)	17	
	Without heater (qt.)	16	
	Opt. equipment-specify (qt.)	None	
Water jackets full length of cylinder (yes, no)		No	
Water all around cylinder (yes, no)		Yes	
Radiator hose	Lower	Number and type (molded, straight)	One, molded
		Inside diameter	Radiator end: 1.5; Water pump end: 1.75
	Upper	Number and type (molded, straight)	One, molded
		Inside diameter	1.5
	By-pass	Number and type (molded, straight)	None
		Inside diameter	--
Fan	Number of blades & Spacing	Four: 76°, 104°; With AC - Seven: 60°, 45°, 59°, 47°, 54°, 50°, 45°	
	Diameter	18	
	Ratio-fan to crankshaft rev.	.95 to 1	
	Fan cutout type	None	
	Bearing type	See Water Pump	
*Drive belts (indicate belt used by letter)	Fan	See Supplement to Page 7	
	Generator	--	
	Water Pump	--	
	Power Steering	--	
	Air Conditioning	--	

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* Drive Belt Dimensions	See Supplement to Page 7
Angle of V	--
Nominal length (SAE)	--
Width	--

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## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

MODEL All Models

### DRIVE BELT APPLICATION

	Std.	With PS	With AC
CS-FWP-AL	A	A	
CS-PS		B	B
CS-FWP-IF			C
CS-AL-AC			2D

CS - Crankshaft; AL - Alternator; IF - Fan Idler;  
FWP - Fan and Water Pump.

### DRIVE BELT DIMENSIONS

	A	B	C	D
Angle of "V"	$36^{\circ}$			
Nominal Length, SAE	54.00	43.00	34.25	66.35
Width	.38	.50	.38	.47

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## ELECTRICAL—SUPPLY SYSTEM

<b>Battery</b>	Make and Model	Autolite 11-HS-59B, Gould National 11B-OE-59, Willard MB-24-59		
	Voltage Rtg. & Total Plates	12, 66		
	SAE Designation & Amp Hr. Rtg	2 SHB, 59		
	Location	Under hood in left fender shield		
	Terminal grounded	Negative		
<b>Alternator</b>	Make	Chrysler		
	Model	2095060		
	Type	3-phase, full-wave rectifier		
	Ratio—Gen. to Cr/s rev.	2.45		
	Gen. cut-in (hot)—engine rpm	360		
<b>Regulator</b>	Make	Chrysler		
	Model	2095700		
	Type	Voltage only		
	Cutout relay	Closing voltage @ generator rpm	Not Applicable	
		Reverse current to open	Not Applicable	
	Regulated	Voltage	13.7 - 14.3	
		Current	Not Applicable	
	Voltage test conditions	Temperature	70° F	
Load		15 min at 7 amp - Voltage check		
	Other	Not Applicable		

## ELECTRICAL—STARTING SYSTEM

<b>Starting motor</b>	Make	Chrysler		
	Model	1889200		
	Rotation (drive end view)	Clockwise		
	Engine cranking speed	Cold - 35 rpm, Hot - 150 rpm		
	Test conditions	Cold - SAE 5W at -20° F Hot - SAE 30 with completely warmed engine		
	Lock test	Amps	350	
		Volts	4	
		Torque (lb. ft.)	8.5	
	No load test	Amps	78	
		Volts	11	
RPM (min.)		3800		
<b>Motor control</b>	Switch (solenoid, manual)	Solenoid, positive engagement		
	Starting procedure	Manual 3-Speed Transmission: Depress accelerator pedal about one-third, turn ignition key beyond "On" position. Automatic Transmission: Depress accelerator pedal one-third, push in "N" Neutral button, turn ignition key beyond "On" position.		

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## ELECTRICAL—STARTING SYSTEM (cont.)

<b>Motor Drive</b>	Engagement type	Solenoid, Positive	
	Pinion meshes (front, rear)	Front	
	Number of teeth	Pinion	9
		Flywheel	172
	Flywheel tooth face width	.375	

## ELECTRICAL—IGNITION SYSTEM

<b>Coil</b>	Make	Autolite or Essex (with Chrysler ballast resistor)		
	Model	Autolite 200567, Essex 62-160-2		
	Amps	Engine stopped	3.0	
Engine idling		1.9		
<b>Distributor</b>	Make	Autolite		
	Model	IBP-4005-E		
	Cent'fgal adv. in crankshaft degrees @ engine rpm (nominal)	Start (rpm)	0° @ 500 - 900	
		Intermediate points deg. @ rpm	0° - 4° @ 900	
			5° - 9° @ 1400	
	Max deg. @ rpm	20° - 24° @ 4100		
	Vacuum adv. in crankshaft degrees @ in. Hg. (nominal)	Start (in Hg)	0° @ 6" - 8.1"	
		Intermediate points, deg @ in Hg	12° - 18° @ 12"	
			Max. deg. in. Hg.	21° - 26° @ 16"
	Breaker gap (in.)	.014 - .019		
Cam angle (deg.)	27 - 32			
Breaker arm tension (oz.)	17 - 21.5			
<b>Timing</b>	Crankshaft deg. @ rpm.	10 @ 500		
	Mark location	Stationary indicator on chain case cover		
	Cylinder numbering system (see page 2)	Left Bank:	1 - 3 - 5 - 7	
		Right Bank:	2 - 4 - 6 - 8	
Firing order (see page 2)	1 - 8 - 4 - 3 - 6 - 5 - 7 - 2			
<b>Spark Plug</b>	Make and model	Autolite A42		
	Thread (mm)	14 mm		
	Tightening torque (lb. ft.)	30 - 32		
	Gap	.035		
<b>Cable</b>	Conductor type	Resistor		
	Insulation type	Synthetic rubber with neoprene jacket		
	Spark plug protector	Silicone		

## ELECTRICAL—SUPPRESSION

<b>Locations &amp; type</b>	Resistance-type spark plug and coil leads
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## ELECTRICAL—INSTRUMENTS AND SWITCHES

Speed-ometer	Make	Stewart-Warner
	Trip odometer (yes, no)	No
Charge indicator—type		Ammeter
Temperature indicator—type		Electric - Thermal
Oil pressure indicator—type		Indicator Light
Fuel indicator—type		Electric - Thermal
Other		None
Ignition switch	Identify positions in order and circuits controlled	Center Position - Off 1st Position Clockwise - Ignition & Accessory Circuit Only 2nd Position Clockwise - Starter & Ignition Circuit Only 1st Position Counterclockwise - Accessory Circuit Only
	Provision for illumination	None
	Location	Right of steering column
Main lighting switch	Identify positions and lights controlled	Full In Position - Off 1st Position Out - Instrument, Tail, Parking and License Plate Lamps Full Out Position - Instrument, Tail, Head and License Plate Lamps
Other light switches	Locations and lamps controlled	Instrument Lamp Rheostat Control - Concentric with head lamp switch, variable all instruments; Dome and Map Lamps - Manual switch concentric with head lamp switch, Automatic Switch - Each door; Directional Signal Switch - Lever on steering column below wheel; Low Oil Pressure Switch - Engine; Stop Lamp Switch - Brake pedal.
Other switches	Locations and devices controlled	Windshield Wiper Switch - Variable Speed or Single Speed, Left of Steering Column Heater Control - Two-Speed by Push Buttons Right of Steering Column Defroster Control - Push Button Right of Steering Column Air Vent Control - Push Button Right of Steering Column
Windshield wiper	Make	Autolite or General Industries
	Type	Electric
	Vacuum booster provision	None
	Washer provision	Foot operated pump - Optional
Horn	Type	Sea Shell
	Number used	2
	Amp draw (each)	9 - 10

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## ELECTRICAL—LAMP BULBS

Give quantity used and trade number, e.g., Headlamp 2-5400 S, dual headlight 2-4001, 2-4002.  
Indicate accessories which are not standard equipment by an asterisk following the numbers.

Headlamps & arrangement		Dual Canted, 2-4001, 2-4002
Headlamp beam indicator		1-1445
Parking		2-1034 (a)
Tail		2-1034 (b)
Stop		2-1034 (b)
Direction signal	Front	2-1034 (a)
	Rear	2-1034 (b)
	Indicator	1-1445
License plate		1-67
Instrument		2-57
Ignition lock		None
Back up		2-1073*
Dome		2-1004*
Clock		1-57*
Radio		1-57*
Glove compartment		1-1891*
Speedometer		3-57
Ammeter Indicator		1-57
Oil Pressure Indicator		1-57
Map & Courtesy Lamp		1-90*
Transmission Control		1-1816*
Hand Brake Indicator		1-1816*
Heater Control		2-1816*
Trunk Light		1-1003*

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- (a) Integral unit.
- (b) Integral unit, double filament bulb.

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## ELECTRICAL—FUSE & CIRCUIT BREAKER DATA

Use trade number of fuse, e.g., SFE-10. Indicate circuit breaker by ampere capacity suffixed by letters "C.B.", e.g., 30 C.B. Where fuse or circuit breaker protects multiple circuits indicate first use by a letter and repeat the same letter for all units protected by the same fuse or circuit breaker, e.g., Parking lights SFE-10 (a), Direction Indicator same as (a).

Headlamp	22.5 CB (A)
Headlamp beam indicator	Same as (A)
Parking light	15 CB (B)
Tail light	Same as (B)
Stop light	Same as (B)
Direction indicator	None
License plate light	Same as (B)
Instrument light	Same as (B)
Ignition light	None
Back up light	Same as (C)
Dome light	Same as (B)
Clock	AGA-1
Clock light	Same as (B)
Radio	SFE - 7.5
Glove compartment light	Same as (B)
Windshield Wiper	Single Speed - 5 CB, Variable Speed - 6 CB (C)
Window Lift	30 CB
Seat Adjuster	40 CB
Heater	SFE - 20
Rear Defroster	SFE - 7.5
Front Air Cond.	SFE - 20
Rear Air Cond.	SFE - 20
Auto Pilot	3AG - 10
Cigar Lighter	None

## ELECTRICAL—LOCATION OF OUTSIDE LAMPS

	Tail	Lowest	---	
		Highest	32.1	
Height above ground to center of bulb	Stop		32.1	
	Backup		22.2	
	License, rear		24.7	
	Directional	Front		20.6
		Rear		32.1
	Headlamp	Inside		23.3
		Outside*		28.7
	Distance from C/L of car to center of bulb	Tail	Inside	---
			Outside	33.5
		Stop		33.5
Backup			31.9	
License, rear			0	
Directional		Front		33.8
		Rear		33.5
Headlamp		Inside		26.2
	Outside*		30.5	

\* If single headlamps are used enter here.

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## DRIVE UNITS—CLUTCH (Manual Transmission)

Make & type	Borg & Beck, dry plate, semi-centrifugal	
Type pressure plate springs	Coil	
Effective plate pressure (lb.)	1675	
No. of clutch driven discs	One	
Clutch facing	Material	Molded Woven Asbestos
	Outside & inside dia.	10.5 x 6.5
	Total eff. area (sq.in.)	106.8
	Thickness	.125
	Engagement cushioning method	Flat springs, crimped
Release bearing	Type & method of lubrication	Sealed ball bearing, permanently lubricated
Torsional damping	Methods: springs, friction material	Coil springs

## DRIVE UNITS—TRANSMISSIONS

Manual (std. or opt.)	Standard
Manual with overdrive (std. or opt.)	Not Available
Automatic (std. or opt.)	Optional

## DRIVE UNITS—MANUAL TRANSMISSION

Number of forward speeds	3		
Transmission ratios	In first	2.55	
	In second	1.49	
	In third	1.00	
	In fourth	---	
	In reverse	3.34	
Synchronous meshing, specify gears	2nd and 3rd		
Shift lever location	Steering column		
Lubricant	Capacity (pt.)	4.25	
	Type recommended	Multipurpose Gear Oil API GL-4, and Type "A"	
	SAE viscosity number	Summer	SAE 80
		Winter	Above -10°F: SAE 80; Below -10°F: SAE 75
	Extreme cold	Below -10°F: SAE 75	

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## DRIVE UNITS—MANUAL TRANSMISSION WITH OVERDRIVE

For transmission data see manual transmission section

Overdrive	Type (planetary or other)		N/A	
	Manual lockout (yes, no)		"	
	Downshift accelerator control (yes, no)		"	
	Minimum cut-in speed		"	
	Gear ratio		"	
	Lu- bri- cant	Capacity (pt.) (Overdrive only)		"
		Separate filler (yes, no)		"
		Type recommended		"
		SAE vis- cosity number	Summer	"
			Winter	"
Ext. cold	"			

## DRIVE UNITS—AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION

Trade name	TorqueFlite		
Type describe	3-Speed automatic with torque converter		
Method of Selection (Lever, Push Button or other)	Push Button		
Selector Pattern	Aligned horizontally on instrument panel, left of steering column		
List gear ratios Selector Pattern and indicate which are used in each selector position	R	Reverse	2.2
	N	Neutral	---
	D	1-2-Drive	2.45 - 1.45 - 1.00
	2	1-2	2.45 - 1.45
	1	1	2.45
Max. upshift speeds—drive range	75		
Max. kickdown speeds—drive range	65		
Torque convertor	Number of elements		Three
	Max. ratio at stall		2.2
	Type of cooling (air, water)		Water
Lubricant	Capacity—refill (pt.)		22
	Type recommended		
Special transmission features	Spring-loaded hydraulic valve to prevent accidental reverse engagements.		

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## DRIVE UNITS—PROPELLER SHAFT

Number used		One	
Type (exposed, torque tube)		Exposed	
Outer diameter x length* x wall thickness	Manual transmission	3.25 x 59.21 x .065	
	Overdrive transmission	Not Applicable	
	Automatic transmission	2.75 x 59.21 x .065	
Inter-mediate bearing	Type (plain, anti-friction)	None	
	Lubrication (fitting, prepack)	---	
Universal joints	Make	Detroit Universal	
	Number used	Two	
	Type (ball and trunnion, cross, other)	Front: Ball and Trunnion Rear: Cross	
	Bearing	Type (plain, anti-friction)	Anti-Friction
		Lubric. (fitting, prepack)	PrePack
Drive taken through (torque tube or arms, springs)		Rear Springs	
Torque taken through (torque tube or arms, springs)		Rear Springs	

## DRIVE UNITS—REAR AXLE

Description - (incl. limited slip differential)		<b>Standard:</b> Semi-Floating, Hypoid, 2-Pinion Differential <b>Sure-Grip:</b> Torque-Bias, 4-Pinion Differential, Cam-Operated Clutches Limit Differential Action	
Drive Pinion Offset		1.5	
No. of differential pinions		Std. - 2; Sure-Grip - 4	
Gear ratio and No. of teeth	Manual transmission	3.23 (42-13) (a)	
	Overdrive transmission	Not Applicable	
	Automatic transmission	Standard - 2.93 (41-14) (a) Optional - 3.23 (42-13) (a)	
Ring gear pitch diameter & O.D.		8.75	
Pinion adjustment (shim, other)		Solid Shim (Washer)	
Pinion bearing adj. (shim, other)		Shims	
Wheel bearing type		Tapered Roller Bearing	
Lubricant	Capacity (pt.)	4.0	
	Type recommended	(b) Multipurpose Gear Lubricant or API Service GL-4	
	SAE viscosity number	Summer	Above -10°F: SAE 90
		Winter	Below -10°F: SAE 80
Extrema cold		Below -30°F: SAE 75	

\*Center to center of universal joints, or to centerline of rear attachment.

- (a) Sure-Grip differential also available as special equipment on same ratios.
- (b) When equipped with Sure-Grip differential use only MoPar Sure-Grip Differential Lubricant.

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## DRIVE UNITS—WHEELS

Type & material		Disc, Pressed Steel
Rim (size and flange type)		14 x 5.5 K
Attachment	Type (bolt or stud)	Stud
	Circle diameter	4.5
	Number and size	Five, 1/2 - 20 NF

## DRIVE UNITS—TIRES

Standard (List option below)	Size & ply	8.00 x 14
	Type - Nylon, etc.	Rayon
Rev/mile at 30 mph.		760
Inflation press.(cold)	Front	24
	Rear	22

## BRAKES—SERVICE

Type (duo-servo, balanced, self adjusting, etc.)		Hydraulic, Internal-Expanding, Contoured Variable Depth Web, Three Platform Total-Contact Brake Shoes		
Power brake make & type (remote, integral, etc.)		Pedal Assist, Vacuum - Special Equipment With Automatic Transmission Only		
Effective area (sq. in.)*		230		
Gross lining area (sq. in.)**		230		
Swept drum area (sq. in.)***		345.6		
Percent brake effectiveness—front		60		
Drum	Diameter	Front	11	
		Rear	11	
Type and material		Cast Iron		
Bonded or riveted		Bonded		
Brake lining	Front Shoe	Material	Molded Asbestos	
		Size (length x width x thickness)	Front wheel	11.5 x 2.5 x 0.20
			Rear wheel	11.5 x 2.5 x 0.20
		Segments per shoe		One
	Rear Shoe	Material	Molded Asbestos	
		Size (length x width x thickness)	Front wheel	11.5 x 2.5 x 0.20
Rear wheel			11.5 x 2.5 x 0.20	
Segments per shoe		One		
Wheel cylinder bore	Front	1.125		
	Rear	1.125		
Master cylinder bore		1.125		
Available pedal travel		6.22; With Power Brakes: 4.80		
Line pressure at 100 lb. pedal load		650 psi; With Power Brakes: 1210 psi		
Shoe clearance adjustment		No Major Adjustment Required		

\* Excludes rivet holes, grooves, chamfers, etc.  
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 \*\*\* Total swept areas for four brakes:  
     Widest lining contact width for each brake x its drum circumference.

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<b>MODEL</b>	Standard Transmission		RS1-L Automatic Transmission			

## BRAKES—PARKING

<b>Type of control</b>	Foot Operated, Multiple Pawl Ratchet		
<b>Location of control</b>	Under Instrument Panel, Left of Steering Column		
<b>Operates on</b>	Transmission Output Shaft		
<b>If separate from service brakes</b>	<b>Type (internal or external)</b>	External	Internal
	<b>Drum diameter</b>	6	7
	<b>Lining size (length x width x thickness)</b>	16.68 x 2.0 x 0.16	2-Shoes, Each: 6.53 x 2.0 x 0.16

## FRAME or UNITIZED CONSTRUCTION

<b>Type and description</b>	Unit Construction
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## SUSPENSION—GENERAL (See Supplemental page 17 for details on Air Suspension)\*

<b>Provision for car leveling</b>	Mechanical, by manual adjustment of torsion bar anchor bolt - front only	
<b>Provision for brake dip control</b>	By inclined front upper control arms and unsymmetrical rear springs	
<b>Provision for acc. squat control</b>	By unsymmetrical rear springs	
<b>Special provisions for car jacking</b>	None	
<b>Shock absorber front &amp; rear</b>	<b>Type</b>	Direct
	<b>Make</b>	Own
	<b>Piston dia.</b>	1.00
<b>Other special features</b>	Front torsion bars are combined with outboard-mounted, highly unsymmetrical semi-elliptical rear leaf springs	

## SUSPENSION—FRONT

<b>Type and description</b>	Independent, lateral, non-parallel control arms with torsion bars
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\* Air Suspension:  
 Air spring type  
 Compressor data  
   type  
   make  
   drive ratio  
 Normal operating pressures  
 spring rates  
 leveling data

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## SUSPENSION FRONT (cont.)

Spring	Type		Torsion bar
	Material		Chromium-alloy steel
	Size (coil design height & I.D.; bar length x dia.)		40 x .990
	Spring rate (lb. per in.)		Not Applicable
	Rate at wheel (lb. per in.)		130
	Design load (lb. @ design height)		Not Applicable
Stabilizer	Type (link, linkless, frameless)		None
	Material & bar diameter		---

## STEERING

	Mechanical (std., opt., NA)	Standard	
	Power (std., opt., NA)	Optional	
	Wheel diameter	17.14 x 16.50	
Turning diameter	Outside front	Wall to wall (l. & r.)	46.8
		Curb to curb (l. & r.)	44.0
	Inside rear	Wall to wall (l. & r.)	26.2
		Curb to curb (l. & r.)	27.4
	Outside wheel angle with inside wheel at 20°	18° 42'	

Mechanical	Gear	Type	Worm and three-tooth roller	
		Make	Own	
		Ratios	Gear	20.4
			Overall	30.16
	No. wheel turns	5.45		
Power	Type (coaxial, linkage, etc.)		Integral	
	Make		Own	
	Trade name		Constant-Control	
	Gear	Type	Rack and Sector	
		Ratios	Gear	15.7
			Overall	19.17
	Pump driven by		Belt from crankshaft pulley	
	Number wheel turns		3.5	
Linkage	Type		Symmetrical idler arm, equal length tie rods	
	Location (front or rear of wheels, other)		Rear	
	Drag link (trans. or longit.)		Transverse	
	Tie rods (one or two)		Two	

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## STEERING (cont)

<b>Steering Axis</b>	Inclination at camber (deg.)		6-1/2° @ 0°
	Bearings (type)	Upper	Ball joint
		Lower	Ball joint
		Thrust	Oil-impregnated sintered metal
<b>Wheel alignment (range and preferred)</b>	Caster (deg.)		Mechanical Steering: -1/2° + 1/2° Power Steering: +3/4° ± 1/2°
	Camber (deg.)		Left: +1/2° + 1/4° (Prefer +1/2°) Right: +1/4° ± 1/4° (Prefer +1/4°)
	Toe-in (outside tread-inches)		3/32 to 5/32 (Prefer 1/8)
Steering spindle & joint type			Ball Socket
<b>Wheel spindle</b>	Diameter	Inner bearing	1.25
		Outer bearing	0.75
	Thread size		3/4 - 16 NF
	Bearing type		Tapered Roller

## SUSPENSION--REAR

Type and description			Outboard, parallel, longitudinal leafs
Drive and torq. taken through (see page 15)			Rear springs
<b>Spring</b>	Type		Leaf
	Material		Steel
	Size (length x width, coil design height and I.D.; bar length & dia.)		57 x 2.5
	Spring rate (lb. per in.)		90 - 100
	Rate at wheel (lb. per in.)		135
	Design load (lb. at design height)		R: 680, L: 720 @ -.375
	Mounting insulation type		Rubber
	If leaf	No. of leaves	
Inserts		Type and size	Two front interliners: 2.5 x 2.5; Three rear interliners: 3.5 x 2.5
		Material	Front: Plastic; Rear: Wax impregnated fabric
Shackle (comp. or tens.)		Compression	
<b>Stabilizer</b>	Type (link, linkless, frameless)		None
	Material		---
Track bar type			None

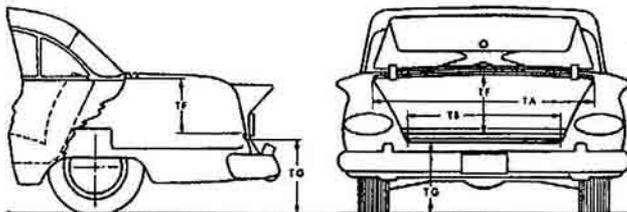
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## BODY—GENERAL DEFINITIONS

NOTE: Included in the dimension definitions listed on this and the following pages are those which have been adopted by S.A.E. These are indicated by a number following the type of dimension, e.g. L 3. Additional dimensions have been added by the AMA Specifications Body Sub-Committee for inclusion in the Questionnaire. These are shown by an additional letter, e.g., HA. Symbol 'a' added as suffix to SAE dimensions indicates an AMA modification. The dimensions are developed from the following basic points:

1. Body Dimensions are for all basic body models as indicated.
2. All interior dimensions are taken 15" outboard of car centerline (C/L) unless otherwise stated.
3. Front and rear seat free "A" points are taken 5" forward of vertical tangent to seat back 15" from center of body.
4. Depressed "A" point is the lowest point on the seat cushion depressed contour.
5. Front seat is in full down and normal rear position.
6. Unless otherwise specified all exterior height dimensions are taken with a full design load which consists of 5 passengers, 300 lbs. front, 450 lbs. rear; includes spare wheel, tire and tools, and full complement of gas, oil, water and tires to recommended pressure, etc.
7. DLO (Daylight opening - pages 22 & 24).
8. For further clarification of definitions see SAE Aeronautical—Automotive Drawing Standards, Section E-1.

## BODY—TRUNK DIMENSIONS

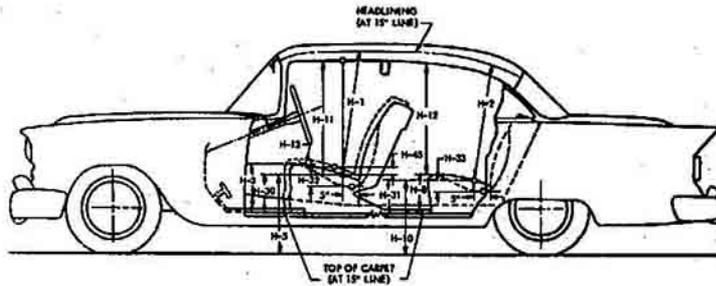


MODEL	RS1-L	
	4-Dr. H. T.	2-Dr. H. T.
Usable trunk luggage capacity (See Section E-1 of SAE Automotive Drawing Standards)	18.0	18.4
Total trunk volume in cu. ft. with spare tire in place	32.8	34.1
TA—Width across the top	57.4	
TB—Width across the bottom	50.0	
TF—Vertical dimension at C/L from bottom to top of opening	9.1	
TG—Vertical height from ground to trunk lower opening (normal surface of outside sheet metal - loaded)	26.8	
Position of spare tire stowage	Horizontal, left side of trunk	
Method of holding lid open	Torsion Bar	

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## BODY—HEIGHT DIMENSIONS—INTERIOR

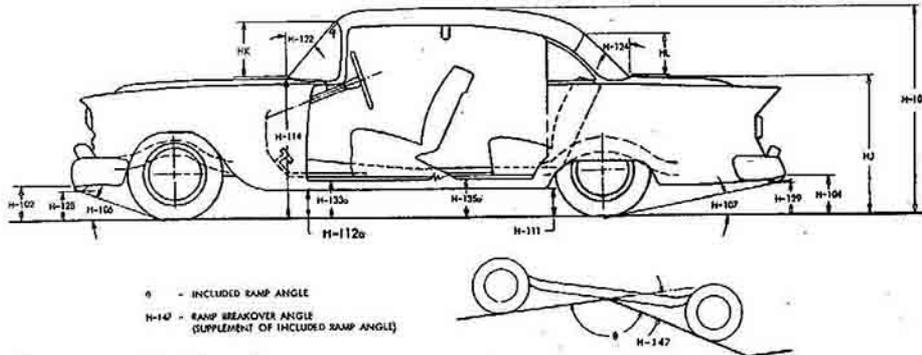


MODEL	RS1-L	
	4-Door H. T.	2-Door H. T.
H1. Front headroom. Free "A" pt. to headlining at 8° back of vertical. (For "A" pt. see note 3, page 20)	33.3	
H2. Rear headroom. Free "A" pt. to headlining at 8° back of vertical	33.6	34.1
H3. Front cushion height above floor carpet at front edge of cushion. (Ignore risers)	11.4	
H5. Free "A" pt. to ground, front. Measured vertically	20.6	
H8. Rear cushion height above floor carpet at front edge of cushion. (Ignore risers)	13.0	11.7
H10. Free "A" point to ground rear. Measured vertically	19.5	18.3
H11. Entrance, front. Free "A" point to bottom of windoord, vertical	28.4	
H12. Entrance, rear. Top of cushion to bottom of windoord at front edge of rear seat	26.9	---
H13. Steering wheel clearance to seat cushion taken on arc (wheel turned for min. clearance)	6.0	
H30. Free "A" point reference height, front. Vertical dimension to SAE horizontal reference line	10.0	
H31. Free "A" point reference height, rear. Vertical dimension to SAE horizontal reference line	9.1	7.9
H32. Front seat cushion deflection. Vertical dimension from free "A" point to depressed "A" point	4.5	
H33. Rear seat cushion deflection. Vertical dimension from free "A" point to depressed "A" point	4.5	
H43. Front seat maximum vertical rise at free "A" point	1.0	

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## BODY—HEIGHT DIMENSIONS—EXTERIOR



NOTE: For dimensions to lamps see page 12.

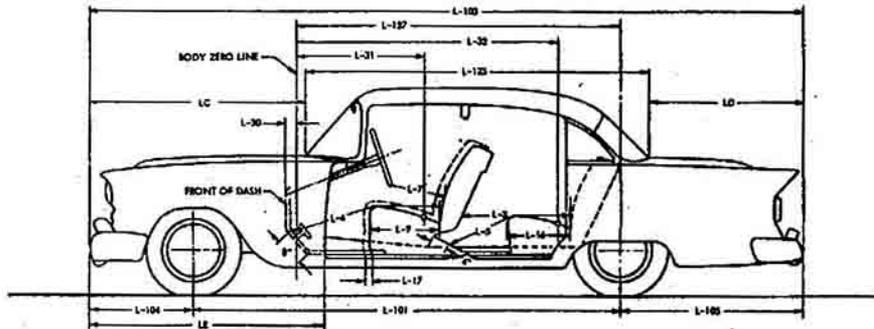
MODEL	RS1-L	
	4-Door H. T.	2-Door H. T.
H101. Overall height, full design load	55.0	54.9
HB. Overall height, curb weight	56.8	56.6
H102. Front bumper bottom to ground at normal section, min. height	10.0	
H104. Rear bumper bottom to ground at normal section, min. height	10.9	
H106. Angle of approach. To interfering point on bumper, guard, other	16.0°	
H107. Angle of departure. To interfering point on bumper, guard, other	10.5°	
H111. Body Sill to Ground-Rear. Vertical dimension measured from bottom of body sill (rocker panel), excluding any flanges, to ground at front of rear wheel opening.	6.5	
H112a. Body Sill to Ground-Front. Measured vertically at foremost point of body sill (rocker panel), excluding flanges and front fender.	6.9	
H114. Hood at rear to ground. Vertical dimension C/L, excluding molding, at hood opening line at cowl	39.1	
H122. Windshield normal slope angle to vertical line on car C/L	55°	
H124. Backlight normal slope angle to vertical line on car C/L	55°	60°
H128. Bottom of front bumper guard to ground	---	
H129. Bottom of rear bumper guard to ground	14.3	
H133a. Bottom of front door to ground, min. dimension	11.5	
H135a. Bottom of rear door to ground, min. dimension	11.3	---
H147. Ramp breakover angle	12.6°	
H153. Min. road clearance at rear axle	7.2	
H156. Min. road clearance and location	5.2 at Muffler	
HJ. Deck at rear window to ground	37.7	37.6
HK. Windshield DLO*. Vertical height at C/L	14.7	
HL. Back light DLO*. Vertical height at C/L	11.3	13.6

\* See Note, page 20

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## BODY—LENGTH DIMENSIONS



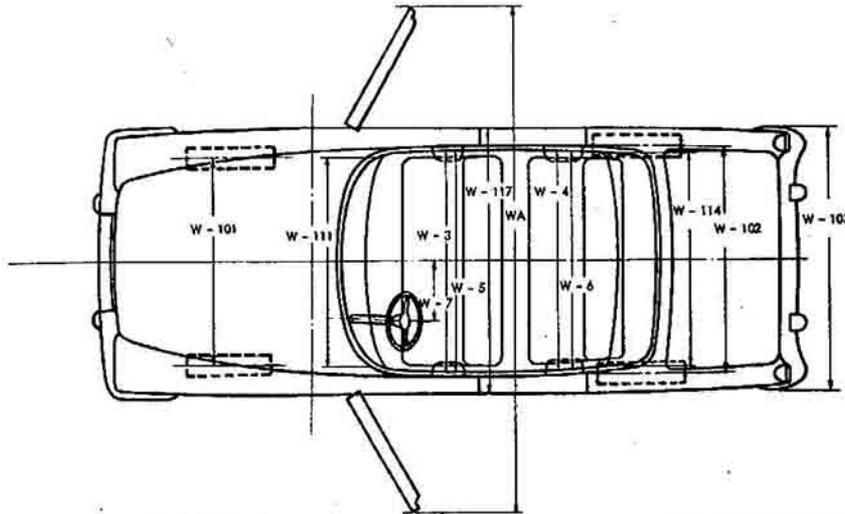
MODEL	RS1-L	
	4-Door H. T.	2-Door H. T.
Interior		
L3. Rear compartment room. Back of front seat back to front of rear seat back	30.3	26.9
L4. Leg room, front. Ball of foot to top of seat to seat back	45.1	
L5. Leg room, rear. Ball of foot to top of seat to seat back	42.4	38.6
L7. Steering wheel clearance to seat back taken on arc	15.6	
L9. Front seat depth. Front edge to vert. tan. of seat back	18.2	
L16. Rear seat depth. Front edge to vert. tan. of seat back	17.3	17.5
L17. Maximum "A" point horizontal travel with normal seat adjustment	4.5	
L30. Vertical body zero line to actual front of dash. Measured horizontally*	3.7	
L31. Vertical body zero line to free "A" point, front	38.3	
L32. Vertical body zero line to free "A" point, rear	74.8	70.9
Exterior		
L101. Wheelbase	122.0	
L103. Overall length. Incl. bumper guards if standard equipment	Std. - 215.6; With Guards - 215.8	
L104. Overhang, front. Include bumper guards if stand. eq.	34.8	
L105. Overhang, rear. Include bumper guards if stand. eq.	Std. - 58.8; With Guards - 59.0	
L123a. Body upper structure length at C/L, excl. molding	107.5	106.2
L127. Vertical body zero line to centerline of rear wheels	102.0	
LC. Front of car to base windshield, excl. molding	58.5	
LD. Rear of car to base of rear window or upper structure, excl. molding	49.6	50.9
LE. Front of car to front edge of front door	63.4	

\* Precede figure with minus sign if front of dash is to rear of body zero line.

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## BODY—WIDTH DIMENSIONS



MODEL		RS1-L	
		4-Door H. T.	2-Door H. T.
Interior	W3. Front shoulder room, at garnish molding height or nearest interference 5" forward of seat back	60.3	
	W4. Rear shoulder room, at garnish molding height or nearest interference 5" forward of seat back	59.6	59.5
	W5. Front hip room, at top of seat 5" forward of vert. tan. to seat back	63.8	
	W6. Rear hip room, at top of seat 5" forward of vert. tan. to seat back	62.8	62.2
	W7. Steering wheel center (on surface plane of wheel) to C/L of body	16.1	
Exterior	W101. Front tread at ground	61.0	
	W102. Rear tread at ground	59.7	
	W103. Max. overall width of car incl. bumpers or moldings (specify location).	79.4 at front bumper	
	WA. Max. overall width of car with doors open (2 & 4 door)	154.1	167.8
	W111. Windshield DLO, max. width	58.9	
	W114. Back window DLO, max. width	59.7	61.4
	W116a. Maximum overall sheet metal width excl. hardware and applied molding (specify location)	77.6 at rear wheel opening	
W117. Max. body width at center pillar, less hardware and applied moldings	76.1		

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MODEL		4-Door H. T.		2-Door H. T.			

## BODY—MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Drs. hinged (front, rear)	Front doors				Front	
	Rear doors		Front			---
Type of finish (lacquer, enamel, other)					Synthetic Enamel	
Hood hinge location (front, rear)					Rear	
Hood counterbalanced (yes, no)					Yes	
Hood release control (internal, external)					Internal	
Vehicle (Serial) No. Location					Left front door hinge pillar, lower	
Engine No. Location					Top front center of engine block	
Theft protection - type					Ignition key starting, Ignition switch terminal barrier, Door locks	
Vent window control method (crank, friction pivot)	Front				Friction pivot	
	Rear				---	
Seat cushion type	Front				Formed wire	
	Rear				Formed wire	
Seat back type	Front				Formed wire	
	Rear				Formed wire	
Windshield type (single curved, compound curved, other)					Single curved	
Rear window type (flat, curved, one piece, three piece)					One piece, curved	
Side glass type (curved, flat)					Flat	
Side glass exposed surface area			1230			1254
Windshield glass exposed surface area					1575	
Backlight glass exposed surface area			1283			1778
Total glass exposed surface area			4088			4607