

# Le Car of the Year



# Why Le Car leaves La Competition behind.

Le Car comes with front-wheel drive, rack and pinion steering, four-wheel independent suspension and Michelin steel-belted radials, all standard. Chevette, Rabbit and Fiesta don't.

Le Car offers a ride critics are calling unbelievable for a car of its size. You'll probably find it far smoother than the Fiesta, Rabbit or Chevette.

Le Car has what may be the most comfortable seats

this side of a luxury sedan. And the rear seats fold down to give you 96% more luggage space than Honda Civic and 21% more than Chevette.

Le Car's front seats lift up and move forward at the touch of a lever, so it's much easier for people to get in and out of the back. Fiesta, Rabbit and Chevette don't have this feature.

Le Car has an optional gigantic sun roof. We call it a "fun roof."



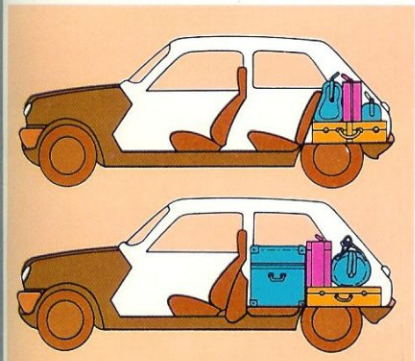
Specifications	Le Car	Chevette	VW Rabbit	Fiesta
Wheelbase (in.)	95.2	94.3	94.5	90.0
Overall length	141.5	158.7	155.3	147.1
Front-wheel drive	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Four-wheel independent suspension	Yes	No	Yes	No
Michelin steel-belted radials standard	Yes	No	No	Yes
Base price	\$3495*	\$3354**	\$3749†	\$3680

\*Slightly higher on the West Coast. \*\*Excluding seven western states. †1977 price.

Le Car has a solid well-made feel about it and lots of interior detailing. We think it looks more expensive than the others.

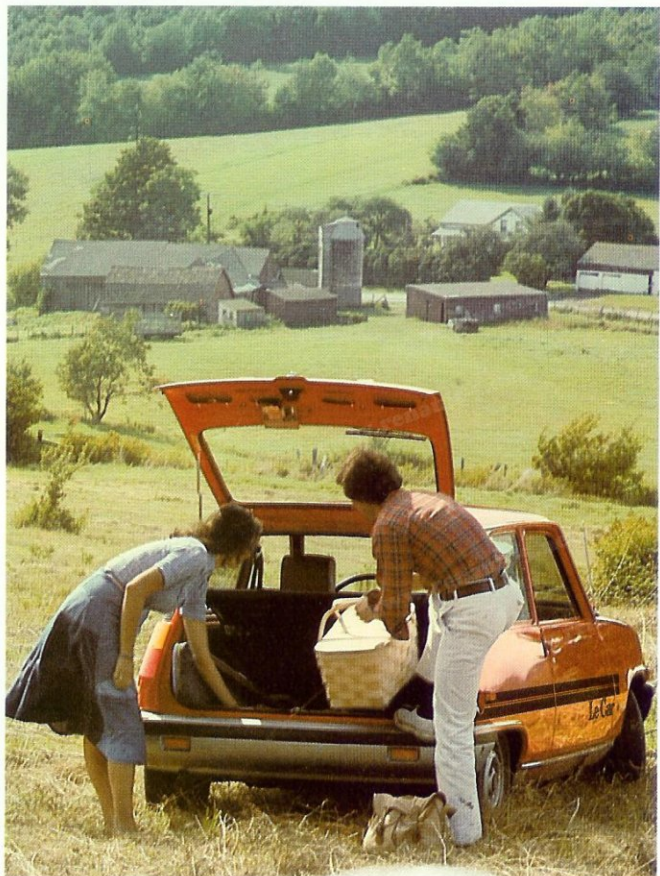
No other small car can match Le Car's combination of performance, economy, comfort and engineering.

Test drive Le Car. And then test drive La Competition. You'll discover why nearly 2 million people around the world have made Le Car their car.



**Trunk Space** 9½ cu. ft. becomes a big 31½ cu. ft. just by tipping rear seat forward. More height, too—36 inches. Hatchback door lifts up from bumper level.

**Front Wheel Drive** Weight is up front for greater pull under any driving conditions. Four wheels are at corners for stability. Least over-hang of any major mini-car.



# Les Specifications

## Engine

No. of Cylinders/4 in-line  
Bore/2.874 in. (73 mm)  
Stroke/3.031 in. (77 mm)  
Displacement/78.66 cu. in. (1289 cc)  
Compression Ratio: USA/9.5:1  
California/8.5:1  
Horsepower (SAE Net): USA/60 @ 6000  
California/58 @ 6000  
Maximum torque (SAE Net): USA/70 @ 3500  
California/69.6 @ 3500  
Fuel Requirement: USA/premium fuel with an average octane number of at least 94  
California/unleaded fuel only with an average octane number of at least 87

## Engine Design

Water cooled/Front-mounted behind the drive wheels  
Engine block/Cast iron  
Cylinder head/Aluminum alloy  
Valve arrangement/OHV  
Cooling system/Liquid, pressurized closed circuit  
Fuel/Air supply/Weber two-barrel carburetor  
Main bearings/5

## Electrical System

Rated voltage/12 V/Negative-ground  
Battery/50 amp. hrs./Alternator  
Ignition/Coil and distributor

## Chassis and Suspension

Unitized body/chassis, monocoque structure, anti-corrosion protection, undercoating  
Front suspension/Independent with unequal length control arms, torsion bars, double-acting hydraulic telescopic shock absorbers and stabilizer bar  
Rear suspension/Independent with trailing arms, torsion bars, double-acting hydraulic telescopic shock absorbers & stabilizer bar

## Fuel Economy\*

41 MPG Highway  
26 MPG City

Brakes/Dual hydraulic, Bendix (vacuum power booster GTL DeLuxe only); Front, self-adjusting disc brakes; rear drum brakes, load sensitive pressure limiting valve  
Parking brake/Mechanical  
Brake diameter/Front (disc) 9.0 in.; Rear (drum) 7.096 in.  
Rims/4.50 B 13  
Tires/145 SR 13 Steel-belted Michelin ZX radials

## Capacities

Engine crankcase/3.5 qts. (3.25 liters)  
Transaxle lubricant/2 qts. (1.8 liters)  
Fuel tank/10 gallons U.S. (38 liters)  
Cargo volume/9.5 cu. ft. (270 dm<sup>3</sup>); rear seat folded 31.5 cu. ft. (900 dm<sup>3</sup>)  
Cooling system (with heater)/6.5 qts. (6.3 liters)

## Steering

Rack and Pinion  
Ratio/20.0:1  
Turning circle (between curbs)/32.0 ft. (9.74 m)  
Steering turns (lock to lock)/3.75

## Drive Train

Front-wheel drive  
Transaxle, including transmission/4-speed manual fully synchronized floor mounted shift lever  
Clutch/Single dry disc

## Dimensions

Wheelbase/95.2 in. (2419 mm)  
Overall length/142.0 in. (3609 mm)  
Overall width/60.0 in. (1525 mm)  
Overall height (empty)/55.0 in. (1402 mm)  
Ground clearance (loaded)/5.5 in. (147 mm)  
Curb weight/1819 lbs. (825 kg)

## Other Features

Standard unless otherwise specified  
Combination front door armrest/map pocket (GTL DeLuxe)

Front door armrest with grab recess (GTL base)  
Front passenger assist handle (GTL DeLuxe)  
Rear passenger combination assist handle/coat hook (GTL DeLuxe)  
Rear passenger ashtrays (GTL DeLuxe)  
Padded sun visors/courtesy mirror  
Day/Night windshield-mounted rear view mirror (GTL DeLuxe)  
Front lap/shoulder seat belts with automatic locking retractors  
Rear lap belts with automatic retractors and storage hooks  
Side window defogging outlets  
Center adjustable fresh-air vent  
All vinyl front/rear seats, doors and rear panels  
Swing-open rear side window (GTL DeLuxe)  
Rear cargo area removable parcel shelf (GTL DeLuxe)

## Options

Tinted glass  
Rear window defogger (Std. GTL DeLuxe)  
Rear window wiper/washer  
Front reclining bucket seats (Std. GTL DeLuxe)  
Jumbo sun roof  
Air conditioning, custom/special order  
AM, AM/FM radio, cassettes and 8 track  
DeLuxe wood-grain roof rack  
DeLuxe wood-grain rear window air deflector  
Ski rack (lockable)  
Custom sports wheels  
Chrome wheel ring  
Sports steering wheel (flat black or silver finish)  
Chrome tail pipe extension  
Leather shift lever knob (with logo or pattern)  
Door edge guards  
Door handle recess guards  
Metallic paint (GTL DeLuxe)

\*1978 EPA figures California excluded



705 Rally Red



699 Moonlight Black



308 Glen Yellow



602 Metallic Silver



422 Metallic Blue



318 Chipper Orange



117 Metallic Gold



121 Metallic Brown

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