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CHECKER AERDBUS



How do you get to town once the plane has landed? That's the problem in Washington, D.C. -and, as in almost every city in the country, the problem is being solved with the versatile Checker Aerobus. Why did Airport Transport, Inc. select the Checker? Economy; day-in, dayout dependability; low-cost operation; limousine luxury and comfort! You won't find these practical features in any other car...simply because only the Checker Aerobus is built-for-the purpose. There's a 6 or 8 door, 9 or 12 passenger Aerobus built especially for you . . . but only if you require the unique combination of practicality, dependability and economy. Made by Checker, manufacturer of the world famous taxicab.



CHECKER AER DBUS



There's plenty of wide open spaces in the versatile 6 and 8 door Checker Aerobus . . . plenty of head, leg and hiproom-and a flat rear floor and higher, wider door openings made famous by the world famous Checker taxicab. Gulf Motor Coaches, Inc. of Tomball, Texas selected the Aerobus because Texans like extra roominess-and, like you, they go for day-in, day-out dependability, truly economical operation, builtto-last durability and limousine luxury and comfort. You don't have to be a Texan to appreciate the built-for-the-purpose Checker Aerobus . . . anyone with the problem of economically and dependably moving 9 to 12 people will find it the perfect solution. Built by Checker, the "people moving" company.



Aerobus by Checker Motors, the built-to-last

multi-passenger limousine that has created a new

concept in economical, comfortable and convenient

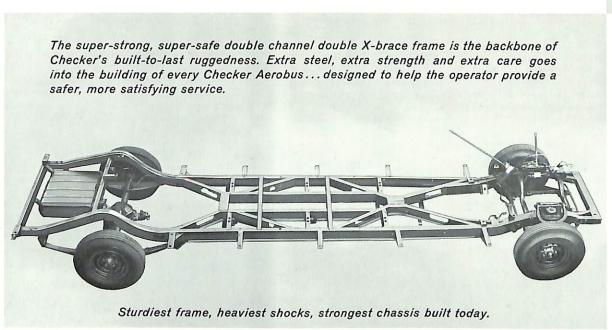
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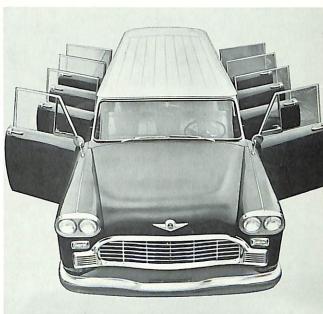
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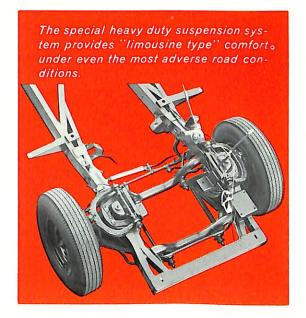
The Checker Aerobus is the result of persistent requests from fleet owners to create a special purpose vehicle with the economy of a taxicab, the comfort of a limousine and the ruggedness of a bus.

Built at the same plant and using the same skills, craftsmen and materials as on the billion mile Checker taxicab, the Aerobus was conceived as the first and only totally effective method of transporting 9 to 12 people short or extended distances and with complete comfort, outstanding safety and true economy.

Checker has built special purpose fleet vehicles for over 40 years. Taxicabs that defied weather and time—fleet cars that provided the utmost in passenger satisfaction and operator efficiency. The Aerobus, however, takes the taxicab and fleet economy, convenience and safety several steps beyond—and provides a totally satisfactory service for 9 and 12 passengers, and with room for luggage or packages or equipment . . . and with style and power features never before offered in a commercial car. The Aerobus is built from the ground up for the purpose of moving people. Not a "stretch out"; not a converted stock car—but a built-for-the-purpose, built-to-last vehicle of amazing stamina and comfort.







This is the 12 passenger, 8 door

This special built-to-last Aerobus limousine is being used by hundreds of transportation firms, businesses, schools, resorts, hospitals and service companies to move their passengers quickly, safely, comfortably and inexpensively. From roof to road and from bumper to bumper, the Aerobus offers more value and more satisfaction—more usable interior space—than any other multi-passenger vehicle. Resting on a super-safe, super-strong double channel X-brace frame, the Checker Aerobus is built solidly, ruggedly and with a feeling of permanence and safety found only in Checker products. The specially designed heavy duty shocks and super-strong resilient springs assure a rattle-free body and a more comfortable ride. The entire Checker Aerobus suspension system was engineered and built for passenger comfort and long life. Now available with new V-8 power plant, all the surge and passing power needed under all driving conditions is provided. Power steering and power brakes as well as the Checker V-8 engine are standard equipment and included without extra cost.

The over-all length of the Checker 12 passenger Aerobus is 269 inches, yet the wheel-base is only 189". Checker has eliminated the useless overhang in both front and rear and the result is greater maneuverability, greater road clearance, better control and increased driving ease. The flat floors and wide, wide door openings . . . the extra high roof line and wide, wide seats mean even more passenger comfort . . . even greater satisfaction. All in all the Checker 12 passenger, 8 door Aerobus represents an outstanding vehicle with which no "stretch-out" or converted stock car can compete . . . it's "all car" built-to-last and built to keep its value longer.







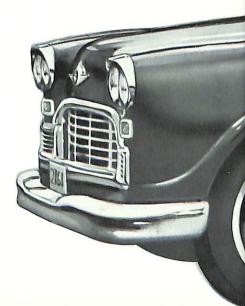


This is the 9 passenger, 6 door

Like its twelve passenger counterpart, it's built in Kalamazoo, Michigan, using all the skills, materials and craftsmen responsible for the world famous built-to-last Checker commercial vehicles for over 40 years. Extra time, extra money and extra materials go into the manufacture of every Checker Aerobus—the end result is a safer, more comfortable, longer lasting (and more economical!) vehicle. Super-resilient elliptical springs and special heavy duty shocks and suspension system team up with big, wide foam seats (extra deep and extra thick!). Checker's famous flat floors and the high, wide and straight door openings for easy entry and exit, make it the most comfortable limousine ever built. The tremendous cargo area, situated behind the passengers, accommodates over a dozen pieces of large luggage plus dozens of smaller parcels. The classic styling and built-to-last ruggedness of the Checker 6 door Aerobus makes more sense the longer you own one; Checker's unique combination of comfort, economy and convenience makes more good sense to passengers.

The over-all length of the 6 door Aerobus is 236 inches, yet due to Checker's "less over-hang, more usable space" construction, the wheelbase is a short $154\frac{1}{2}$ inches. The power-ful V-8 engine along with full turn power steering and sure-stop power brakes are standard equipment. As in all Checker vehicles, the driver sits higher—has a more commanding and safer view of the road. Fenders and doors are quickly, easily and inexpensively removed and replaced; and Checker's world-wide reputation for low cost upkeep is further enhanced by the Aerobus's "proof-positive" rust proofing process. If your need is to move nine people, or less, with luggage, equipment or packages, quickly, efficiently and economically, we strongly recommend the 6 door Checker Aerobus.

AEROBUS LIMOUSINE





The interior of the Aerobus was built for passenger comfort as well as fleet durability. The heavily padded doors are upholstered in matching heavy duty vinyl and cord upholstery fabric. The superior sound absorbing ceiling is reinforced with strips of corrugated stainless steel adding to the over-all appearance and long life. Flat floors in all passenger areas are covered with an easily cleaned, extra tough floor covering, expressly made for the increased traffic the Aerobus will withstand.

The Aerobus is powered by a new V-8 engine, designed and built for every driving situation—expressway, mountains, stop and go city traffic, country and ranch. With all its power and response, the Aerobus engine is an economy marvel—with extra mileage and extremely good gas mileage (under complete load conditions) being chalked up every day by Aerobus owners.



The huge Aerobus luggage compartment with room enough for a dozen or more pieces of large luggage plus many other parcels, can be partitioned off from the passenger area with plexiglass (optional). Horizontal and vertical strips of stainless steel (optional) prevent damage to windows and to the luggage.

THE DOUBLE CHANNEL DOUBLE X-BRACE FRAME . . . THE BACK-BONE OF A CHECKER VEHICLE.

The Checker Double Channel Double X-Brace Frame is built to cushion the most damaging shocks and outlast any other frame. Checker's frame utilizes three tubular and two channel cross members . . . for the operator this means a "doubly rugged, doubly rigid, doubly safe" construction. The body is bolted to the frame creating an even stronger and more durable unit.

BODY. No structural weaknesses or "midsection buckling" due to welding, as is found on so called "stretch-out" vehicles. The Checker Aerobus is built from the ground up as a multi-passenger car. Any wheel may be jacked up without interfering with opening of doors or without fear of body distortion.

GRILLE. Ruggedly constructed, the grille is a functional, well-integrated unit. Easily removed, repaired and replaced without disturbing other parts.

FENDERS. Sculpture rib construction increases the strength and rigidity of the fenders. All four fenders are easily removable in minutes. Practical, two-piece construction allows removal of entire fender or just outer half without disturbing the other parts. Repairs are cheaper, easier. Fenders bolt on securely all around.

FRONT AND REAR BUMPERS. Maximum protection is offered to fenders, head and tail lamps. Both bumpers are heavily chrome plated to resist wear and maintain their sparkling appearance.

WHEELS AND TIRES. Checker pioneered the use of the wide track. Wheels are steel with heavy duty 15 x 6L rims. Bigger, 15" wheels mean larger brakes, more brake lining area, and longer life to brakes and tires.

HEATER. Cowl-mounted heater with centrifugal blower is exceptionally efficient. Underseat heaters (standard equipment) distribute abund-

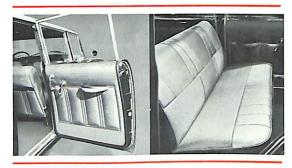
ant heat to front and rear compartments, even in coldest weather. Fresh air is introduced through air intakes. Rapid, continuing and more thorough defrosting is provided by a windshield defroster that operates through the cowlmounted heater. It runs the full width of the windshield, spreading an even blast of hot air across the entire windshield area.

RUST PROOFING. Checker has put "proof" into rust proofing by creating a remarkable new process to insure even longer life from your Aerobus. A new rust preventative substance is applied under pressure to all rust-susceptible areas. The new process has been tested and proven in hundreds of taxicabs and Aerobuses and in all types of climate and weather conditions.



AIR CONDITIONER. Heavy duty Air Conditioning System provides perfect cool, dry, draft-free air, evenly distributed throughout passenger areas. Air Conditioning and Tinted Glass are optional features.

of two-piece construction, permitting easy removal of door panels or window panes and frames for repair. Door posts and rear doors have reinforced design for greater structural rigidity and longer life. Body is shimmed and tightened on frame before doors are hung. Hinge arrangement allows wider opening for passenger entrance and exit. Window frames are aluminum to resist rust and corrosion. Door hinges are equipped with a built-in door check and holdopen device for extra safety.



SEATS. Both front and rear seats are fully foam padded, deep coil spring construction for a smooth, comfortable ride. Upholstery is scuff-resistant, washable vinyl. Driver's seat has a manually operated mechanism which permits a selection of front seat positions for maximum comfort.

THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM.

Checker's 12 volt electrical system including a high efficiency heavy duty alternator is engineered for constant voltage at all speeds, more dependable ignition performance in cold weather, and more than ample power for all equipment. The entire ignition system is water-proofed, insulated and protected by circuit breakers.

PROPELLER SHAFT. Propeller shaft has intermediate bearings to eliminate "whip" and vibration, allows for flat floor convenience. Bearings are mounted in rubber at frame's X member for quieter operation.

CLUTCH. Extra rugged, single plate 11" clutch. Facings are a special heavy duty woven asbestos with spiral-inserted copper wire on spring-cushioned type driven member.

TRANSMISSION. Synchronous meshing between 2nd and 3rd gears eliminates clash and grind. Extra large bearings for long service. Helical gears and Synchro-mesh for second and high. Spur gears for first and reverse.

OILING SYSTEM. Full pressure feed to all main connecting rods and camshaft bearings, as well as tappets and timing gears. Minimum pressure of 20 PSI @ 375 rpm.

INSTRUMENT PANEL. The entire panel is welded into the body for maximum strength. Mounted on a removable sub-panel for easier service. Direct-reading, calibrated gauges are integrated in simple, classic arrangement.

WINDSHIELD AND WIPERS. Large, distortion-free, semi-wrap-around windshield gives an unobstructed view for safer driving. Windshield wipers are electrically driven. Direct drive by rods without cables.

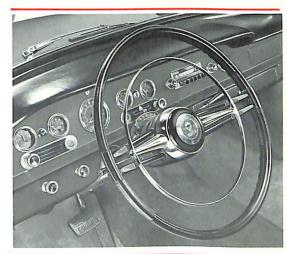
THE FUEL SYSTEM. Diaphragm type mechanical fuel pump features a vacuum booster pump for a constant vacuum source to the manifold and for dependable windshield wiper performance. Cadmium plated baffle and air scoop prevent vapor lock. Two barrel carburetor has built-in automatic choke, dry-type air cleaner. Fuel tank has 23 gallon capacity.

PERFECTLY BALANCED COOL-ING SYSTEM. Spring pressure of 4 pounds is applied against the radiator cap. Oil temperature control is uniform and maintained by full length water jacketing in the cylinder block, Cylinder expansion is minimum and moving parts are subjected to less heat. Centrifugal water pump is V-belt driven. Radiator is fin and tube type.

REAR AXLE. The semi-floating rear axle has differentials employing a hypoid ring gear and pinion. Excellent stability and traction. Axle shafts 1¼" dia. Axle tube 2¾" dia. Spring seats 49½" centers. Standard transmission ratio 3.91:1, optional 4.56:1. Powr-Lok axle optional in all ratios.

POWER BRAKES. Self-contained vacuum suspended, direct coupled Master-Vac brakes are standard equipment. In case of power failure, reserve tank provides 2 to 3 power assisted brake applications after engine is stopped. Thereafter, brakes are controlled hydraulically through the foot pedal.

POWER STEERING. Standard equipment. Unit operates in conjunction with steering gear. (Power for operation is supplied by belt-driven hydraulic pump). Full functioning whenever engine is operating, but allows adequate road "feel". In event of power failure, steering reverts to manual operation.



SPECIFICATIONS 12 PASSENGER AEROBUS

Wheelbase	189"
Overall Length	269.75"
Overall Width	76"
Overall Height	64.37"
Curb Weight	4905 lbs
Cargo Volume	40 cu. ft.
Front Headroom	35.75"
Bottom of Doors to Ground	
(Loaded)	12.05"
Ramp Breakover Angle	10.5°
Angle of Approach	18°
Angle of Departure	17°
Minimum Road Clearance at	
Rear Axle	7.8"
Overhang, Front	34"
Overhang, Rear	46.75"
Rear Seats, Hiproom	64"
Windshield Width	58"
Back Window Width	45.25"
Turning Diameter	
(curb to curb)	56' 6"

AEROBUS ENGINE SPECIFICATIONS

Type: V-8

Horsepower: 190 @ 4000 RPM Torque: 280 ft. lbs. @ 2400 RPM Piston Displacement: 318 cu. inches

Compression Ratio: 8.25:1

Piston Firing Order: 1-8-4-3-6-5-7-2

Fuel: Regular

standard equipment for

CHECKER AEROBUS

Checker products are built to last longer . . . to take more punishment . . . to perform where others fail. Costly construction features, more heavy duty parts and greater attention to detail are "Standard Equipment" with every Checker Aerobus.

- Heavy Duty 3-Speed Standard Transmission
- 190 h.p. V-8 Engine
- 23-gal. Capacity Fuel Tank
- **Power Brakes**
- Power Steering with Re-circulating **Ball Steering Gear**
- Heavy Duty Lo Cut-In Alternator
- 80-Amp. Battery
- Heater & Defroster
- 2 Floor Mounted Auxiliary Heaters
- Back-Up Lights
- Parking Brake Warning Light
- Windshield Washer
- **Electric Windshield Wipers**
- 2 Outside Mirrors
- Undercoating
- Heavy Duty Clutch with Thermoid Facings
- Heavy Duty 15x6L Wheels with 51/2" Bolt Circle
- 7:60x15 6-ply and 8:20x15 6-ply Tires
- Parking Brake on Transmission Output Shaft
- Front and Rear Service Brakes are 12" x 2.5"
- Brake Master Cylinder 1.125" Bore
- Heavy Duty Prop Shaft
- All Universal Joints Equipped with Lube Fittings
- **Heavy Duty Rear Axle**
- Heavy Duty Full Frame with Reinforcing Girders and Beams
- Front Stabilizer Bar
- **Heavy Duty Shock Absorbers**
- **Heavy Duty Front Suspension**
- 6-Door Units have Heavy Duty 21/2" Wide 6-leaf Rear Springs 8-door Units have Heavy Duty 21/2" Wide

9-leaf Rear Springs

- Heavy Duty Forged Steering Spindle
- Painted Solid Color of Operator's Choice

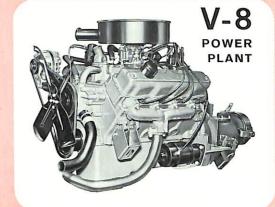
OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

Window Grill Guard . Powr-Lok Axle . Seat Belts Plexiglass Baggage Partition = 2 Tone Paint = Air Conditioning . Tinted Glass . Roof Luggage Carrier

Specifications subject to change without notice.

SPECIFICATIONS 9 PASSENGER AEROBUS

Wheelbase	154.5"
Overall Length	235.25"
Overall Width	76"
Overall Height	64.37"
Curb Weight	4330 lbs
Cargo Volume	40 cu. fi
Front Headroom	35.75"
Bottom of Doors to Ground (Loaded)	12.05"
Ramp Breakover Angle	12.5°
Angle of Approach	18°
Angle of Departure	17°
Minimum Road Clearance at Rear Axle	7.8"
Overhang, Front	34"
Overhang, Rear	46.75"
Rear Seats, Hiproom	64"
Windshield Width	58"
Back Window Width	45.25"
Turning Diameter (curb to curb)	47′ 3″



How do
you move
people
through
traffic—
quickly and
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. . . in a Checker Aerobus, of course! In case you haven't noticed, more and more firms like Terrill, Inc. of Newark, New Jersey are using the Aerobus to move people. The Checker Aerobus is the only vehicle built-for-the-purpose . . . built to transport 9 to 12 people, complete with luggage, in true limousine luxury and comfort and with 'round the clock economy. If you're in the business of moving people, you'll find the 6 or 8 door Checker Aerobus the best way to satisfy you and your passengers. Built by a "people moving" company—Checker . . . manufacturer of the world famous taxicab.





The Nawas Tourist Agency in Beirut, Lebanon needed low cost, dependable transportation for 12 passengers . . . a vehicle built to withstand the most rugged city and mountain driving-vet with all the luxury features demanded by comfort-minded tourists. They selected the 8 door Checker Aerobus—the only vehicle that was truly built for the purpose! You needn't live in Beirut to enjoy the advantages of an Aerobus. All it takes is the necessity to transport 9 to 12 passengers in limousine luxury and at a low cost. Complete with powerful yet economical V-8 engine, power steering and power brakes, the Checker Aerobus is built to last longer, operate around the clock and provide complete satisfaction.

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In fact, the famous Motel is called "Chicagoland's Luxury Inn"... and "limousine luxury" is one of the reasons the Checker 8 door Aerobus was selected to transport guests between Inn and airport, to town and back. The other reasons? Built-to-last dependability, truly low cost operation, economy, durability and comfort! If you have 9 to 12 people to transport and find those reasons important, it's time you knew more about the versatile 6 and 8 door Checker Aerobus. It's the only vehicle made especially to solve your kind of problems—and made only by Checker ... manufacturer of the world famous taxicab!

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How does a world renowned hotel transport their guests? In comfort and luxury, to be sure . . . and, if possible, with truly economical day-in. day-out operation and built-to-last dependability. Sound like an unlikely combination? It's not! Chicago's Edgewater Beach Hotel selected the Checker 8 door Aerobus and found it to be the perfect solution to all their transportation needs. Whatever your needs, there's a unique and versatile Checker Aerobus (6 or 8 door, 9 or 12 passenger) ready to solve the "impossible". Remember! There's only one vehicle built-forthe-purpose . . . built for comfort, luxury. economy and durability-and it's built only by Checker, manufacturer of the world famous taxicab!



Checker 4 door station wagon





Checker Marathon 4 door sedan

Checker Custom Limousine

