THE STORY OF THE SOLID PLYMOUTH FOR 1960







(Top) The way ordinary automobiles are made. A body unit is bolted to a frame unit. It is now going out of date.

(Bottom) The way the solid Plymouth is built. A single welded unit is both body and frame in one. For 1960, only Plymouth in its class has this unique, new Dura-Quiet Unibody construction.

NO OTHER CAR IN ITS CLASS IS BUILT LIKE THE SOLID PLYMOUTH 1960.

Deep down, all cars used to be the same. They began with a body and a frame bolted together. The rest of the machine was added onto the outside and into the inside.

type of construction were more weight, less room and less comfort than some other more simplified type of construction would afford. This other type of assembly is called "unit

Chrysle: Corporation engineers built the first U.S. passenger car with unit construction. They have now developed the first perfected version of this technique, "Dura-Quiet Unibody." Unibody is the core of the best built

welded into one single unit.

Roomy, solid, strong, tight, smooth, stable, silent.

From the outside, the new Plymouth is virtually the same height and the same width as before. But Unibody construction makes it possible to lower the floor and to widen the

Body and frame form a single unit. About 5400 precise welds bind it tight. This is the car's solid shell from windshield to tail-lights. The engine and front wheels form a sec-

ondary unit. This auxiliary section is bolted into the main unit the same way an airplane wing is bolted into the fuselage. No competitive car, even those which use a form of unit construction, has this feature. It permits a degree of precise alignment on the assembly line out of the ouestion in automobile factories before.

a row may require exactly the same number of shims—little fitting devices to join the parts perfectly. So a trained expert using a specially developed machine measures each unit's di-

This custom aligning is one reason the doors, hood and fenders fit so snugly. It's a big

Plymouth's new Dura-Quiet Unibody has proved out more than twice as strong as other kinds of bodies in twist tests, almost half again as strong in bend tests. The gauge of steel used in the unit "girders" of the '60 Plymouth is as much as 75% heavier than that used before in ordinary body construc-

The 1960 Plymouth is a tight car. The way the door chunks shut tells you that right away. Tightness is sealed into this car. Even increases we have a small points are completely sealed. This is done by "shooting" a special sealed. This is done by "shooting" a special wedding sealer into joints of panels before the body unit is welded. When it is welded the unit is painted and pain into drying overs. Here the new sealer expands. It becomes twice its original balle and throughly close of all the

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For years Plymouth's Torsion-Aire suspension (standard equipment) has been called the best engineered suspension system on passenger cars. For 1960, this proved suspension functions together with Plymouth's Duracoist University The swall carmet be described.

Actually there are two suspensions in the '60 Plymouth. The engine now has a suspension system of its own. The front of the Plymouth engine rests on two large mounts made of rubber. The rear is mounted on a special coil spring device topped by a rubber shock absorber. It floats on a separate suspension.

son, producing the smoothest kind of power. Stability is designed into the solid Plymouth for 1960 in many ways. Torsion-Aire contributes. So does Plymouth's aerodynamic design, particularly the distinctive rear stabilizer fins, Wind tunnel tests have proved that when you're going 20 miles an hour or more in a cross wind. Plymouth's stabilizers eliminate



This is a miniature replica of a 1960 Plymouth. It was fashioned of plastic on a special hand-carved wooden frame and it cost \$100,000 to build. It is three-eighths actual size. Plymouth engineers learned more from plastic replicas like this than would ever have been possible from actual full-size cars.



Torsion bars are one of the secrets of Plymouth's Torsion-Aire Ride. This famed suspension is standard equipment on every Plymouth built. You feel virtually no roll or sway on curves, even at speeds higher than you're likely to use in turns. You stay level taking corners, stop without dippoing. one-fifth of the steering corrections, and 25% of the steering effort you'd normally have to make in any ordinary car.

The new Plymouth is a quiet car because its builders made up their minds to get every grunt, squeak, howl, squeal, groan, whine, buzz, rap, rattle, beat, twang, clink, hiss, howl, rumble, shudder, whistle, growl out of it.

Each of these words defines for an engineer a different kind of car noise. Each of these noises was systematically hunted down. Sensitive 12-channel tape recorders eavesdropped all over this new car. Exciters activated parts of the car and microphones recorded reactions. One by one, the noises were stilled.

talk at a normal pitch even at highway speeds.

You hear better, too, in the '60 Plymouth.

Economical.

Plymouth goes easy on gas. For the three years before 1960, Plymouth V-8s topped their class for gas mileage in America's recognized economy competition, the Mobilgas Economy Run. Plymouth has a fuel-saving choke, and its 3-stage carburetor metering puts every drop of gas to work for you. And, in Plymouth, that gas can be inexpensive non-premium fuel for either standard V-8 or 6.

The 1960 model will deliver even better gas mileage than before. It has been redesigned all along its exterior lines—even underneath—

1960 prototype Plymouths have been test-driven the equivalent of 20 years' use. You wouldn't want to hang onto any car that long—but that's not the point.

Ine point is, a car that is built to list a lot longer than you want to keep it is an economical car. It will cost you less to keep up, will give you better satisfaction while you own it,

Durable.

Chrysler Corporation is the only car manufacturer which starts protecting its steel against corrosion before any parts are made from it. Raw steel just in from the mill is scrubbed at 180°F. before fabrication begins. When this steel is made into Plymouth's unit body, a scries of seven different protective baths (plus

The entire 1960 Plymouth is prime painted twice with epoxy primers, virtually a liquid armor. A red undercoat goes on first. Then a gray one. Next, the whole body is baked and sanded. Then a coat of new Lustre-Bond enamel is applied. Then another coat of this super enamel is applied. A final baking, Resulti: a brilliant, tough, lovely finish you will not have to was for years and years.

The Plymouth 1960 is a whirlwind of new ideas. Some are truly important advances. Others are "little things" that make a car special. All contribute to your comfort, convenience, safety, all-around satisfaction.

Open the door of the 1960 Plymouth and

already you have handled a great many years of engineering research and design. The handle is flush in the door with an easy pull-out action. It has been designed with plenty of finger room; no danger to the lady's dress-up nails.

Comfortable.

Slip into the '60 Plymouth—through its much larger door opening—and settle behind the wheel. Notice the relaxed position your body automatically assumes in the higher seat with the carefully-angled crown and back.

This front seat can be custom-fitted by the dealer to your build. It will adjust front and back, up or down, and its slant fixed as you like. You can change the positioning any time by a simple adjustment with a wrench. This new seat is standard on every new 1960 Plymouth (and on no other car in its class).

For a little extra, you can have six-way



There is more to these Plymouth stabilizers than meets the eye. Their looks are smart, but their real beauty is in the engineering behind them. Wind tunnel tests at the University of Detroit show that these stabilizers reduce by 20% the steering corrections that you would normally make in a cross wind.



Fury interiors for 1960 feature a deeplycontoured effect on the doors, embossing on the upholstery and new molded carpeting. A bright metal Plymouth crest is depressed into the front door panel. The crest is repeated on the Command Seat. Seat colors include blue, green, red, caramel and turquoise. particularly in the Fury and Sport Suburban models where a Command Seat with a special high-rest back helps make hours at the wheel

THE FURY LINE

This is Plymouth's luxury line for 1960. We think you will be pleased by the elegance and good taste of Fury interiors, the many unusual standard equipment features. The Fury looks like a fun car all it is a fun car. It has dash, spirit and go. Yet the new Fury is a sen-

THE BELVEDERE LINE

We like to think of our '60 Belvedere models
—Plymouth's middle line—as family cars.
They are big and roomy inside, supremely
comfortable, very easy to handle and most
conomical to run. Belvederes are designed
to start fast, travel speedily, stop quickly and
surely. You will be proud of your Belvedere.

slip by so comfortably. In Fury and Sport Suburban models, optional new automatic Swivel Seats can be had up front.

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THE SAVOY LINE

A low-price car's lowest-priced line once was expected to be stripped-down, just barely adequate. But the '60 Savoya have changed all that. They are traditionally Plymouth in roominess, easy riding, handling, responsiveness, rugged Unibody construction. No other full-size car costs less to operate than the Savoy.

THE SUBURBAN LINE

All over the country, Plymouth wagons have paced the popular swing to wagons. Plymouth pioneered and perfected many innovations including the rear-facing third seat, one-piece tailgate with disappearing rear window, back-step entrance. The 1960 Plymouth Suburbans



This is the Fury Convertible V8 in Plum Red.



This is the Fury 4-door Hardtop V8 in Chrome Green and Oyster White.





This is the Belvedere 2-door Hardtop (/ o or 6) in Jet Black.







This is the Savoy 2-door Sedan (V8 or 6) in Turquoise.



This is the Savoy 4-door Sedan (V8 or 6) in Aqua Mist and Oyster White.



This is the Sport 4-door Suburban V8 (9- or 6-passenger) in Chrome Green and Oyster White.



This is the Custom 4-door 6-passenger Suburban (V8 or 6) in Oyster White. (4-door 9-passenger V8 also available.)



This is the Deluxe 2-door Suburban (V8 or 6) in Jet Black. (4-door also available.)









Belvedere interiors offer a seat color choice of blue, green, red, turquoise and beige. Distinctive touches of design on door and upholstery lend a lavish note. Overhead styling is guite handsom

Savoy interiors are new from overhead to the molded floor mats. Seat colors for 1960 include blue, green and beige. The Savoy seats are wide and handsome with a distinctive trim design.

Suburban interiors feature a new range of colors for 1960. Rear-facing third seat in the 9-passenger models continues to be one of the most popular wagon features ever.



Raw steel just in from the mill is thoroughly scrubbed at 180° F. and protected before fabrication begins. Then, early in their manufacture, all new Plymouths are given seven different preparatory and protective baths and six chemical sprays which add extra years of wear to Plymouth's solid unit.

Handy.

Take the wheel. With optional power steering, this could be an optional new Aero Wheel: almost rectangular, like a pilot's wheel, with thumb-points for the horn and a newer, betterhandling "feel" all around. It is low, under

much like the Aero Wheel, but round. And, of course, there is the regular manual steering wheel. Manual steering effort in the '60 Plymouth has been reduced 20% under '59.

Remember the struggle it was to open the front vent windows, even in fancy cars? Not in Plymouth for '60. The latch is on the front

Look outside now. There's a lot more glass in this Plymouth. On Fury 2- and 4-door hardtop models (standard; optional on Belvedere 2-door hardtop) a spectacular Sky-Hi Rear Window looms up overhead like no window on any car before. Its tinted glass

The glass around you is Herculite safety glass. It is heat-treated sheet glass. Plymouth is the only car in its class with heat-treated safety glass in all side windows. It has eight times the impact strength of the laminated

Now turn the key and press the accelerator.

Safe.

Plymouth's new Safe-T-Matic vacuum doorlock system is an optional feature for 1960 at slight additional cost.

The instant you start Plymouth's engine, all the doors in the car lock automatically. They lock but cannot unlock automatically. A control on the car's instrument panel lets the driver or front passenger unlock the doors at any time. This control will lock the doors again. For your convenience, too, the front by lifting the door handle (as with ordinary systems). And the front doors only can be unlocked from the outside with a key, as usual. But the back doors cannot easily be opened manually once locked by the automatic system: an invaluable safety feature especially when the kids ride in back.

Fun.

Music to while away the miles? You can choose between Plymouth's Push-Button DeLuxe radio at a truly low price, or a new Hi-Fi push-button set that compares well with a livingroom console.

And you can enjoy your favorite phonograph records. Here's another feature only Plymouth in the low-price class offers, an RCA "45" automatic player that fits under the instrument panel. It plays up to 14 standard 45 rpm records consecutively—about two hours of uninterrupted play. The automatic changer

When you pull to the curb another 1960

Plymouth improvement goes to work. Inside the big Total-Contact Brakes, newly-developed "platforms", three of them, carefully guide the brake shoe against the drum in a way that is new in cars. This precisely aligns the shoe against the drum. It makes Plymouth's brakes measurably more efficient than ordinary kind.

In the 1960 Plymouth you can choose among three different push-button transmissions and two newly re-engineered manual stick shifts.

TorqueFlite is the optional pushbutton drive that uses torque action for shifting. It is an extremely smooth 3-speed transmission, fast on starts and sure on hills. It is sparing of gas, too, especially in middle-speed ranges.

New TorqueFitte-6 is an optional 3-speed automatic transmission available only with the 30-D Economy Six. It combines with this new overhead-valve six to bring you jack-

PowerFlite is the clean and simple push-

A special 3-speed automatic push-button transmission has been engineered expressly for use with the new Plymouth 30-D Economy Six engine. Just push a button and go, as easy as that. And this New Torque Flite-6 transmission is smooth and quiet. It gives jack-rabbit acceleration with unusual fuel economy.



Manifold pipes 30 inches long act as sonic chargers. Some race track test cars, some hydroplanes use something like them. In Plymouth's importantly new SonoRamic Commando V-8 engine they ram far more torque into action for you than a conventional V-8. This engine is not for everyone. It costs extra-

Synchro-Silent, Plymouth's popular and SonoRamic Commando. Drivers who go

ONLY IN PLYMOUTH IN THE LOW-PRICE FIELD: THE NEW SONORAMIC COMMANDO V.8

What really powers an engine is air.

In 1952, Chrysler Corporation engineers

of a special engine they were readying for compression waves in these pipes. They figured

In middle ranges, from 20 to 80 miles an hour, the SonoRamic Commando will turn up

The SonoRamic Commando delivers 330 hp at 4800 rpm. Its top speed is about the

the SonoRamic Commando V-8 will get you to any desired cruising speed a lot faster. Its displacement is 383 cubic inches but its output equals an engine with a displacement

PLYMOUTH'S NEW INCLINED 30-D ECONOMY SIX ENGINE.

This new overhead-valve engine is built to an entirely new principle. It's called the Plymouth 30-D Economy Six, and it's a marvel of efficiency and economy. Chrysler engineers lowered its center of

gravity by inclining the engine at a 30° angle. This contributes to a better ride and easier handling. And by thus putting the engine parts that most often require servicing within easier reach, another benefit is yours: main-

The 30-D Economy Six is extremely rugged, although very light. Aluminum has been freely used in its construction, and new casting techniques add to its strength. It will last longer than any "6" at anywhere near its price.

225 cu. in displacement. 145 hp at 4000 RPM. Compression ratio: 8.5-to-1. For economy, Plymouth's 30-D Economy Six rivals even those "66" with 30 to 70 less horsepower. is the best performing 6 in its class

There are three other '60 Plymouth engines.

The Fury V-800 is Plymouth's standard V-8. This is the amazing power plant that topped its class for gas economy three years in a row in the Mobilgas Economy Run. 18 cable inched displacement, 230 becomes the property of t

The Fury V-800 with Super-Pak is a lowextra-cost V-8. Special 4-barrel carburetor. Dual exhaust system. 260 horsepower at 4400 RPM, with a torque rating of 345 lbs.-ft. at 2800 RPM.

The Golden Commando 395 (an extra-cost optional V-8) has a displacement of 361 cubic inches and a horsepower rating of 305. It delivers exceptional performance. Its torque rating is 395 lbs.-ft. at 3000 RPM and it has

a 10-to-1 compression ratio. Plymouth's standard V-8 and 6-cylinder engines both perform at their best with nonpremium fuel. In Plymouth for 1960, you get



Plymouth's exclusive new 30-D Economy Six engine is inclined at a 30° angle. This saves space under the hood, and puts the carburetor, oil filter and other engine parts within easy reach for servicing. It also lowers the center of gravity and thus makes handling easier while also providing a much better ride.

16 FINE CAR FEATURES

AT NO EXTRA COST.

CUSTOM-FITTED SIX-WAY SEAT is standard equipment on Plymouth. So is standard. You cannot get a PARKING BRAKE THAT IS INDEPENDENT of the regular brake system on any low-price car but SOME 1960 PLYMOUTH EXTRA-COST FEATURES.

back, up-down, and tilt. SWIVEL SEATS

SOLID PLYMOUTH 1960 SAFETY-GUARD DOOR LATCHES.