

Nothing says Quality like the 1960 De Soto



Adventurer 2-door hardtop

If you're going places, this is the car to get you there!

Its styling is rich with the flair of youth . . . the verve of the sportsman.

This car says you enjoy the finest things in life.

Yet every line of its design serves a purpose and does it beautifully!

# Adventurer 4-door hardtop You demand a distinctive automobile that still is easy to get in and out of and has room for the entire family. You demand the Adventurer 4-door hardtop! It has inches more room inside (as much room as the 4-door sedan!) and all the glamour of the magic name "Adventurer." 97933J







Fireflite 4-door hardtop

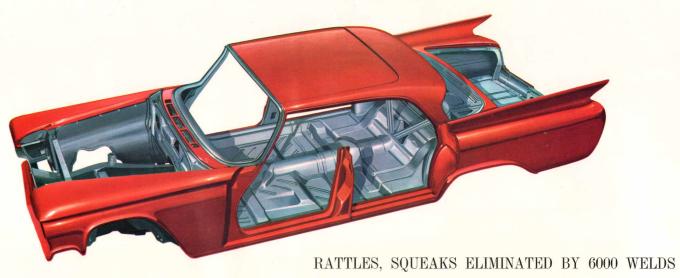
When you take delivery of this great new style leader, you know you are providing your family with the ultimate in safe, secure motoring as well as beautiful design. Compared with its 1959 counterpart, its bumper-tobumper length is less than last year, yet it has inches more room inside!



Fireflite 4-door sedan

There is more true value than ever in this brilliant new Fireflite . . . yet it is priced significantly lower than any Fireflite in recent memory. This is the finest in a generation of fine cars . . . and still this new 4-door sedan is the lowest priced 1960 De Soto of all!

# The stronger, quieter De Soto Unibody... most significant quality advance in a decade



Engineers have known for years the virtues of unitbody construction. With frame and body a single unit, rattle-causing nuts, bolts and washers could be eliminated . . . frame side rails could disappear with no loss of protection . . . interior roominess, comfort and roadability could all be greatly increased. Perhaps most important of all, a welded single-piece body-frame unit resulted in tremendously increased strength for the entire car. And the car stayed strong, silent and rattle-free for years. It was a better, safer car when it was new and for as long as anyone would drive it.

It took years of research and development to make such a system both practical and acceptable to the tough quality standards of Chrysler Corporation engineers. For 1960, De Soto introduces the Unibody, exclusive in our price class. It has 40% greater resistance to up-and-down stresses and 100% greater resistance to twist. It is everything we hoped for—and more!

# Now...a ride never before available at any price

You will notice the difference the moment the car begins to move. There is a new sureness and steadiness. You will feel the great strength and safety in the firm, solid way it smooths the bumps—the flat, ground-gripping way it glides around sharp curves. Unibody has helped make this possible—but it's more than that . . . it's Unibody in combination with Torsion-Aire Ride that has worked this miracle.

Other cars (mostly small cars) have unit bodies. Other cars (mostly European cars) have torsion bar suspension. But only De Soto in its field combines Unibody, torsion bars and extended rear leaf springs to bring you a totally new experience in automobile riding... a ride you couldn't have had before at any price. You simply must drive the new De Soto to appreciate it.

## More good news about the unitized body

Head room and leg room have both been increased. This alone would make the car more comfortable. But that's only part of the story. The additional room has allowed us to make your seating posture more natural and more comfortable.

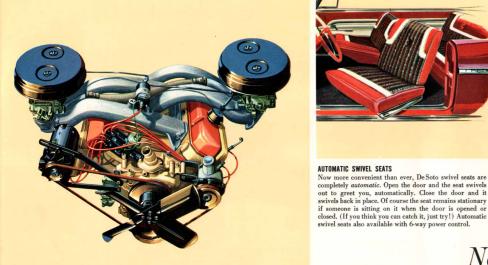
To make getting in and out easier than ever, door pillars have been redesigned and repositioned, and the doors open wider.

Some of our engineers think the thing you'll notice most in the '60 De Soto is the almost complete lack of noise, even at cruising speeds. The new Unibody itself plays a part in this, along with more insulation in more places which is now possible with Unibody. This is important to you for more reasons than you may think. It is a fact that noise is nerve-racking. Noise from the engine and the road in an ordinary car is one of the most important causes of fatigue. The *lack* of noise in a 1960 De Soto means you can drive further and arrive feeling fresher.

Tighter sealing of windows and doors is now possible, to keep your new De Soto warmer in winter and dry in the most driving rain. Sealers and weatherstripping have been improved in quality, too. And Unibody is easier to inspect, simpler to repair. This saves you time

Protection against rust and corrosion has been revolutionized. Each underbody is dipped seven times in rustproofing chemicals and protective coatings. This means longer life for your new De Soto.

Feature for feature, the 1960 De Soto Unibody offers you a new quality combination that simply cannot be equaled. And it's standard equipment on every new De Soto at no extra cost.

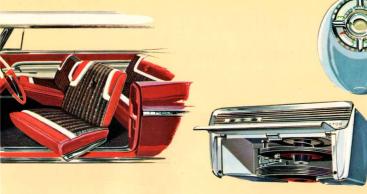


### RAM CHARGE ENGINE

For brilliant responsiveness in the middle-speed range and safer highway passing, De Soto offers the Ram Charge engine . . . an entirely new concept for a passenger car.

The ram induction principle utilized in this engine is based on developments proved in years of Chrysler Corporation engineering research and in supercharged racing cars. It literally rams air and fuel into the cylinders when you need maximum performance. Yet, unlike conventional superchargers, there are no complicated moving parts. This new high-performance engine has two four-barrel carburetors and special "tuned" manifold pipes which create a compressor-like effect.

The De Soto Ram Charge engine is a limited production option, available at extra cost on Adventurer models only.



ULTRA-FI RECORD CHANGER

opening or closing a drawer.

Built by RCA. De Soto's new automatic

record changer plays all standard 45 rpm

records through the car's radio amplifier

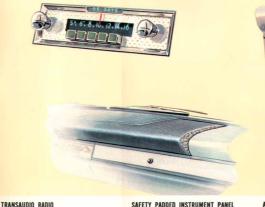
and speaker system, lets you enjoy up to

two hours of high fidelity music. Load

or unload it with one hand, as easily as









Electronically lowers your headlights

when a car approaches (or when you

get close behind the car ahead), raises

them after it's past. Lets you see better

because it remembers to turn on your

bright lights instantly every time you

should use them.

### PUSH-BUTTON HEATER

More efficient than ever, just touch a button to turn on or off, select blower speeds, control vent and defrostingeasy as changing stations on your car radio. For night driving, buttons are lighted from within. Horizontal lever controls temperature.

### SOLEX GLASS

Soft tinted Solex glass filters out harsh sun glare, eases evestrain but doesn't disturb nighttime visibility. Filters out heat rays to help keep you cooler in summer. Graduated tint (darker at the top) included in both windshield and large rear window.

### SURE-GRIP DIFFERENTIAL

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### DUAL-JET WINDSHIELD WASHERS

Now, push-button convenience extend to the windshield washers, too! Fullautomatic, just touch the convenien dash control (no need to hold it in) washers (and wipers) go to work clean the windshield, shut themselve off when they're through!

# swivel seats also available with 6-way power control. Nothing says quality and convenience like De Soto optional equipment

4-SEASON AIR CONDITIONING

Touch a button for spring-like weather As new as 1960, this powerful 51/9

the year 'round, High capacity unit watt transistorized receiver has greater

(entirely under the hood so it takes up signal sensitivity than ever. Transistors

no foot room) heats in winter, cools in replace bulky tubes and won't burn

summer, removes excess moisture as well out! Push-button operated. Rear seat

as dirt, dust and pollen from incoming speaker and dual rear fender antennas

air. Improved efficiency at all speeds. also available.



(standard on all Adventurer models) saver ever invented. Reduces steering car to a safe, sure, straight-line stop. up or down . . . smoothly, quickly, fortable seat position for you. The seat behind and ahead at the same time, it or 2-speed Powerflite. Both are push-effort about 80%! You can literally A particularly desirable option for electrically. A master control panel moves up, down, forward, back, tilts is fully adjustable from inside the car button operated, proved in billions of park with one finger and concentrate women and younger drivers because lets you operate any window in the car toward or away from the wheel. You -a big safety factor when both husmiles of driving. Both offer quick, on where the car is going because you power brakes are so effortless to use. from the driver's seat. A separate concan change seat positions safely even band and wife drive and need different smooth performance and a driving needn't "fight" the wheel, Gives you They're safer, too, because they can be trol button is also located below each while the car is moving. Available mirror settings. Handy new stick

### CONSTANT CONTROL POWER STEERING TOTAL CONTACT POWER BRAKES

Choose either 3-speed Torqueflite Possibly the greatest driving work. Just the touch of your toe brings the Touch a button and the windows go One knob lets you select the most comapplied more quickly.

THRU-WAY AUTO-PILOT

that speed is reached.

Lets you set the speed you want to drive

on the highway and maintains that speed

even on hills (a toe touch on the brake

disengages it). OR . . . vou can pre-set

the maximum speed you wish to drive in

the city and Auto-Pilot warns you when

### 6-WAY POWER SEAT

window. The last word in convenience! with regular seats or swivel seats. control makes adjustment easier.

Adjusts with a touch for (1) daytime driving (2) normal nighttime driving or (3) nighttime driving with bright lights behind you. Off-center dash mounting makes it easier to reach. does not obstruct windshield, lets you see further back on the road behind.

An important safety feature, attractive

as it is practical. Safety pad is a thick

layer of polyurethane plastic, noted

for high impact absorption, covered

with color-keyed vinyl to harmonize

with interior decor. Standard on all

Adventurer models.

### **DUAL-SPEED REAR WINDOW DEFOGGER**

New two-speed blower unit lets you select the amount of air you need for the weather conditions. Mounted out of sight below the package shelf, blower melts winter ice and snow quickly, prevents window from steaming up on warm, humid days,

Dual-tone speaker (1) provides easier listening for rear-seat passengers without turning the radio up too loud for folks in the front seat (2) combines with instrument-panel speaker to form a two-speaker "hi-fi" system for rich. full-fidelity sound.

De Soto's electric clock is located in the instrument cluster so the driver can see it at a glance, almost without for that dash of elegance. Standard or taking his eyes from the road. Smartly styled, this new clock keeps excellent time because it's precision-built and self-adjusting whenever reset.

### • POWER-OPERATED RADIO ANTENNA

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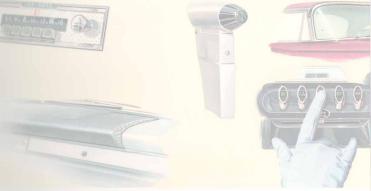
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OTHER DESIRABLE ACCESSORIES

- · TRIAD HORN
- TINTED PLEXIGLASS SUN VISORS
- · SUN VISOR SAFETY PADS
- DOOR EDGE PROTECTORS
- SPOTLIGHTS
- UNDER HOOD LIGHTS
- CURB SIGNALS
- GAS TANK CAP WITH LOCK
- FRONT AND REAR CARPET PROTECTORS

### STAINLESS STEEL WHEEL COVERS

Stainless steel for durability, chrome "flashed" for added lustre, newly styled all Adventurer models, their small extra cost on a Fireflite is well repaid in the perfect finishing touch they add to your new car.



### SAFETY PADDED INSTRUMENT PANEL

### AUTOMATIC BEAM CHANGER

# e Soto optional equipment



### 3-WAY PRISMATIC MIRROR

does not obstruct windshield, lets you

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# 1960 DE SOTO

# Accessory Groups

To make it easier for you to order the optional equipment you want, De Soto has assembled a number of accessory GROUPS. Each group is made up of accessories that normally go together and that most De Soto buyers like to order as a unit.

### ADVENTURER GROUPS

BASIC GROUP No. 1 (Code 305)

HEATER RADIO POWER STEERING

POWER BRAKES DUAL JET WINDSHIELD WASHER

PARKING BRAKE LIGHT ELECTRIC CLOCK 3-WAY PRISMATIC MIRROR

VANITY MIRROR LICENSE PLATE FRAME

OUTSIDE REAR VIEW MIRROR

### BASIC GROUP No. 2 (Code 306)

This group is identical to Adventurer Basic Group No. 1, except that it includes a Remote Control Outside Rear View Mirror in place of the ordinary Outside Rear View Mirror.

### FIREFLITE GROUPS

BASIC GROUP (Code 301)

WHEEL COVERS

DUAL JET WINDSHIELD WASHER VARIABLE SPEED WINDSHIELD WIPERS 3-WAY PRISMATIC MIRROR

EASY GRIP PLASTIC STEERING WHEEL

### CONVENIENCE GROUP (Code 302)

This group includes all the items in the Fireflite Basic Group plus: HEATER

RADIO

SAFETY PADDED INSTRUMENT PANEL VANITY MIRROR

LICENSE PLATE FRAME

### POWER GROUP No. 1 (Code 303)

This group includes all the items in the Fireflite Basic and Convenience

groups plus: POWER STEERING POWER BRAKES ELECTRIC CLOCK BUMPER GUARDS

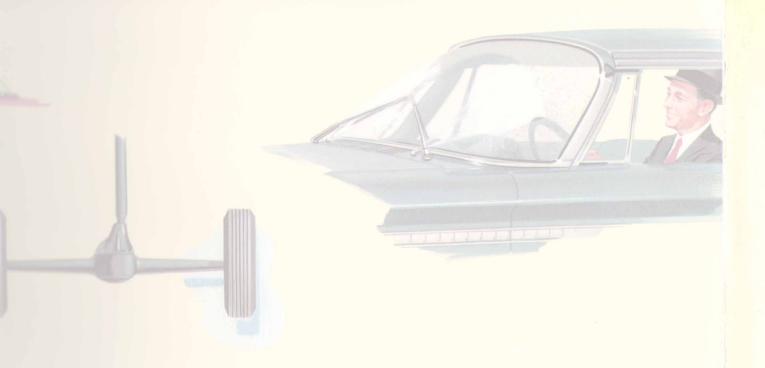
OUTSIDE REAR VIEW MIRROR

### POWER GROUP No. 2 (Code 304)

This group is identical to Fireflite Power Group No. 1, except that it includes a Remote Control Outside Rear View Mirror in place of the ordinary Outside Rear View Mirror.

### LIGHT PACKAGE (Code 371)

GLOVE BOX LIGHT TRUNK LIGHT ASH TRAY LIGHT MAP LIGHT BACK-UP LIGHTS PARKING BRAKE LIGHT



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## LOCK

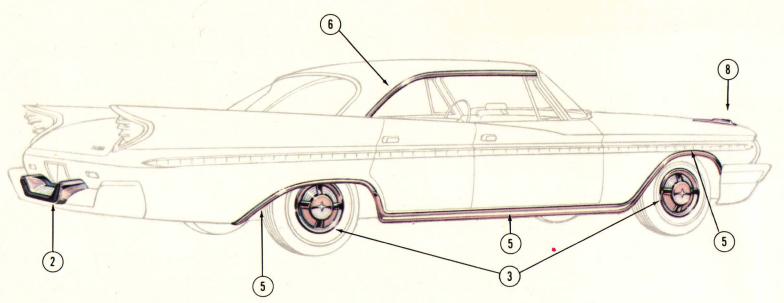
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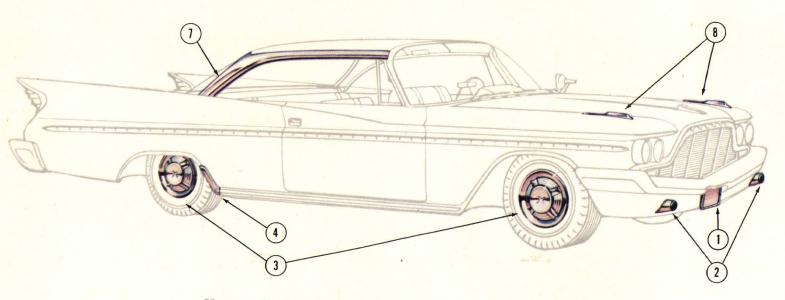
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# Optional Exterior Trim



- 1 LICENSE PLATE FRAME.
- 2 BUMPER GUARDS (Standard on Adventurer).
- 3 WHEEL COVERS (Standard on Adventurer).
- 4) STONE DEFLECTORS (Fireflite only).
- SILL AND WHEELHOUSE MOULDINGS WITH STONE DEFLECTORS (Standard on Adventurer).
- 6 4-DOOR ROOF MOULDING PACKAGE (Standard on Adventurer).
- 7 2-DOOR ROOF MOULDING PACKAGE (Standard on Adventurer).
- (8) FRONT FENDER ORNAMENT.



Your new De Soto can be even more attractive with the addition of selected exterior trim. These styling accents will add to your pleasure in owning a 1960 De Soto—and at surprisingly low cost.



# 4 reasons why you must drive the 1960 De Soto

No single component alone is responsible for the thrilling performance of the 1960 De Soto. There are dozens-perhaps hundreds-of precision mechanisms working together every time you press the accelerator. Of these many parts and systems, four are of special interest:

1. Torsion-Aire Ride. The torsion-bar suspension system has been used for some years on racing cars and on many European sports cars because it is ideal for safe handling on bad roads, around sharp turns, and for fast stops. First brought to U.S. motorists three years ago, Torsion-Aire Ride has been refined and improved each year. It maintains a clear superiority over old-fashioned coil spring systems. It is the most rugged suspension system on any high-performance automobile. And it's exclusive on De Soto in its field. Torsion-Aire makes your De Soto corner flat and steady, free from lean or sway . . . makes it stop straight without nose dive . . . start without rear-end dip. And for your own personal comfort, it is the most luxurious ride in any automobile at any price.

2. High-Performance Engines. De Soto's rugged, precision-built engines range the high-performance spectrum. You may choose the Turboflash, Adventurer, Adventurer Mark I, or the mighty Ram Charge Engine. Each has been quality-engineered for a particular purpose. Each combines a high degree of performance and economy. All 1960 De Soto engines have a new steel spring rear mount which greatly reduces engine noise and vibration.

3. Torqueflite Transmission. Proved dependable in action, De Soto's threespeed Torqueflite automatic transmission converts engine power into "go" power at the touch of a button-quickly, efficiently, and more smoothly than ever before. Gives you the "jump" you need for entering fast-moving traffic and more flexible operation in congested city driving.

4. Rear Axle Ratios. De Soto offers you a choice of two axle ratios-a "highperformance" ratio and an "economy" ratio. You can order the rear axle ratio that fits your kind of driving best.

# 1960 De Soto Specifications

Engines
TURROPLASH (standard all Fireflite models): 8 cylinder, 90 degree V. Valves inclined, in line
overhead; intake valve diameter, 195°; exhaust valve diameter, 160°; bore and stroke, 4,125°
x 3,375°; compression ratio, 10 to 1; displacement, 361 cu. in; 2-barrel carburetor, standard
equipment. Taxable hp, 54.4. Premium fuel recommended.

ADVENTURER (standard all Adventurer models): 8 cylinder, 90 degree V. Valves inclined, in line overhead; intake valve diameter, 2.08°; exhaust valve diameter, 1.60°, bore and stroke, 4.250° x 3.375°; compression ratio, 10.1 to 1; displacement, 383 cu. in; 2-barrel carburethy. standard equipment. Taxable hp, 57.8. Premium fuel recommended. ADVENTURER MARK I (optional, all Adventurer and Fireflite models): Same as Adventurer,

with 4-barrel carburetor. POWER CHARGE (optional, all Adventurer models): same as Adventurer, with cross-over ram-

induction manifold, dual 4-barrel carburetors, high-peformance camshaft and distributor.

SYNCROMESH (available on special request only, Fireflite models only): 3-speed manual shift; 3-speeds forward and 1 reverse; syncro-silent all-helical gears; single plate dry ventilated clutch. Ratios: first, 2.12; second, 1.43; third, 1.00; reverse, 2.73. POWERFLITE (optional, all Fireflite models): 2-speed fully automatic transmission, hydraulically

actuated; combines torque converter with planetary gears. Ratios: starting, 1.72; drive range (low), 1.72; drive range (direct), 1.00; reverse, 2.39. Control by manually operated pushbuttons (4) mounted on instrument panel. TORQUEFLITE (standard, all Adventurer models; optional, all Fireflite models): 3-speed fully

automatic transmission, hydraulically actuated; combines torque converter with planetary gears. Ratios: starting, 2.45; drive range (low), 2.45; drive range (second), 1.45; drive range (direct), 1.00; reverse, 2.20. Control by manually operated pushbuttons (5) mounted on instrument panel. Lubrication, All Models

Full pressure to main, connecting rod and camshaft bearings. Full-flow oil filter standard.

Full-length water jacket, surrounds bores; 4-blade 18" diameter fan; water capacity, 16 quarts Distributor, All Models

Single breaker type; mechanical and vacuum controlled automatic advance.

### Rear Axle, All Models

Silent-hypoid, semi-floating. TORQUEFLITE: Performance ratio (3.31) or economy ratio (2.93) available at no extra cost. POWERFLITE: Performance ratio (3.31) only.

Torsion-Aire Ride, standard equipment. Combines pre-stressed, tempered steel torsion-bar front suspension with extended-leaf spring rear suspension. Oriflow shock absorbers on all four wheels, Isolated from body by rubber bushings.

### Body, All Models

Fully welded, integrated construction. Immersion-rustproofed in important underbody areas. Finished with bonderizing rustproofing process, two primer coats, two Lustre-Bond enamel coats throughout. Fuel tank capacity (all models), 23 gallons.

Wheelbase (all models), 122"; overall length, (all Fireflite models) 215.4"; (all Adventurer models) 217"; overall width (all models), 79.4"; overall height (all 4-door models) 55"; (all 2-door models) 54.8"; front tread (all models), 61"; rear tread (all models), 59.7"; road clearance (all models, with standard load), 6.2".

### Standard Fauipment

FIREFLITE: Torsion-Aire Ride, Turboflash V-8 engine, Total Contact brakes, new manually adjustable 6-way front seat, Safety Rim wheels, Oriflow shock absorbers, constant speed electric windshield wipers, front and rear carpets, solenoid shift starter, foam front seat.

ADVENTURER: All Fireflite standard equipment (except that Adventurer V-8 engine replaces Turboflash, and variable speed electric windshield wipers replace constant speed), plus: Torqueflite transmission, safety-padded instrument panel, Easy Grip plastic steering wheel, stainless steel wheel covers, bumper guards, roof mouldings, back-up lights, foam rear seat, chrome interior garnish mouldings, full length sill and wheelhouse mouldings, aluminum seat side shields.

Note: Manufacturer reserves the right to revise, change or modify construction of De Soto motor vehicles, or any part thereof, as he may see fit without incurring any obligation to make like changes on vehicles previously sold.