

# Malibu

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Shown on cover: Malibu Classic Sport Coupe in white with available sport mirrors, tinted glass, deluxe bumper rub strips and guards, wire wheel covers and white-stripe tires.

Malibu Classic Sedan shown in available Custom Two-Tone black and silver with available sport mirrors, bumper rub strips and guards, wire wheel covers and white-stripe tires.

## Chevy Malibu. A fresh new slice of apple pie.

Dig in, America. Dig in deep. Because the deeper you dig, the more you're going to love this crisp new mid-size Malibu of ours. Snuggled beneath those scrumptious Malibu lines is a great big helping of something we call "solid Chevy value." We're talking about double-panel

doors, a sturdy full-perimeter frame, big coil springs at all four wheels, a Delco Freedom battery that never needs recharging, extensive corrosion-resisting treatments, and a Body by Fisher. We're talking about a trunk with more usable space than there was in the '77 Malibu it replaced. And an interior with more head room and leg

room, too. We're talking about a car that's so right in so many ways for so many people right now, you're going to think we've been reading your mind. A lot of folks are finding Malibu to be just the right size—with just the right room, the right look, the right feel, the right ingredients, the right name. If you're partial to Chevys, if you

want a nice roomy mid-size car you can be proud of, if you want to really enjoy all the driving you do, if you want a car that's in step with the times, if you want good value for your hard earned bucks... You've come to the right car. Chevy Malibu for 1979. A fresh new slice of apple pie from Chevrolet to you.

**A word about this catalog:** We have tried to make this catalog as comprehensive and factual as possible. And we hope you find it helpful. However, since the time of printing, some of the information you'll find here may have been updated. Also, some of the equipment shown or described throughout this brochure is available at

extra cost. Your dealer has details and, before ordering, you should ask him to bring you up to date. The right is reserved to make changes at any time, without notice, in prices, colors, materials, equipment, specifications and models, and to discontinue models. Check with your Chevrolet dealer for complete information.

### Malibu Classic Models.

By now your appetite for a fresh new slice of apple pie has probably got you lickin' your lips. Well, help yourself to four new Malibu Classic models. First, take a look at the Malibu Classic Sedan. Its clean, uncluttered and distinctive lines are just a little breathtaking. Go ahead. Get in, sit back and relax in spacious comfort. If you like a large slice of apple pie, the Malibu Classic Wagon should whet your appetite. Ask your Chevrolet dealer for a Chevy Station Wagon catalog.

Sedans and Wagons feature fixed rear door picture windows with swing-out vents behind them to provide rear seat passengers with draft-free ventilation. But then, perhaps you're the sporty type. What'll make your heart jump is the Malibu Classic Sport Coupe (shown on cover). Don't let its crisp, sporty appearance fool you, though. Inside, it's as roomy and pleasurable as it is delightful to look at. You say there's a formal streak in your personality. Personally, we think the Malibu Classic Landau Coupe should be right up your driveway. It proudly wears a vinyl cover over the rear half-section of the roof. And the Landau roof is accented with glistening bright moldings plus bright edging framing the shiny black center pillar. Sport wheel covers and body side pinstriping add just the right touch. And remember, every Malibu Classic has some very fine touches that will endear it to its owners. Like added sound insulation. Like ashtray, glove compartment and courtesy lights. Like wheel opening moldings, bright taillight accents and bright body sill moldings. Like good old-fashioned deep-down Chevy value.



Malibu Classic Sedan shown in dark blue metallic with available sport mirrors, deluxe body side moldings, bumper rub strips and guards, wire wheel covers and white-stripe tires.



Malibu Classic Wagon shown in white with available Estate equipment, roof carrier, rear window air deflector, tinted glass, bumper rub strips and guards, sport wheel covers and white-stripe tires.



Malibu Classic Landau Coupe shown in available Custom Two-Tone beige and dark brown metallic with available sport mirrors, deluxe body side moldings, tinted glass, bumper rub strips and guards and white-stripe tires.

## Malibu Models.

The 1979 Malibu is built around you. You're the main ingredient. Your size, your needs and desires, your pocketbook. And any way you slice it, it's more than a comfortable fit all around.

It starts with a Body by Fisher with a rear seat built for adults, not just kids. That means adult-sized head room, leg room and knee room. On Sedans and Wagons, there are big, fixed, rear door picture windows. And behind the rear windows are swing-out vents to provide rear seat passengers with draft-free ventilation. And for all those things you like to take along, there's a spacious luggage compartment: 16.6 cubic feet on a flat, easy-to-load floor.

On the outside, trim, clean proportions make your new Malibu easy to maneuver in tight quarters, easy to park. A full set of computer-selected coil springs give you a cushioned ride.

And to help keep your Malibu looking good, it's protected with extensive corrosion-resisting treatments.

Chevy Malibu. It's a lot of car to have around you, our mid-size value in both coupes and sedans. Or wagons. Because a Malibu Wagon packs over 72 cubic feet of cargo space with the rear seat folded down. For full details ask your dealer for a Station Wagon catalog.



Malibu Sport Coupe shown in silver with available silver vinyl roof, deluxe body side moldings, wheel opening moldings, bumper rub strips and guards, full wheel covers and white-stripe tires.



Malibu Wagon shown in dark carmine with available roof carrier, deluxe body side moldings and white-stripe tires.



Malibu Sedan shown in available Custom Two-Tone light blue and medium blue metallic with available deluxe body side moldings, tinted glass, wheel opening moldings, wire wheel covers and white-stripe tires.



Malibu Classic standard knit cloth interior shown in carmine with available 50/50 split front seat, deluxe color-keyed seat and shoulder belts, remote control sport mirror, power windows, AM/FM stereo radio, automatic transmission and air conditioning.

**Inside, comfort and quiet with lots of head and leg room for you and your friends.**



Malibu Classic standard knit cloth interior shown in green with available deluxe color-keyed seat and shoulder belts, remote control rearview mirror and power door locks.



Malibu Classic available 50/50 front seat with dual fold-down armrests shown in carmine, with available deluxe color-keyed seat and shoulder belts, remote control sport mirror, power windows, AM/FM stereo radio, automatic transmission and air conditioning.



Malibu standard sport cloth interior shown in camel with available deluxe color-keyed seat and shoulder belts, remote control sport mirror, AM/FM radio, automatic transmission and air conditioning.

# Standard Features.

- 1. High Energy Ignition.** A solid-state system that eliminates points and ignition condenser, yet delivers a high-voltage spark that helps extend time between recommended tune-ups.
- 2. Early Fuel Evaporation.** Hastens engine induction system warm-up to help provide smooth performance after starting.
- 3. Carburetor outside air intake.** Ducts cooler outside air through the air cleaner into the carburetor to help assure a denser fuel-air mixture for added engine performance after warm-up.
- 4. Delco Freedom battery.** Never needs refilling. Sealed side terminals help resist corrosion.
- 5. Coolant recovery system.** Helps prevent loss of coolant.
- 6. Catalytic converter.** Handles most emission control functions so engine can be initially tuned at the factory for smooth, responsive performance.
- 7. Full Coil suspension system.** Puts a coil spring at each wheel that's been computer-selected for specific model and equipment weight.
- 8. Fiberglass-belted radial ply tires.** Have less rolling resistance than conventional bias ply tires and offer impressive traction.
- 9. Front stabilizer bar.** Helps reduce body lean during sharp turns.
- 10. Front disc/rear drum brakes.** A self-adjusting system. Fade-resistant front disc brakes have audible wear sensors to let you know when to replace pads.
- 11. Dual-mode ventilation system with picture windows.** On Malibu Sedans and Wagons this system allows the use of a rear door design with large, fixed

- picture windows. This door/window design also allows for easy entry and exit and gives you recessed rear door armrests. Behind the rear windows are swing-out vents to give rear-seat passengers draft-free ventilation.
- 12. Cushioned body mounting system.** Helps isolate passenger area from road noise and vibration.
  - 13. Inner fenders, front & rear.** Help protect outer surfaces from salt and road debris for added corrosion protection.
  - 14. Foam-backed, one-piece cloth headliner.** For custom appearance and sound insulation.
  - 15. Full carpeting.** One-piece, wall-to-wall carpeting covers even under the front seats.
  - 16. Compact spare tire.** Provides more usable room in the trunk compartment. Lighter weight makes for easier handling.
  - 17. Large trunk space.** Gives you 16.6 well-planned cubic feet of usable luggage capacity.
  - 18. Body by Fisher.** Beautiful on the outside. Rugged underneath. Double-panel doors, hood and deck lid, box-section roof headers and pillars, heavily ribbed and formed underbody.
- MORE STANDARDS**  
Extensive corrosion-resisting treatments include use of zinc-rich pre-coated metal, special primers and sealers in strategic areas and oil base coatings on the frame and lower body
- Full wheel covers and wheel opening moldings standard on all Malibu Classic models and Malibu Wagon
  - Full-perimeter frame • Visible ball

joint wear indicators on front suspension lower control arms • Delcoiron generator with solid-state regulator.

**DIMENSIONS (IN INCHES)**

Exterior	Sedan	Coupe
Wheelbase	108.1	108.1
Length (overall)	192.7	192.7
Width (overall)	71.5	71.5
Height (overall)	54.2	53.3

**Interior**

Head Room—Front	38.7	37.9
Leg Room—Front	42.8	42.8
Shoulder Room—Front	57.3	56.8
Hip Room—Front	52.2	51.7
Head Room—Rear	37.7	37.8
Leg Room—Rear	38.0	35.1
Shoulder Room—Rear	57.1	55.6
Hip Room—Rear	55.6	54.5
Usable Luggage Capacity (cu. ft.)	16.6	16.6

**LONG RECOMMENDED SERVICE INTERVALS**  
(Under normal driving conditions)

Engine Oil	12 months or 7,500 miles
Oil Filter	12 months or 7,500 miles, every 15,000 miles thereafter
Spark Plugs	22,500 miles
Chassis Lubrication	12 months or 7,500 miles
Automatic Transmission Fluid Change	Every 100,000 miles

## A WORD ABOUT ENGINES

The Chevrolets shown in this catalog are equipped with GM-built engines produced by various divisions. Please refer to the Malibu Power Teams chart shown on this page and see your dealer for details.

## ENGINE SELECTIONS

Selection includes both V6's and V8's. Choose the one that's just right for your kind of driving. Please refer to Power Teams chart at right for availabilities.

## 3.3 LITRE OR 3.8 LITRE V6 ENGINES

These engines represent a blend of six-cylinder and V8 design characteristics. The engine blocks and heads are cast iron. The 3.3 Litre V6 has a crankshaft with slightly offset rod journals to help assure a firing interval with a high degree of smoothness and good dynamic balance. Practical engines for most owner applications. The 3.3 Litre engine is standard in 49 states; not available in California.

## 4.4 LITRE V8 ENGINE

New for '79, this available short-stroke valve-in-head design V8 features a

## MALIBU POWER TEAMS

Engine	Displacement (cubic inches)	Engine Availability				Transmission Availability		
		Sedans and Coupes	Three-Speed Manual(1)	Four-Speed Manual(1)	Automatic	Coupe	Station Wagon	Station Wagon
<b>ALL STATES EXCEPT CALIFORNIA</b>								
3.3 Litre 2-Bbl. V6 (A)	L26	200	Std.	Std.	Std.	NA	EC	EC
4.4 Litre 2-Bbl. V8 (A)	L39	267	EC (2)	EC (3)	NA	EC	EC	EC
5.0 Litre 4-Bbl. V8 (B)	LG4	305	EC (2)	EC (3)	NA	EC	EC	EC
<b>ALL STATES EXCEPT CALIFORNIA (with High Altitude Emission Equipment)</b>								
3.8 Litre 2-Bbl. V6 (C)	LD5	231	EC	NA	NA	NA	EC	NA
5.0 Litre 4-Bbl. V8 (B)	LG4	305	EC (2)	NA	NA	NA	EC	NA
5.7 Litre 4-Bbl. V8 (B)	LM1	350	NA	EC (3)	NA	NA	NA	EC
<b>CALIFORNIA ONLY (with California Emission Requirements)</b>								
3.3 Litre 2-Bbl. V6 (C)	LD5-109 (4)	231	EC	EC	NA	NA	EC	EC
5.0 Litre 4-Bbl. V8 (B)	LG4	305	EC (2)	EC (3)	NA	NA	EC	EC

Std. - Standard NA - Not Available EC - Available at Extra Cost  
(1) With floor-mounted shift control. (2) Power steering and power brakes required. (3) Power steering required.  
(4) L26 for notice L26 after January, 1979. See dealer for details.

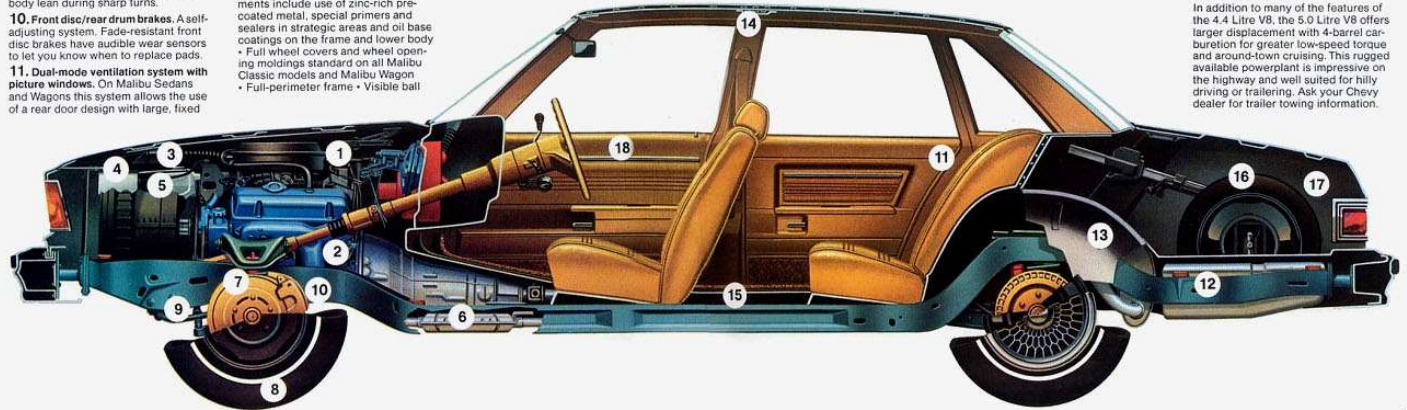
(A) PRODUCED BY GM - CHEVROLET MOTOR DIVISION.  
(B) PRODUCED BY GM - CHEVROLET MOTOR DIVISION AND GM OF CANADA.  
(C) PRODUCED BY GM - BUICK MOTOR DIVISION.

cast iron cylinder block with full jacket cylinder cooling, a precision-balanced, cast nodular iron crankshaft; hydraulic valve lifters; exhaust valve rotators plus Dualjet carburetor. Also includes

new improved Exhaust Gas Recirculation (EGR) and trapped vacuum spark control systems that contribute to improved drivability especially during engine warm-up.

## 5.0 LITRE V8 ENGINE

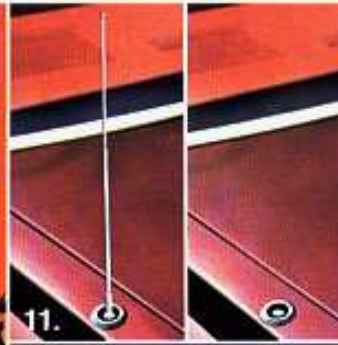
In addition to many of the features of the 4.4 Litre V8, the 5.0 Litre V8 offers larger displacement with 4-barrel carburetion for greater low-speed torque and around-town cruising. This rugged available powerplant is impressive on the highway and well suited for hilly driving or trailering. Ask your Chevy dealer for trailer towing information.



**9. Power Sky Roof.** Opens at the touch of a button, makes the sun and the sky or the moon and the stars a part of your interior decor. (Reduces front seat head room slightly.)



**11. Power radio antenna.** Antenna automatically extends to its full height above fender when radio is turned on. Automatically lowers when radio or ignition is turned off.



## A word about assembly, components and optional equipment in these Chevrolets.

The Chevrolets described in this brochure are assembled at facilities of General Motors Corporation operated by the GM Assembly Division or GM of Canada. These vehicles incorporate thousands of different components produced by various divisions of General Motors and by various suppliers to General Motors. From time to time during the manufacturing process, it may be necessary, in order to meet public demand for particular vehicles or equipment, or to meet federally mandated emissions, safety and fuel economy requirements, or for other reasons, to produce Chevrolet products with different components or differently sourced components than initially scheduled. All such components have been approved for use in Chevrolet products and will provide the quality performance associated with the Chevrolet name.

With respect to extra cost optional equipment, make certain you specify the type of equipment you desire on your vehicle when ordering it from your dealer. Some options may be unavailable when your car is built. Your dealer receives advice regarding current availability of options. You may ask the dealer for this information. GM also requests the dealer to advise you if an option you ordered is unavailable. We suggest you verify that your car includes the optional equipment you ordered or, if there are changes, that they are acceptable to you.



**10. Power vent windows.** Both rear vent windows can be individually controlled in the rear or from the driver's seat positions to enhance upper-level ventilation. Included with available power windows on Sedans and Wagons.

**13. Twin remote sport mirrors.** Right- and left-hand mirrors are adjustable from inside.

**14. GM-Delco radios.** Choose from AM radios with or without stereo tape system, AM/FM radio, AM/FM stereo radio, or AM/FM stereo with 8-track stereo tape, stereo cassette

tape, or Citizens Band radio with power antenna. Newly available is an AM/FM radio with digital clock display. Stereo systems include auxiliary speakers. Windshield antenna included with factory-installed radios (except with Citizens Band radio).

### ACCIDENT AVOIDANCE

- Side marker lights and reflectors
- Parking lamps that illuminate with headlamps
- Four-way hazard warning flasher
- Backup lights
- Lane change feature in direction signal control
- Windshield defrosters, washers and

- dual speed wipers
- Wide view inside mirror (vinyl edged, shatter resistant glass and deflecting support)
- Outside rearview mirror
- Dual master cylinder brake system with warning light
- Starter safety switch
- Dual action safety hood latch.

### ANTI-THEFT

- Anti-theft ignition key reminder buzzer
- Anti-theft steering column lock.

# Reasons to buy Malibu.

- Distinctive design concept that combines styling innovation with good interior roominess.
- Impressive interior roominess, comfort and convenience.
  - More head room, front and rear.\*
  - More leg room, front and rear.\*
  - More usable trunk room.\*
- Smooth, quiet ride with good roadability.
- Quality engineered and designed for value.
  - Full-frame construction with 14 isolating body mounts.
  - More anti-corrosion treatments.\*
  - Double-panel construction in doors, hood & deck lid.

\*All comparisons relate to 1977 Malibu Coupes and Sedans.

## BUILD YOUR OWN MALIBU.

(See your Chevrolet dealer for current ordering information and specific model/option availability.)

### MODELS (Wagon models covered in separate catalog.)

- Malibu Classic Sport Coupe       Malibu Sport Coupe  
 Malibu Classic Sedan             Malibu Sedan  
 Malibu Classic Landau Coupe

### COLORS (See chart on page 10 for color availabilities and combinations.)

Exterior color \_\_\_\_\_ Second color (if Custom Two-Tone paint) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Interior color \_\_\_\_\_ Vinyl roof color \_\_\_\_\_

### ENGINES (See chart on page 13 for availability.)

- 3.3 Litre 2-Bbl. V6 (200 Cu. In.)—Std.\*       4.4 Litre 2-Bbl. V8 (267 Cu. In.)—Avail.\*  
 3.8 Litre 2-Bbl. V6 (231 Cu. In.)—Avail.       5.0 Litre 4-Bbl. V8 (305 Cu. In.)—Avail.

### TRANSMISSIONS (See chart on page 13 for availability.)

- Three-Speed Manual (Std.)\*       Four-Speed manual (Avail.)\*       Automatic (Avail.)

### AVAILABLE OPTIONS

- Air conditioning  
 Vinyl roof††  
 Deluxe color-keyed seat and shoulder belts  
 Power brakes  
 Power steering  
 Power windows  
 Electric clock  
 Comfortilt steering wheel  
 Console  
 Automatic speed control  
 Power door lock system  
 Electric rear window defogger  
 Rear window defogger, blower type  
 Tinted glass  
 Bumper rub strips  
 Bumper guards  
 Auxiliary lighting  
 Deluxe luggage compartment trim  
 Dome reading light  
 Special Instrumentation (Includes electric clock, tachometer, voltmeter, temperature and oil pressure gages.)  
 Quiet Sound Group†  
 Intermittent windshield wiper system  
 Color-keyed floor mats, front and rear  
 Body side pin striping††

### MOLDINGS

- Deluxe body side moldings  
 Door edge guards  
 Wheel opening moldings†

### SOUND EQUIPMENT

- AM radio  
 AM/FM radio  
 AM/FM Citizens Band radio with power antenna  
 AM/FM stereo Citizens Band radio with power antenna  
 AM/FM stereo radio  
 AM/FM stereo radio with 8-track stereo tape  
 AM/FM stereo radio with stereo cassette tape  
 AM/FM stereo radio with digital clock display  
 AM radio with 8-track stereo tape  
 Dual front speakers  
 Rear seat speaker  
 Power antenna

### SEATING

- 50/50 split front seat  
 Bucket seats  
 Six-way power seat

### WHEELS AND WHEEL COVERS

- Full wheel covers†  
 Color-keyed Rally wheels  
 Sport wheel covers (silver and gold)††  
 Wire wheel covers

### SPECIAL SUSPENSIONS

- F41 Sport suspension  
 Heavy-duty front and rear suspension

### TIRES

- P185/75R-14 fiberglass-belted radial ply white stripe  
 P195/75R-14 steel-belted radial ply wide white stripe  
 P205/70R-14 steel-belted radial ply white stripe or white lettered (F41 Sport suspension required.)

### MIRRORS

- Remote control outside rearview mirror—LH  
 Twin remote sport mirrors  
 Sport mirrors—LH remote and RH manual  
 RH visor mirror  
 Illuminated RH visor mirror

### MISCELLANEOUS

- Performance axle ratio  
 Limited slip differential  
 Heavy-duty battery  
 Litter container  
 Gage Package (Includes temperature, voltmeter and oil pressure gages.)  
 63-amp Delcotron generator  
 Dual horn†  
 Heavy-duty radiator  
 Power sky roof  
 Power trunk opener

\*Not available in California  
 †Standard on Malibu Classic models  
 ††Standard on Malibu Classic Landau



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