

AMA Specifications – Passenger Car

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MAKE OF CAR	OLDSMOBILE		MODEL YEAR	1959	DATE ISSUED		REVISED
COMPANY							
MODEL NAME	SYMBOL			MODEL NAME	SYMBOL		
Dynamic 88	4-Door Sedan			32			
Super 88	" "			35			
Ninety Eight	" "			38			

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NOTES:

1. The specifications set forth herein are those in effect at the date of compilation and are subject to change without notice. UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED;
2. All specifications are standard for the models under which they are listed.
3. Specifications apply basically to 4-door sedan or equivalent. Body dimensions shown on pages 19-24 include other body models available.
4. All dimensions are nominal engineering dimensions.

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

MODEL		Additional Information Page No.:	32	35	38
Wheelbase (L-101)		22	123.00	123.00	126.30
Tread	Front (W-101)	23	61	61	61
	Rear (W-102)	23	61	61	61
Maximum Overall Dimensions	Length (L-103)	22	218.4	218.4	223.0
	Width (W-103)	23	80.8	80.8	80.8
	Height (H-101)	21	56.0	56.0	56.0
Transmission— (Specify trade name - opt., not available)	Manual	12	Std.	Std.	N. A.
	Overdrive	13	N. A.	N. A.	N. A.
	Automatic	13	Optional	Optional	Std.
Axle ratio	Manual	14	3.64:1	3.64:1	N. A.
	Overdrive	14	N. A.	N. A.	N. A.
	Automatic	14	3.08:1	3.23:1	3.42:1
Tire size		15	8.50 x 14	9.00 x 14	9.00 x 14
Engine	Type, no. cyl., valve arr.	2	90° V-8 O. H.	90° V-8 O. H.	90° V-8 O. H.
	Fuel system (Carb. or inj.)	6	Carb.	Carb.	Carb.
	Bore and stroke	2	4 x 3.69	4.125 x 3.69	4.125 x 3.69
	Piston displ., cu. in.	2	371	394	394
	Std. compression ratio	2	9.75:1	9.75:1	9.75:1
	Max. bhp at engine rpm	2	270 @ 4600	315 @ 4600	315 @ 4600
	Max. torque at rpm	2	390 @ 2400	435 @ 2800	435 @ 2800

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ENGINE—GENERAL

Type, no. cyls., valve arr.		90°V8 O. H.	90°V8 O. H.	90°V8 O. H.
Bore and stroke		4.00 x 3.69	4.125 x 3.69	4.125 x 3.69
Piston displacement, cu. in.		371	394	394
Bore spacing (C/L to C/L)		4.625	4.625	4.625
No. system (front to rear)	L. Bank	1-3-5-7	1-3-5-7	1-3-5-7
	R. Bank	2-4-6-8	2-4-6-8	2-4-6-8
Firing order		1-8-7-3-6-5-4-2	1-8-7-3-6-5-4-2	1-8-7-3-6-5-4-2
Compres. ratio (nominal)	Standard	9.75:1	9.75:1	9.75:1
	Optional	None	None	None
Cylinder Head Material	Standard	Cast Iron	Cast Iron	Cast Iron
	Optional	None	None	None
Cylinder Sleeve - Wet, dry, none		None	None	None
Number of mounting points	Front	One	One	One
	Rear	Two	Two	Two
Taxable $\frac{\text{Dia.}^2 \times \text{No. Cyl.}}{2.5}$ horsepower		51	54	54
Published max. bhp at engine RPM*	Standard	270 @ 4600	315 @ 4600	315 @ 4600
	Optional	**	None	None
Published max. torque (lb. ft. @ RPM)	Standard	390 @ 2800	435 @ 2800	435 @ 2800
	Optional	**	None	None
Recommended fuel		Standard Premium		
regular - premium		Optional None		
Recommended idle speed (neutral)		460 SM & HT	460 SM & HT	460 SM & HT

ENGINE—PISTONS

Material	Aluminum Alloy	Aluminum Alloy	Aluminum Alloy
Description and finish	Auto-Thermic, Cam Grind, Tin Plate, Steel Strut		
Weight (piston only) oz.	25.82 oz.	27.76 oz.	27.76 oz.

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

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** 4 GC Carburetor
300 BHP @ R. P. M. = 4600

410 Torque @ R. P. M. = 2800

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ENGINE PISTONS (Cont.)

Clearance (limits)	Top land	.028 - .034		
	Skirt	Top	.001 to .0025	
		Bottom	.001 to .0015	
Ring groove depth	No. 1 ring	.206 - .213	.2125 - .2195	.2125 - .2195
	No. 2 ring	.206 - .213	.2125 - .2195	.2125 - .2195
	No. 3 ring	.196 - .203	.2045 - .2075	.2045 - .2075
	No. 4 ring	None	None	None

ENGINE—RINGS

Function (top to bottom)	No. 1, oil or comp.	Compression
	No. 2, oil or comp.	Compression
	No. 3, oil or comp.	Oil
	No. 4, oil or comp.	None
Compression	Description - material, type, coating, etc.	Cast Iron - Upper Ring Chrome Plated O. D. Taper Face. Lower Ring - Parco Lubrite - Taper Face-Interrupted Scraper Groove.
	Width	# 1 - .0775 - .0780 # 2 - .0925 - .0935
	Gap	.013 to .023
Oil	Description - material, type, coating, etc.	Spring Steel - Two Rails - Chrome Plated O. D. - Spacer - Black Oxide
	Width	Rails .0238 to .0252 Each Spacer - .1715 to .1815
	Gap	.015 to .055
Expanders		None

ENGINE—PISTON PINS

Material	S. A. E. #1016 Special	
Length	3.126	
Diameter	.9803 - .9807	
Type	Locked in rod, in piston, floating, etc.	Full Floating
	Bushing	Rod
		Material
Clearance	In piston	.0003 - .0005 Loose
	In rod	.0003 - .0005 Loose
Direction & amount offset in piston	.090 to R. H. of Cylinder Bore Centerline	

ENGINE—CONNECTING RODS

Material	Steel S. A. E. # 1139		
Weight (oz.)	35.58 oz.	34.55 oz.	34.55 oz.
Length (center to center)	6.998		
Bearing	Material & Type	Moraine 400 Aluminum with G. M. 3874 Babbit Overlay - Steel Backed	
	Overall length	.821 - .831	
	Clearance (limits)	.0005 to .0026	
	End play	(.004 - .009 Preferred) .002 - .011 (2 Rods Per Crankpin)	

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ENGINE—CRANKSHAFT

Material		S. A. E. #1145 Modified or S. A. E. #1046			
Vibration damper type		Rubber Absorption			
End thrust taken by bearing (No.)		Rear Upper and Lower			
Crankshaft end play		.004 - .008			
Main bearing	Material & type	#1-2-3-4 Steel Backed Aluminum Moraine 400 with G. M. #3874-M Babbit Overlay. #5 Rear Steel Backed Durex 100A with G. M. #4167-M Babbit Overlay			
	Clearance	#1-2-3-4 .0008 to .0024 #5 .0015 to .0030			
	Journal dia. and bearing overall length	No. 1	3.00 x .818		
		No. 2	3.00 x .818		
		No. 3	3.00 x .818		
		No. 4	3.00 x .818		
		No. 5	3.00 x 1.195		
		No. 6	None		
No. 7		None			
Dir. & amt. cyl. offset		None			
Crankpin journal diameter		2.50			

ENGINE—CAMSHAFT

Location		Center			
Material		Alloy Cast Iron			
Bearings	Material	Steel Backed G. M. 4195-M Babbit			
	Number	5			
Type of drive	Gear or chain		Chain		
	Crankshaft gear or sprocket material		S. A. E. #1140, 1118, 1141, 1146, GM 85M Steel or A. S. T. M. B-310 Sintered Iron		
	Camshaft gear or sprocket material		Cast Iron		
	Timing chain	No. of links	48		
		Width	.844		
		Pitch	.500		

ENGINE—VALVES

Hydraulic lifters (Std, opt, NA)		Standard			
Special provision for valve rotation (intake, exhaust)		No			
Rocker ratio		8 to 1			
Operating tappet clearance (indicate hot or cold)	Intake	None			
	Exhaust	None			
Timing marks on fly-wheel, damper, other		Crankshaft Balancer			

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ENGINE—VALVE SYSTEM (cont.)

Timing	Intake	Opens (°BTC)	16° 0' @ .00538 Cam Lift	
		Closes (°ABC)	45° 0' @ .00749 Cam Lift	
		Duration - deg.		
	Exhaust	Opens (°BBC)	64° 0' @ .00535 Cam Lift	
		Closes (°ATC)	20° 0' @ .00749 Cam Lift	
		Duration - deg.		
Valve opening overlap				
Intake	Material		Thompson S. A. E. #3140 Steel-Eaton S. A. E. #8645 Steel	
	Overall length		4.999	
	Actual overall head dia.		1.875	
	Angle of seat		45°	
	Seat insert material		None	
	Stem diameter		.3432 - .3427	
	Stem to guide clearance		.0010 to .0025	
	Lift		.435	
	Outer spring press. and length	Valve closed (lb. @ in.)	90# @ 1.837	
		Valve open (lb. @ in.)	182# @ 1.437	
	Inner spring press. and length	Valve closed (lb. @ in.)	None	
		Valve open (lb. @ in.)	None	
	Exhaust	Material		Thompson & Eaton G. M. -N82152 Steel
		Overall length		4.999
Actual overall head dia.		1.562		
Angle of seat		45°		
Seat insert material		None		
Stem diameter		.3945 - .3940		
Stem to guide clearance		.0015 to .0030		
Lift		.437		
Outer spring press. and length		Valve closed (lb. @ in.)	90# @ 1.837	
		Valve open (lb. @ in.)	182 # @ 1.437	
Inner spring press. and length		Valve closed (lb. @ in.)	None	
		Valve open (lb. @ in.)	None	

ENGINE—LUBRICATION SYSTEM

Type of lubrication (splash, pressure, nozzle)	Main bearings	Pressure
	Connecting rods	Pressure
	Piston pins	Splash
	Camshaft bearings	Pressure
	Tappets	Pressure
	Timing gear or chain	Pressure
	Cylinder walls	Pressure

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ENGINE—LUBRICATION SYSTEM (cont.)

Oil pump type	Gear
Normal oil pressure (lb. @ engine rpm)	35-45 at 50 M. P. H.
Oil pressure sending unit (elect. or mech.)	Electric
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.)	4 Quarts
Oil grade recommended (SAE viscosity and temperature range)	Not Lower than 32° F. -S. A. E. 20 or 20W As Low as 10° F. -S. A. E. 20W As Low as 10° F. -S. A. E. 10W Lower than 10° F. -S. A. E. 5W
Engine Service Requirement (MM, MS, etc.)	MS or DG

ENGINE—EXHAUST SYSTEM

Type (single, single with cross-over, dual, other)	Single with Cross-over (Dual Optional)	
Muffler No. & type (reverse flow, straight thru, separate resonator)	Reverse Flow (Resonators with Dual System)	
Exhaust pipe dia. (O.D. & wall thickness)	Branch	2.0" O. D. x .059
	Main	2.25" O. D. x .076
Main pipe diameter (O.D. & wall thickness)	2.0" O. D. x .054	

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 Gallons	
	Filler location	Center Rear Bumper	
Fuel pump	Type (elec. or mech.)	Mechanical	
	Locations	Engine Front Cover	
	Pressure range	5 lbs. to 6 lbs. @ 16" Above Outlet @ 1800 Camshaft R. P. M.	
Vacuum booster (std., optional, none)	Optional		
Fuel filter	Type	Accreted & Saran Type	
	Locations	Fuel Pump & Gas Tank	
Carburetor	Make & Model No.	* Rochester 2GC Rochester 4GC Rochester 4GC	
	Number & Type	Single Dual Single Quad. Single Quad.	
	Barrel size	1.6875 1/5625 prim. -1.6875 sec'd. 1.5625 prim-1.6875sec'd	
	Choke type	Automatic Automatic Automatic	
	Intake manifold heat control (exhaust or water)	Exhaust Exhaust Exhaust	
	Air clnr. type	Standard	Aluminum Foil Element Paper Element Paper Element
		Optional	Paper Element None None

* 4GC Carburetor Optional

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ENGINE—COOLING SYSTEM

Type (pressure system, atmospheric, other)		Pressure System	
Radiator cap relief valve pressure		13 Pounds (15# on Air Conditioned Cars)	
Circulation thermostat	Type (choke, bypass)	Choke	
	Starts to open at (°F)	157° - 162°	
Water pump	Type (centrifugal, other)	Centrifugal	
	Number of pumps	One	
	Drive (V-belt, other)	V-Belt	
	Bearing type	Ball Bearing	
By-pass recirculation type (internal, external)		Internal	
Radiator core type (cellular, tube and fin, other)		Tube & Center	
Cooling system capacity	With heater (qt.)	21	
	Without heater (qt.)	20	
	Opt. equipment-specify (qt.)	1.71 Additional for Air Conditioned Cars	
Water jackets full length of cylinder (yes, no)		Yes	
Water all around cylinder (yes, no)		Yes	
Radiator hose	Lower	Number and type (molded, straight)	S. A. E. 20 R4 Class R - Grade 1A Coolant Hose One - Molded Modified
		Inside diameter	1.75
	Upper	Number and type (molded, straight)	S. A. E. 20 R4 Class R - Grade 1A One-Molded-Modified
		Inside diameter	1.75
	By-pass	Number and type (molded, straight)	None
		Inside diameter	None
Fan	Number of blades & Spacing		Four-76° and 104° (Six-50°-54° and 76° Air Conditioned Cars)
	Diameter		18 inch (19 inch - Air Conditioned Cars)
	Ratio-fan to crankshaft rev.		.817 to 1
	Fan cutout type		None
	Bearing type		Ball
*Drive belts (indicate belt used by letter)	Fan		(A)
	Generator		(B)
	Water Pump		(C)
	Power Steering		(D)
	Air Conditioning		(E)

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* Drive Belt Dimensions	A	B	C	D	E
Angle of V	36°	36°	36°	36°	36°
Nominal length (SAE)	58.50	58.50	58.50	66.50	68.00
Width	.380	.380	.380	.380	.380

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ELECTRICAL—SUPPLY SYSTEM

Battery	Make and Model		Delco Remy	
	Voltage Rtg. & Total Plates		12 - V- 11 Plate	
	SAE Designation & Amp Hr. Rtg		70 AMP/Hr	
	Location		Left Front Fender	
	Terminal grounded		-Negative	-Cars with Air Cond.
Generator	Make		Delco Remy	Delco Remy
	Model		1102092	1102093
	Type		Shunt	Shunt
	Ratio—Gen. to Cr/s rev.		2.236:1	2.823:1
	Gen. cut-in—engine rpm		525	550
Regulator	Make		Delco Remy	Delco Remy
	Model		1119002	1119600
	Type			
	Cutout relay	Closing voltage @ generator rpm	11.8 to 13.5 Volts (Adjust 12.8)	11.8 to 13.0V (Adjust 12.8V)
		Reverse current to open	Not Specified	
	Regulated	Voltage	13.8V to 14.8 Volts (Adjust 14.5V)	13.8 to 14.6V (Adjust 14.52)**
		Current	32 to 37A (Adjust to 35A)	38 to 42A (Adjust 40A)
	Voltage test conditions	Temperature	***	
		Load	5 to 10 Amps	
		Other		

ELECTRICAL—STARTING SYSTEM

Starting motor	Make		Delco Remy		
	Model		1107665	1107716	1107716
	Rotation (drive end view)		Clockwise		
	Engine cranking speed		150 R. P. M. Approx.		
	Test conditions		Room Temperature Min. Batt Gravity 1.240		
	Lock test	Amps	Not Specified		
		Volts	" "		
		Torque (lb. ft.)	" "		
	No load test	Amps	65 to 100 Amps	80 to 120 Amp.	80 to 120 Amp.
		Volts	10.6 Volts	10.6 Volts	10.6 Volts
RPM (min.)		3600	3900	3900	
Motor control	Switch (solenoid, manual)		Solenoid		
	Starting procedure		Turn ignition switch key to full clock-wise position (Spring reutr). Shift lever must be in "P" or "N"		

** Set Lower Contac. 1 to .3 Volts Lower than Upper Contact.
 *** Operation temp shall be assumed to exist after not less than 15 min. of continuous operation with a charge rate of 8-10 amperes and Voltage Regulator opening.

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ELECTRICAL—STARTING SYSTEM (cont.)

Motor drive	Engagement type		Helical Spline Sliding Gear - Overrunning clutch	
	Pinion meshes (front, rear)		Front	
	Number of teeth	Pinion	9	
		Flywheel	176	
Flywheel tooth face width		.490-.510	.490-.510	.420-.430

ELECTRICAL—IGNITION SYSTEM

Coil	Make		Delco-Remy	
	Model		1115112	
	Amps	Engine stopped	4.5 (With Resistor)	
Engine idling		2.0 (With Resistor)		
Distributor	Make		Delco-Remy	
	Model		1110931	
	Centrifugal adv. in crankshaft degrees @ engine rpm	Start (rpm)	0 to 4° @ 800 RPM	
		Intermediate points deg. @ rpm	13.5° to 17.5° @ 2000 RPM 16° to 20° @ 2400 RPM	
		Max deg. @ rpm	22° to 26° @ 4400 RPM	
	Vacuum adv. in crankshaft degrees @ in. Hg.	Start (in. Hg.)	8.0" to 10.0" HG.	
		Intermediate points, deg. @ in. Hg.	11° to 18° @ 16" HG.	
		Max. deg. in. Hg.	20.5° to 23.5° @ 21 HG.	
	Breaker gap (in.)		.016	
	Cam angle (deg.)		28 to 32°	
Breaker arm tension (oz.)		19 to 23 oz.		
Timing	Crankshaft deg. @ rpm.		5° BTC @ 850 R. P. M. with vacuum line disconnected	
	Mark location		Vibration Damper	
	Cylinder numbering system (see page 2)		Right Bank 2-4-6-8	Front to Rear as viewed from drivers seat
	Left Bank 1-3-5-7			
Firing order (see page 2)		1-8-7-3-6-5-4-2		
Spark Plug	Make and model		A. C. -44	
	Thread (mm)		14 M. M.	
	Tightening torque (lb. ft.)		23-28 Ft. Lbs	
	Gap		.030	
Cable	Conductor type		Resistance Core	
	Insulation type		Neoprene	
	Spark plug protector		Yes	

ELECTRICAL—SUPPRESSION

Description	Resistance type cable. All spark plug leads, and coil lead. Nominal 4000 OHMS/ft.
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ELECTRICAL—INSTRUMENTS AND SWITCHES

Speed-ometer	Make			A. C.
	Trip odometer (yes, no)			No
	Charge indicator-type			Indicator Lamp
	Temperature indicator-type			" "
	Oil pressure indicator-type			" "
	Fuel indicator-type			Elec. Gauge
	Other			
Ignition switch	Identify positions in order and circuits controlled	1	Accessory—Radio, Heat, A. Cond. , Wind, Antenna, Wiper, PowerSeat on.	
		2	Off	
		3	Ign--Ign. thru Resistor, Instruments, Back-up Light Feed plus above Accessories.	
		4	Start--Ign. Direct to Coil, Start Solenoid Ground Circuit for Checking "Hot" Lamp	
	Provision for illumination			Yes
	Location			On Instrument Panel to Right of Steering Column
Main lighting switch	Identify positions and lights controlled	1	- Park } Tail, License, and Instrument Panel Lights - Headlamps)	
		2		
				Panel Lights Dimmed by Rotating Light Switch Knob Foot Dimmer-L. H. Floor Switch-Hi to Lo Beam
Other light switches	Locations and lamps controlled			Center of Instrument Panel Overhang, also Controlled by Front Door Jamb Switches.
	Courtesy Light			Lights at each End of Instrument Panel underside
	Glove Box Light			P. B. Switch Controlled by Glove Box Door Opening
	Brake Light			P. B. Switch Controlled by Parking Brake Arm
	Back-up Light			Combined with Safety Switch - Lamps in Rear Bumper
	Dome Light			Switch on Lamp Body
Other switches	Locations and devices controlled			Concentric with Main Light Switch—Full Clockwise Position Turns
	Autronic Eye			Autronic Eye on. -Over Ride Switch Combined with Foot Dimmer
	Power Ant.			Center of Instrument Panel Overhang Controls Elec. Ant. Up & Down
				See Bottom of Page for Other Switches
Windshield wiper	Make			Delco Appliance
	Type			Elec.
	Vacuum booster provision			No
	Washer provision			Yes
Horn	Type			Vibrator
	Number used			2
	Amp draw (each)			7 to 12A at 12V

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- Power Top - Center of Instrument Panel Overhang—Controls Convertible Top
- Rear Window - Center of Instrument Panel Overhang Controls Rear Tail Gate Window on Station Wagon

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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	Horizonatal - 2-4001, 2-4002		
Headlamp beam indicator		53	
Parking light		1034	
Tail light		1034	
Stop light		1034	
Direction signal	Front	1034	
	Rear	1034	
	Indicator	2 - 57	
License plate light		2 - 67	
Instrument light		4 - 57	
Ignition lock light		53	
Back up light	1073	*	*
Dome light	1004	1004	2 - 90
Clock light	2 - 57 *	*	
Radio light	1891	*	*
Glove compartment light	57	*	
Brake Light	57	*	
Courtesy Lt.	2 - 90 *	*	
Shift 2nd Lt.	53	*	
Ash Tray Lt.		2 - 53	
Heater Cont.	57 *	*	*
Air Cond. Cont.	57 *	*	*
See Extra Sheet Attached			

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	25 C. B. (a)
Headlamp beam indicator	Same as (a)
Parking light	Same as (a)
Tail light	SFE 9 (b)
Stop light	SFE 20 (c) AGC 25
Direction indicator	SFE 9 (d)
License plate light	Same as (b)
Instrument light	AGA 3 (e)
Ignition light	Same as (e)
Back up light	SFE 9 (b)
Dome light	Same as (c)
Clock	AGA 1
Clock light	Same as (e)
Radio	AGW 40N Deluxe and Transportable AGW 7.5 on Super Deluxe
Glove compartment light	Same as (b)
Brake Light	Same as (f)
Courtesy Lt.	Same as (c)
Shift in Lt.	Same as (e)
Ash tray Lt.	" " (e)
Air Cond. Lt.	" " (e)

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DRIVE UNITS—CLUTCH (Manual Transmission)

Make & type	Long-11CF	Long-11CF	N. A.
Type pressure plate springs	Coil	Coil	
Total plate pressure (lb.)	1954	2062	
No. of clutch driven discs	1	1	
Clutch facing	Material	Woven Asbestos	Woven Asbestos
	Outside & inside dia.	11 x 7	11 x 7
	Total eff. area (sq.in.)	113	113
	Thickness	.385	.385
	Engagement cushioning method	Torbend Plate	Torbend Plate
Release bearing	Type & method of lubrication	Ball-Lube Fitting	Ball-Lube Fitting
Torsional damping	Methods: springs, friction material	Coil-Steel	Coil-Steel

DRIVE UNITS—TRANSMISSIONS

Manual (std. or opt.)	Standard	Standard	N. A.
Manual with overdrive (std. or opt.)	N. A.	N. A.	N. A.
Automatic (std. or opt.)	Optional	Optional	Standard

DRIVE UNITS—MANUAL TRANSMISSION

Number of forward speeds	3	3	NA	
Transmission ratios	In first	2.15	2.15	
	In second	1.37	1.37	
	In third	1.00	1.00	
	In fourth			
	In reverse	2.28	2.28	
Synchronous meshing, specify gears	2 & 3	2 & 3		
Lubricant	Capacity (pt.)	2.5	2.5	
	Type recommended	Multi-Purpose Gear Lube	Multi-Purpose Gear lube	
	SAE viscosity number	Summer	80	80
		Winter	80	80
Extreme cold		80	80	

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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		
Lubricant	Capacity (Overdrive only)		
	Separate filler (yes, no)		
	Type recommended		
	SAE viscosity number	Summer	
		Winter	
Ext. cold			

DRIVE UNITS—AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION

Trade name	Hydra-Matic					
Type describe	1959 (Controlled Coupling) HMT					
Method of Selection (Lever, Push Button or other)	Lever					
Selector Pattern	P	N	D	S	L	R
	Park	Neutral	Drive	Super	Low	Reverse
List gear ratios Selector Pattern and indicate which are used in each selector position	DRIVE 3.9666:1		SUPER 3.9666:1		LOW 3.9666:1	REVERSE 3.7395:1
* Forced Upshift @ 47 MPH	2.5532:1		2.5532:1		2.5532:1	
** Forced Upshift @ 72 MPH	1.5536:1		1.5536:1	* 1.5536:1		
	1.0000:1	**	1.0000:1	** 1.0000:1		
Max. upshift speeds—drive range	70-75 MPH					
Max. kickdown speeds—drive range	65-70 MPH					
Torque convertor	Number of elements					
	NA					
	Max. ratio at stall at engine rpm					
NA						
Type of cooling (air, water)						
NA						
Lubricant	Capacity—refill (pt.)					
	22					
Type recommended						
Type-A- Transmission Fluid with suffix A						
Special transmission features	A small fluid coupling fills and dumps to control the front planetary unit. Transmission oil cooler is provided for severe operating conditions.					

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DRIVE UNITS—PROPELLER SHAFT

Number used		Two Piece	
Type (exposed, torque tube)		Exposed	
Outer diameter x length* x wall thickness	Manual transmission	Front - 2.25 x .095 Rear - 1.75 x .165	x 62.20 N. A.
	Overdrive transmission	N. A.	
	Automatic transmission	Optional	Same as Manual Except 65.50 Length
Inter-mediate bearing	Type (plain, anti-friction)	A/F Ball Bearing	
	Lubrication (fitting, prepack)	Prepack	
Universal joints	Make	Saginaw and Spicer	
	Number used	3	
	Type (ball and trunnion, cross, other)	Cross	
	Bearing	Type (plain, anti-friction)	Anti-friction
Lubric. (fitting, prepack)		Prepack	
Drive taken through (torque tube or arms, springs)		Springs (Air Suspension-Arms-Air Ride)	
Torque taken through (torque tube or arms, springs)		" (" " " " ")	

DRIVE UNITS—REAR AXLE

Description - (incl. limited slip differential)		HYPOID - CARRIER TYPE			
Drive Pinion Offset		1.75	1.75	1.75	
No. of differential pinions		2	2	2	
Gear ratio and No. of teeth	Automatic transmission	3.08 40:13	3.23 42:13	3.42 41:12	
	Overdrive trans.	N. A.			
	Manual transmission	3.64 (40:11)	3.64 (40:11)	N. A.	
Ring gear pitch diameter & O.D.		9.25	9.25	9.25	
Pinion adjustment (shim, other)		Shim			
Pinion bearing adj. (shim, other)		Coll. Spacer			
Wheel bearing type		Sealed Ball			
Lubricant	Capacity (pt.)	5			
	Type recommended	Multi-Purpose			
	SAE viscosity number	Summer	90		
		Winter	90		
Extreme cold		90			

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

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DRIVE UNITS—WHEELS

Type & material		Welded Steel
Rim (size and flange type)		14 z 6K
Attachment	Type (bolt or stud)	Stud
	Circle diameter	5.000
	Number and size	(5) - 7/16

DRIVE UNITS—TIRES

* Standard	Size & ply	8.50-14/4	9.00-14/4
	Type - Nylon, etc.	Rayon	Rayon
	Sidewall color	Black	Black
Optional	Size & ply	9.00-14/4	9.50-14/4
	Type - Nylon, etc.	Rayon	Rayon
	Sidewall color	Black or White	Black or White
Rev/mile at 30 mph		735	713
Inflation press.(cold)	Front	22	22
	Rear **	20	20

BRAKES—SERVICE

Type		MORaine DUO-SERVO		
Power brake type		Moraine & Bendix (Optional)	Moraine & Bendix	
Effective area (sq. in.)		156.8	(Standard)	
Gross lining area (sq. in.)		191.7		
Percent brake effectiveness-front		56%		
Drum	Diameter	11.00 x 2.50		
	Front Rear	11.00 x 2.00		
Type and material		Cast Iron & Steel Centrifuse		
Bonded or riveted		Riveted		
Brake lining	Front Shoe	Material	Marshall 4641	
		Size (length x width x thickness)	Front wheel	9.375 x 2.500 x .250
			Rear wheel	9.375 x 2 x .250
	Segments per shoe	One		
	Rear Shoe	Material	Marshall 9795D	
		Size (length x width x thickness)	Front wheel	12.03125 x 2.500 x .250
Rear wheel			12.03125 x 2 x .250	
Segments per shoe	One			
Wheel cylinder bore	Front	1.125		
	Rear	1.000		
Master cylinder bore		1.000 Manual	.656 Power	
Available pedal travel		6.500 "	3.10 "	
Line pressure at 100 lb. pedal load		750 App. "	850 Approx. "	
Shoe clearance adjustment		.015		

* For Air Conditioning Equipment:
 32 Model - 9.00 x 14 Standard
 35-38 Makes - 9.50 x 14 Standard
 ** Station Wagon - 22 lbs. Rear Pressure

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BRAKES—PARKING

Type of control	Foot Pedal Control
Location of control	Left of Steering Column
Operates on	Rear
If separate from service brakes	Not Separate
Type (internal or external)	
Drum diameter	
Lining size (length x width x thickness)	

FRAME or UNITIZED CONSTRUCTION

Type and description	Deep Channel Section Side Rails & Side Bars - I Beam X Members & Five Cross Bars.
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SUSPENSION—GENERAL (See Supplemental page 16 for details on Air Suspension)*

Provision for car leveling	Air Ride Cars Only
Provision for brake dip control	Counter Dive Design of Suspension
Provision for acc. squat control	In Rear Spring Design-
Special provisions for car jacking	None
Shock absorber	Direct Acting
front & rear	Delco Products Div. GMC
Piston dia.	1 Inch
Other special features	None

SUSPENSION—FRONT

Type and description	Independent Coil Spring - Standard Car (Optional) Independent Air Spring (Air Ride)
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* Air Suspension:
 Air spring type Diaphragm Type
 Compressor data 90° Twin Cylinder
 type Delco Products Div.
 make 1 1/4 to 1 5/8
 drive ratio Hi Pressure System-250 PSI-Front Springs 100PSI Rear-85PSI
 Normal operating pressures Front 252 - Rear 70
 spring rates 3 Height Valves - 1 Front - 2 Rear
 leveling data Continuous Rate of Leveling by Flow Control through Valves.

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SUSPENSION FRONT (cont.)

Spring	Type	Coil		
	Material	SAE 9260 M		
	Size (coil design height & I.D.; bar length x dia.)	11" Design Height-4.05 I. D. -181" Long -.703 Dia.		
	Spring rate (lb. per in.)	300	300	300
	Rate at wheel (lb. per in.)	100	100	100
	Design load (lb. @ design height)	2430	2430	2500
Stabilizer	Type (link, linkless, frameless)	Link		
	Material & bar diameter	SAE 1070 Steel - 7/8" Dia.		

STEERING

Mechanical (std., opt., NA)	Std.	Std.	N. A.
Power (std., opt., NA)	Opt.	Opt.	Std.
Wheel diameter	17.5" on Std.	17" on Opt.	17"
Turning diameter	Outside front	Wall to wall (l. & r.)	46' - 48'1" 46' - 48'1" 47'1" - 47'1"
		Curb to curb (l. & r.)	43'1" - 46'3" 43'1" - 46'3" 43'8" - 44'1"
	Inside rear	Wall to wall (l. & r.)	26'4.5" - 27'8.5" 26'4 1/2" - 27'8.5" 26'4" - 26'5"
		Curb to curb (l. & r.)	27'2.5" - 28'5" 27'2 1/2" - 28'5" 26'8.5" - 27'1"

Outside wheel angle with inside wheel at 20°

Mechanical	Gear	Type	Ball Nut	Ball Nut	N. A.	
		Make	Saginaw	Saginaw	N. A.	
		Ratios	Gear	23.6	23.6	N. A.
			Overall	29.4	29.4	N. A.
	No. wheel turns	4.750	4.750	N. A.		
Power	Type	Hydraulic				
	Make	Saginaw				
	Trade name	Power Steering				
	Gear	Type	Ball Nut			
		Ratios	Gear	17.5:1		
			Overall	21.8:1		
	Pump driven by	Belt from Crank				
Number wheel turns	4					
Linkage	Type	Symmetrical				
	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.)

Steering Axis	Inclination at camber (deg.)		10° at 0° Camber
	Bearings (type)	Upper	Ball Joint
		Lower	Ball Joint
		Thrust	Ball Joint
Wheel alignment (range and preferred)	Caster (deg.)		Range - 0 to 1° Negative
	Camber (deg.)		" -.250 to + .750
	Toe-in (outside tread-inches)		0 to .125
Steering spindle & joint type			Ball Joint
Wheel spindle	Diameter	Inner bearing	1.3736/1.3741
		Outer bearing	.8427/.8432
	Thread size		13/16 - 16
	Bearing type		Ball & Cone

SUSPENSION—REAR

Type and description		Longitudinal Leaf Spring			
Drive and torq. taken through (see page 14)		Springs			
Spring	Type	Semi-Elliptic Leaf.			
	Material	SAE 5155 or SAE 5160			
	Size (length x width, coil design height and I.D.; bar length & dia.)	58" x 2.500"			
	Spring rate (lb. per in.)	95	95	100	
	Rate at wheel (lb. per in.)	115	115	120	
	Design load (lb. at design height)	1000	1000	1025	
	Mounting insulation type		Rubber		
	If leaf	No. of leaves		5	
		Inserts	Type and size	Full Length Liners	
			Material	Composition	
Shackle (comp. or tens.)		Compression			
Stabilizer	Type (link, linkless, frameless)		None		
	Material		None		
Track bar type		None			

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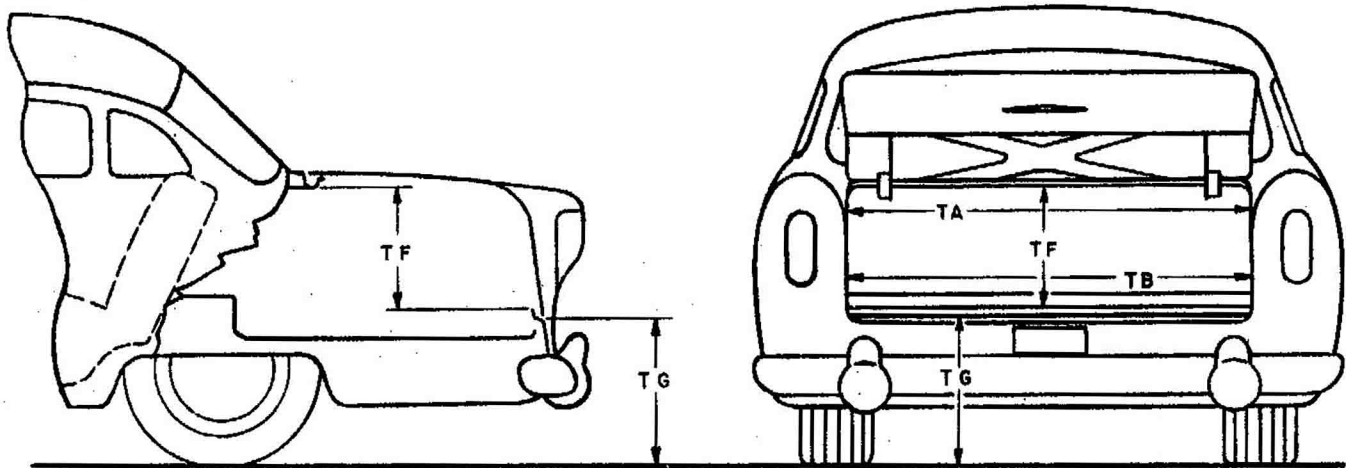
BODY—GENERAL DEFINITIONS

NOTE: Included in the dimension definitions listed on this and the following pages are those which have been adopted by the 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 Subcommittee 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. Front and rear seat free "A" points are taken 5" forward of vertical tangent to seat back 15" from center of body.
2. Front and rear seat "B" points are located on seat back 15" from center of body at height of horizontal tangent to top of seat cushion.
3. Front seat is in the full down and normal rearmost position.
4. Loaded position—5 passenger, front 300 lb., rear 450 lb.; includes spare wheel, tire and tools, and full complement of gas, oil, water, and tires to recommended pressure, etc.
5. C/L (centerline).
6. D. L. O. (daylight opening, exposed glass dimension - pages 21, 23 & 25).
7. Ramp breakover angle (page 21) is the supplement of the included ramp angle (180° minus the included ramp angle) over which a car can pass without hanging up.

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BODY—TRUNK DIMENSIONS

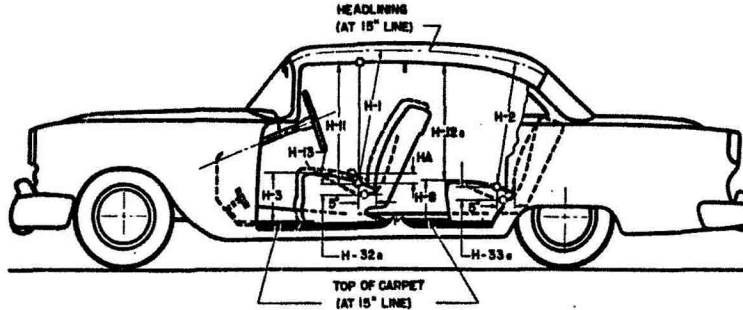


Usable trunk luggage capacity (see Section H1 of SAE Automotive Drafting Standards)	17.64	17.64	17.64
TA—Width across the top	52.4	52.4	52.4
TB—Width across the bottom	49.1	49.1	49.1
TF—Vertical dimension at C/L from bottom to top of opening.	8.7	8.7	8.7
TG—Vertical height from ground to trunk lower opening (normal surface of outside sheet metal - loaded)	27.4	27.4	27.4
Position of spare tire stowage	Right Side Inclined		
Method of holding lid open	Torsion Rods		

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BODY—HEIGHT DIMENSIONS--INTERIOR

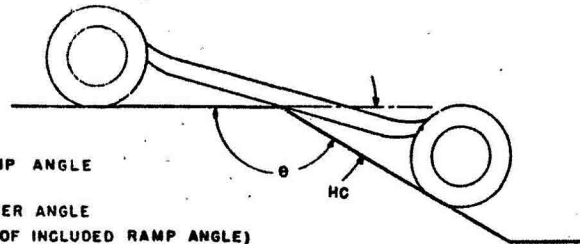
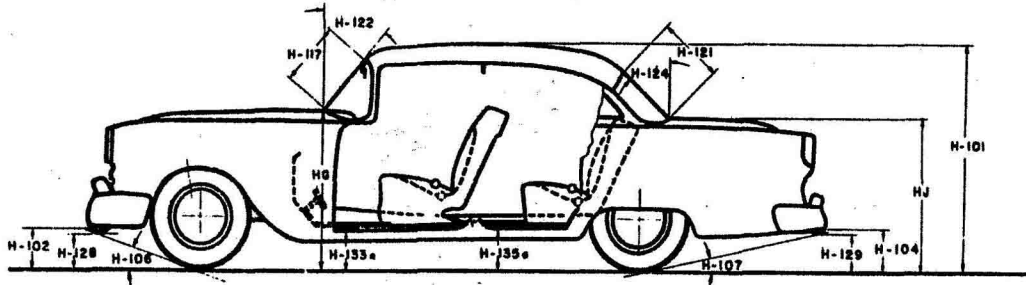


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H1. Front headroom—from free "A" pt. to headlining at 8° back of vertical on 15" line. (For "A" pt. see note 1, page 19)	34.9	34.9	34.9
H2. Rear headroom—from free "A" pt. to headlining at 8° back of vertical on 15" line.	34.2	34.2	34.2
H3. Front cushion height above low point on floor carpet on 15" line (front edge of cushion).	9.8	9.6	9.9
H8. Rear cushion height above low point on floor carpet on 15" line (front edge of cushion).	13.7	13.6	13.6
H11. Entrance—front—cushion free "A" point to bottom windcord vertical.	30.0	30.0	30.0
H12a. Entrance — rear — top of cushion at vertical tangent to front of rear seat, to bottom of windcord in rear.	28.0	28.0	28.0
H13. Steering wheel clearance to seat cushion taken on arc (wheel turned for min. clearance).	4.9	4.9	4.9
HA. Front seat maximum vertical rise at free "A" point.	.5	.5	.5
HF. Front seat maximum vertical rise of free "A" point with multiple-position seat.	2.3	2.3	2.3
H32a. Front seat depressed depth — vertical dimension from free "A" point to depressed "A" point.	4.5	4.5	4.5
H33a. Rear seat depressed depth — vertical dimension from free "A" point to depressed "A" point.	4.5	4.5	4.5

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BODY—HEIGHT DIMENSIONS—EXTERIOR



θ - INCLUDED RAMP ANGLE
 HC - RAMP BREAKOVER ANGLE
 (SUPPLEMENT OF INCLUDED RAMP ANGLE)

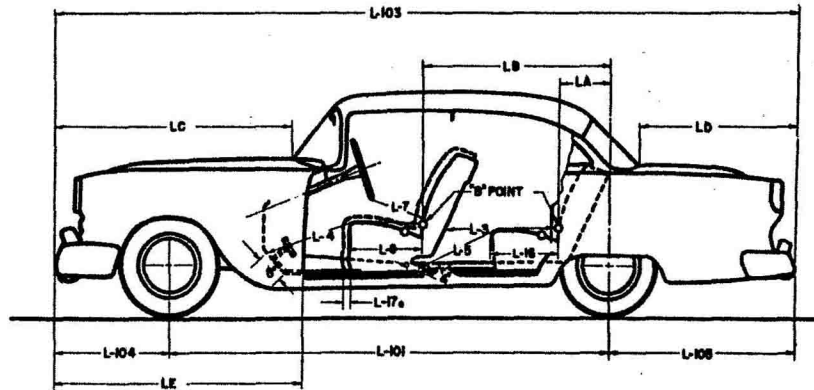
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H101. Overall height - loaded.	56.0	56.0	56.0
H8. Overall height - curb weight.	57.7	57.7	57.7
H102. Front bumper bottom to ground at normal section.	12.38	12.38	12.38
H104. Rear bumper bottom to ground at normal section.	10.60	10.60	10.36
H106. Angle of appr.-fr. tire static loaded rad. to interfering pt. on fr. bumper, gd., other.	25° 30'	25° 30'	25° 30'
H107. Angle of dep.-fr. tire static loaded rad. to interfering pt. on rr. bumper, gd., other.	12° 5'	12° 5'	11° 46'
HC. Ramp breakover angle.*	6° 18 1/2'	6° 18 1/2'	6° 7 1/2'
H117. Windshield DLO-slant height.	26.8	26.8	26.8
H121. Backlight DLO*-max., slant height.	25.7	25.7	25.7
H122. Windshield slope angle to vertical line on car axis.	48.8°	48.8°	48.8°
H124. Backlight slope angle to vertical line on car axis.	59.0°	59.0°	59.0°
H128. Ground to bottom of front bumper guard.	Lowest Point Front Bumper		
H129. Ground to bottom of rear bumper guard.	Lowest Point Rear Bumper		
H133a. Bottom of front door to ground, min. dimension - car loaded.	11.5	11.5	11.5
H135a. Bottom of rear door to ground, min. dimension - car loaded.	11.3	11.3	11.3
HD. Min. road clear. (5 pass. load) & loc.	5.5(Frame x Bar) 5.5(Frame x Bar) 5.5(Frame x Bar)		
HE. Min. road clearance at rear axle.	7.1	7.1	7.1
HG. Hood at rr. to grd.-vert. dim. excl. molding, fr. hood opening line at cowl (curb wt.)	39.5	39.5	39.5
HH. Max. ht., fr. grd. frt. of windshield (curb wt.)	40.4	40.4	40.4
HJ. Max. ht. fr. grd. back of r. window (curb wt.)	39.6	39.6	39.6

* See Notes, page 19.

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BODY—LENGTH DIMENSIONS



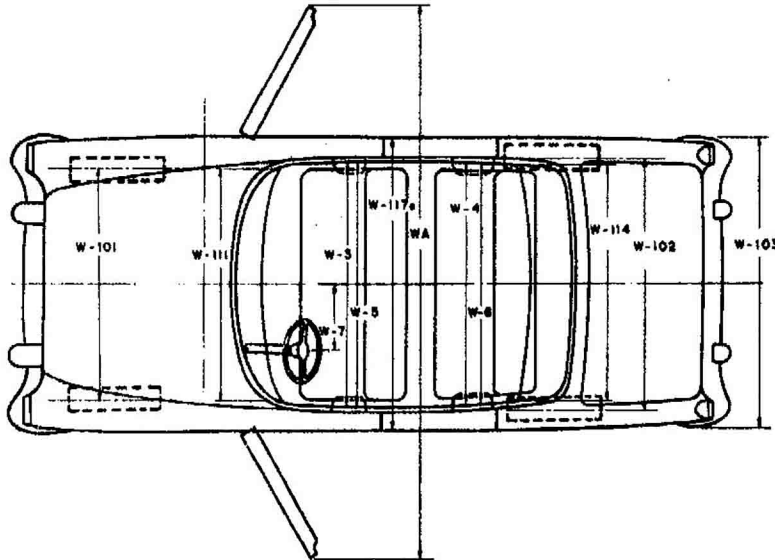
MODEL	32	35	38
Interior			
* L3. Rear compartment of front seat back to rear seat back.	29.2	29.2	32.5
* L4. Leg room—front—ball of foot to top of seat to seat back—15" line.	44.8	44.5	44.5
* L5. Leg room—rear—from ball of foot to top of seat cushion and to seat back.	42.5	42.4	45.4
L7. Steering wheel clearance to seat back taken on arc.	13.7	13.7	13.7
* L9. Front seat depth (front edge to vert. tan. to seat back on 15" line).	19.0	19.0	19.0
* L16. Depth of rear seat (front edge to seat back).	18.3	18.3	18.3
L17a. Total adjustment of front seat at front lower seat frame.	5.4	5.4	5.4
LA. Rear seat "B" point to center line of rear axle.	20.0	19.8	19.8
LB. Front seat "B" point to center line of rear axle.	55.0	55.0	58.3
LC. Front of car to base of windshield.	59.2	59.2	59.2
LD. Rear of car to base of rear window or upper structure.	46.5	46.5	47.8
LE. Front of car to front edge of front door.	71.8	71.8	71.8
Exterior			
L101. Wheelbase.	123.0	123.0	126.3
L103. Overall length (bumper to bumper inc. guards).	218.4	218.4	223.0
L104. Overhang—front including bumper guards.	36.4	36.4	36.4
L105. Overhang—rear including bumper guards.	59.0	59.0	60.3

* Dimension taken on 15" line—see notes 1 & 2, page 19.

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BODY—WIDTH DIMENSIONS

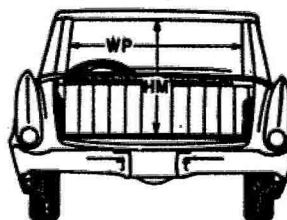
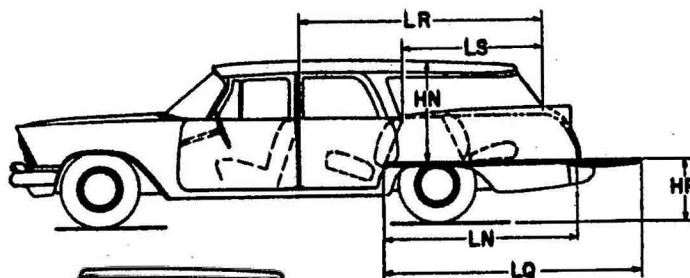
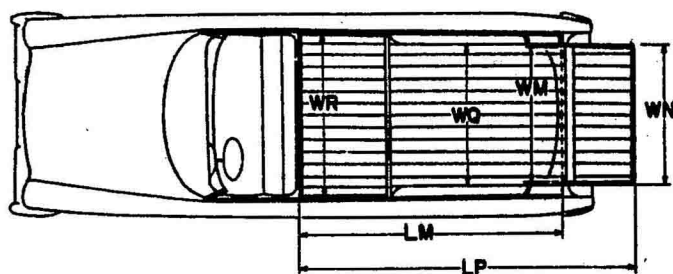


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Interior	W3. Front shoulder room, at garnish moulding height or nearest interference 5" forward of seat back.	60.5	60.5	60.5
	W4. Rear shoulder room, at garnish moulding height or nearest interference 5" forward of seat back.	59.7	59.7	59.1
	W5. Front hip room, at top of seat 5" forward of vert. tan. to seat back.	66.1	66.1	66.1
	W6. Rear hip room, at top of seat 5" forward of vert. tan. to seat back.	65.5	65.5	65.5
	W7. Steering wheel center to center of body.	16.4	16.4	16.4
Exterior	W101. Front tread at ground.	61.0	61.0	61.0
	W102. Rear tread at ground.	61.0	61.0	61.0
	W103. Max. overall width of car including bumpers or mouldings.	80.8	80.8	80.8
	WA. Max. overall width of car with doors open.	148.9	148.9	154.4
	W111. Windshield DLO, max. width.	63.5	63.5	63.5
	W114. Back window DLO, max. width.	59.5	59.5	59.5
	W117a. Max. body width at center pillar, less hardware and applied moldings.	79.0	79.0	79.0

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STATION WAGON—CARGO SPACE DIMENSIONS



NOTE: Front seat in full down and rearmost position for all measurements.

MODEL	32 - 35
LM Floor length from bottom of front seat to inside of tail gate in raised position.	91.6
LN Floor lgth. from bottom of second seat to inside of tail gate in raised position.	56.9
LP Floor lgth. from bottom of front seat to end of tail gate in lowered position.	122.9
LQ Floor lgth. from bottom of second seat to end of tail gate - tail gate lowered.	97.9
HM Maximum hgth. of rear opening - tail gate lowered.	22.6
WM Rear end opening width at floor.	50.5
WN Rear end opening width at top of tail gate.	49.5
WQ Minimum distance between wheelhouses.	45.1
WP Maximum width of rear opening above raised tail gate.	45.1
WR Maximum width of cargo space at floor.	63.3
LR Cargo horizontal distance from top rear of front seat back to top of tail gate.	84.0
LS Cargo horizontal distance from top rear of second seat back to top of tail gate.	47.7
HN Maximum height of roof above floor at center line of car.	30.1
HP Platform height of end of lowered tail gate - curb weight.	27.4
Third Seat - facing direction.	N. A.

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BODY—MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Drs. hinged (front, rear)	Front doors	Front	Front	Front
	Rear doors	Front	Front	Front
Type of finish (lacquer, enamel).		Lacquer	Lacquer	Lacquer
Hood hinge location (front, rear).		Rear	Rear	Rear
Hood counterbalanced (yes, no).		Yes	Yes	Yes
Hood release control (internal, external).		External		
Vehicle (Serial) No. Location		Front Door Hinge Post L. H. (All Models)		
Engine No. location		None		
Theft protection - type		Key Type Starting System		
Vent window control method (crank, friction pivot).		Crank	Crank	Crank
Windshield type (single curved, compound curved, other)		Compound Curve		
Rear window type (flat, curved, one piece, three piece)		Curved, One Piece		
Side glass type (curved, flat)		Flat		
Windshield glass area D.L.O.		1809.7	1809.7	1809.7
Backlight glass area D.L.O.		1622.0	1622.0	1622.7
Total glass area D.L.O.		5040.7	5040.7	5124.6

BODY—TYPES AND STYLE NAMES —

Body type, number of passengers & style names; use manufacturer's code for series & body style.

BODY STYLES:	CODES		
2-Door Sedan	59-3211	NA	NA
4-Door Sedan	59-3219	59-3519	59-3819
Fiesta Sedan	59-3235	59-3535	NA
Holiday Coupe	59-3237	59-3537	59-3837
Holiday Sedan	59-3239	59-3539	59-3839
Convertible Coupe	59-3267	59-3567	59-3867

