# The Packard Twelve FOR 1937

**ASK THE MAN** 



WHO OWNS ONE

The Packard Super-Eight FOR 1937 The Fifteenth Series Packards for 1937 were introduced on September 3, 1936. Hydraulic brakes were added as well as doors hinged at the front, as compared to the "suicide doors' on earlier Packards. Completely Re-Designed was the keynote feature.

1,340 Packard Twelve's were produced (serial #'s 905,501 to 906,841).

There are 13 Twelve models (175 hp), in three wheelbases - 144" (1508 series), 139" (1507 series) and 132" (1506 series). 5,835 Packard Super-Eight's were produced (serial #'s 395,501 to 401,336).

There are 15 Super-Eight models (130 hp) in three wheelbases - 139" (1502 series), 134" (1501 series) and 127" (1500 series).

#### The Packard Super-Eight's The Packard Twelve's 144 INCH WHEELBASE 139 INCH WHEELBASE 139 INCH WHEELBASE 134 INCH WHEELBASE **Town Car** 5,790# Cabriolet 5,740# \$2,705 Convertible 4,650# \$5,900 \$5,700 4,700# \$3,150 **Touring Victoria** LeBaron Sedan LeBaron 1508-L395 1507-L394 1501-1007 1502-1014 5,600# \$3,385 5,345# \$4,490 4,815# \$2,840 4,795# \$3,235 **Touring Victoria Touring Formal** Sedan Convertible Limousine Sedan 1508-1034 1507-1027 1502-1015 1501-1012 Convertible 4,945# 5,660# \$4,085 5,550# \$4,620 \$3,350 4,670# \$2,535 **Touring Formal Touring** Limousine Sedan Sedan Sedan 1508-1035 1501-1013 1507-1032 1502-1063 Convertible 5,680# \$4,650 5,525# \$3,650 4,600# \$2,530 Touring Club Sedan Sedan Sedan 4 of the 15 Super-Eight 1508-1073 1507-1033 1501-1016 models were not shown in 5,520# \$3,660 4,595# \$2,510 Club Coupe the 1937 Sales Brochure: Sedan 5 Pass Business Sedan 1014B 1507-1036 1501-1017 Business Limousine 1015Bi 5,415# \$3,590 Town Car LeBaron L395 4,585# \$2,420 Coupe Coupe · Cabriolet Lebaron L394 5 Pass 2 or 4 Pass 1501-1018 1507-1037 5,255# \$3,420 Convertible 4,580# \$2,680 Coupe 2 or 4 Pass Coupe 1501-1019 132 INCH WHEELBASE 127 INCH WHEELBASE 1507-1038 Convertible 5,235# 5,335# \$3,490 4,530# \$2,335 \$3,450 **Touring Touring** Sedan Sedan Roadster 1507-1039 1500-1003 1506-1023



# TWO MAGNIFICANT NEW MOTOR CARS WITH COMPLETELY RE-BALANCED DESIGN

The Packard Twelve
The Packard Super-Eight

Ask the Man who owns one



# Before You Read These Pages:

So unusually *new* are the facts in this catalog that we truly believe you should read it as though it were the very first motor car presentation ever to come into your hands.

That is a strong statement, but an honest one. It is prompted by the thought that you as a fine car buyer have probably been reading motor car catalogs for so many years you may be inclined to take them all lightly. If so, please accept our friendly urge to treat with a new regard the one you are now holding. For this book brings you such important news of a fresh development in the fine-car field that it merits your most careful study, page by page.

You will find presented on pages 4 through 20 the magnificent Packard Twelve, the finest car the world

has ever seen—and we mean that! From pages 21 through 36, the brand new Packard Super-Eight, conceding nothing to any car except the Packard Twelve—we mean that with equal sincerity! And from pages 37 through 44, a layman's interpretation of the astounding mechanical advances that give these new models a performance and handling hitherto impossible to join with big car benefits of comfort and luxury.

Though you may not be mechanically minded, though you may not understand engineering detail, you will find these pages translating technical points into terms of fine-car importance to you—into gains that can be yours only with a car of *Completely Re-Balanced Design*. So again, we say: read it throughly, for the sake of your own fine-car appreciation.

# Completely Re-Balanced Design

That is the keynote of the Packard Twelve for 1937, a car so new it totally supplants its mighty predecessor; and the Packard Eight and Super-Eight. Whatever the previous standard of that which constitutes a fine car, these new models establish a fresh gauge. Here is the reason. Each year throughout the recent disturbing times Packard has held to its quality ideals by presenting improved models bettered and refined over those of the year before. Each Year fine-car buyers have responded by according Packard a more than generous share of the fine-car business.

Now, with a vast fresh interest kindled in the enjoyment of the finer things of life, with more and more people about to satisfy their desire of owning a fine big car, Packard times its 1937 offering not as improved models but as new cars. Cars whose newness comes about only by a thorough—going engineering revision called *Completely R-Balanced Design*. It starts with a backbone of the car—a frame four times as rigid—and sweeps its resultful effects through fundamental design. Just read these high-spot contributions it makes to the major attributes of:

#### **APPEARANCE**

Completely-Balanced Design retains the characteristic Packard lines that have keep a Packard looking distinguished year in and year out. Its new weight distribution grants a sleeker appearance, and a modern tapering of radiator front and incorporating of trunk at rear greatly enhances the original beauty. With its side-placed spare wheel equipment, the effect is even more pleasing and the ride balanced improved by reason of a new mounting.

#### **COMFORT**

Completely-Balanced Design brings for the first time to any big car the riding ease of the most advanced independent front wheel suspension. It makes possible the use of Packardss own Safe-TfleX system. It employs large section low pressure tires that improve riding qualities as much as 30%. This one change alone would be drastic enough it its far reaching effects to call for an entire new chassis design. It is but one of many that increase comfort.

#### **PERFORMANCE**

Completely-Balanced Design provides more brilliant acceleration and even higher maximum speed. Its Packard-improved hydraulic brakes enable the very biggest car to be stopped with velvty quickness. Its multiple use of anti-friction bearings in steering, cluch and transmission gives an ease of operation hitherto impossible in a big car. Its low noise-level endows every phase of performance with a pleasurable new silence.

#### **ECONOMY**

Completely-Balanced Design steps up the gasoline economy as much as 10% by improved carburetion and reduced weight. It more than doubles oil millage by improved oil control including a new type oil saver piston ring. Its greater simplicity and structural advantages combine to produce what 1,834,564 miles of testing under all conceivable conditions to prove to be the most service-free big cars that Packard has ever built.

#### SAFETY

Completely-Balanced Design creates a new concept of motoring safety since, instead of stressing a single element of design or construction, it treats every detail with painstaking care. It blends strength of basic construction with flexibility of control and convenience features of driving and riding into such a scientific strong whole that we firmly believe the new Packards to be the safest cars to be seen on the roads today.

#### **LONG LIFE**

Completely-Balanced Design links a new and even longer mechanical life to the traditional long style life for which Packard is famed. A most important combination, for, whatever your fine-car purchase you will want to keep it the years the investment warrants. If it has the projected styling and projected engineering of the new Packards, you are sure to get from your car the pleasurable long life deserving of the sizable investment.

Through you may see the cars on the following pages, you cannot sense all they offer without riding in them and driving them. Do so-without obligation, of course-and you will know what it means to:

GET THE "plus" OF A PACKARD IN 1937

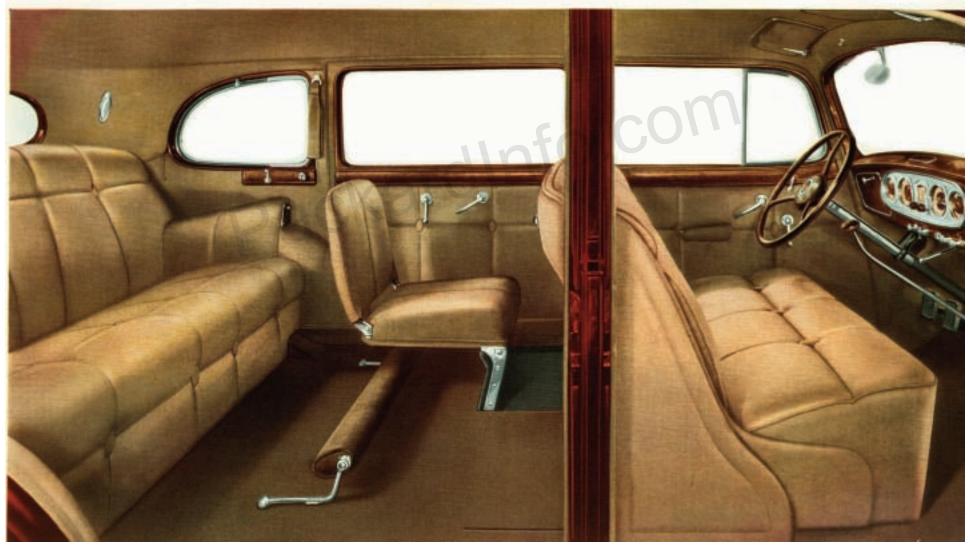
5,600# \$3,885

MODEL 1508-1034

TOURING SEDAN
for Seven Passengers
WHEEL BASE • 144 INCHES



Beauty without, is matched by luxury within. The Packard body is designed by Packard and built by Packard in its own body shops, the oldest fine-car body plant in the industry. This interior of the car shown on the opposite page is an excellent example of Packard quality craftsmanship. Note the many details of cushions and rests for relaxed comfort - the careful placing of controls for greater convenience. Typical of all the luxury built into every Packard Twelve interior is the fact that wool for its silky-fine broadcloth is selected from sheep grazed in a tiny area of Texas where the lush pasturage and pure water produce a fleece of unusual sheen and brilliance.



5,335# \$3,490

MODEL 1506-1023

TOURING SEDAN

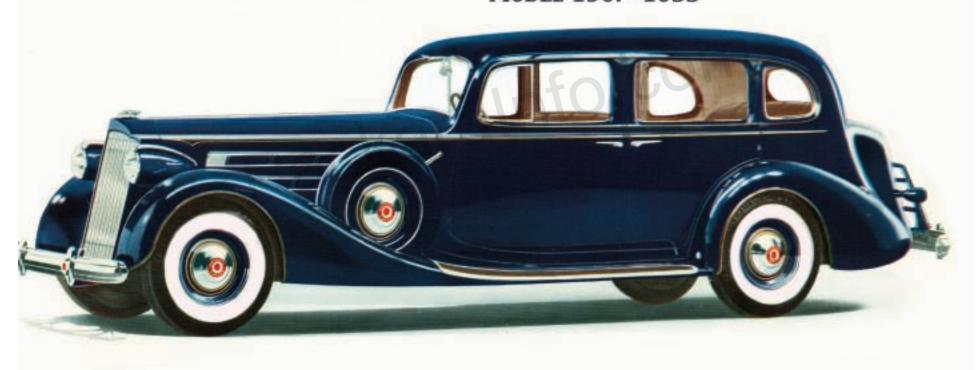
for Five Passengers

WHEEL BASE • 132 INCHES



TOURING SEDAN for Five Passengers WHEEL BASE • 139 INCHES

5,525# \$3,650



5,660# \$4,085

MODEL 1508-1035

The Twelve
TOURING LIMOUSINE
for Seven Passengers
WHEEL BASE • 144 INCHES



The Twelve
FORMAL SEDAN
for Six Passengers
WHEEL BASE • 139 INCHES

5,550# \$4,620



5,520# \$3,660 The Twelve
CLUB SEDAN
for Tive Passengers
WHEEL BASE • 139 INCHES



The Twelve
COUPE
for Five Passengers
WHEEL BASE • 139 INCHES

MODEL 1507-1037

5,415# \$3,590



5,255# \$3,420 7he 7welve COUPE for 7our Passengers WHEEL BASE • 139 INCHES



The Twelve

### COUPE-ROADSTER

for 7wo or 7our Passengers WHEEL BASE • 139 INCHES 5,235# \$3,450



5,345# \$4,490

MODEL 1507-1027

The Twelve CONVERTIBLE VICTORIA for FivePassengers WHEEL BASE • 139 INCHES



7he 7welve CONVERTIBLE SEDAN for 7ive Passengers WHEEL BASE • 144 INCHES

5,680# \$4,650



5,740# \$5,700 The Twelve

### ALL-WEATHER CABRIOLET

for Five or Seven Passengers
WHEEL BASE • 139 INCHES
BODY BY LE BARON

MODEL 1507-L394



The Twelve

### ALL-WEATHER TOWN CAR

for Five or Seven Passengers
WHEEL BASE • 144 INCHES
BODY BY LE BARON

5,790# \$5,900

MODEL 1508-L395





Here in one compact unit, is a most interesting instance of the blend of beauty, utility, convenience, comfort and safety expressed throughout Packard design. This instrument panel is handsome. It utilizes waste space for handy locked package compartments. It groups instruments for the quickest convenience of the driver and illuminates them by indirect rheostat-controlled light ranging from dark to bright as eye comfort asks. And it neatly accommodates the controls hitherto located in less practical positions on the steering wheel.

Since 72 per cent of all big cars sold specify radios as extra equipment, brilliant air reception is important. A quality uniquely Packard results from ariels built into the roof of every enclosed body.



Double windshield cleaners operated by motors 40 per cent more powerful facilitate stormy driving. Even heavy snow yields to the squeege action of the long sweeping blades. When not in use, they are out of the line of vision.

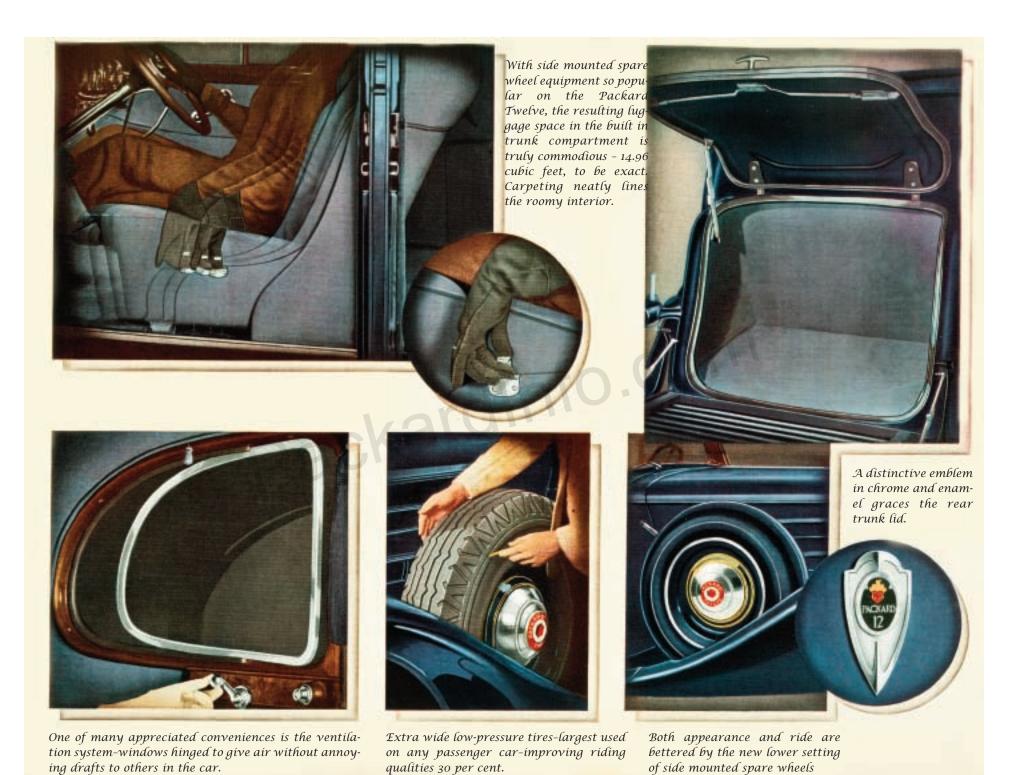


Provision is made for easy installing a windshield defroster, an accessory whose need may vary with the climate.



One light press and the front compartment cigar lighter heats to the right degree, automatically cutting off when hot. Easier, safer and faster to use.





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# Introducing

THE CAR THAT RECOGNIZES NO RIVAL

SAVE THE MIGHTY PACKARD TWELVE -

Packardir

The Brand-New PACKARD

Super=Eight

A car to bear that famous name must keep pace with progress. The new Packard Super-Eight does just that. In it are merged the good points of two great cars—and then, these improved upon. On the pages that follow we invite you to inspect the pictorial results. After that, to experience the physical result—over the route of your choosing at the wheel of your favorite model.

11 HANDSOME BODY TYPES
MOUNTED ON THREE
WHEELBASE LENGTHS

4,530# \$2,335

MODEL 1500-1003

The Super-Eight
TOURING SEDAN
for Fine Passengers
WHEEL BASE • 127 INCHES



For so vital a part of car comfort as the body Packard turns to no outside source. Rather, it builds its bodies in its own body shop under a single standard of quality control. Here is a good example - the interior of the car shown across the page. It provides ample opportunity to study cushion contours orthopedically shaped to rest and relax the human body. Note too the flat floor of the rear compartment, free of annoying tunnel or bump - a convenience typical of Packard design. To cite but one more of many details of the Packard Super-Eight interior, it has height and width of windows and windshield for easy vision that makes driving a pleasure and touring a joy.



4,670# \$2,535 The Super-Eight
TOURING SEDAN
for Five Passengers
WHEEL BASE • 134 INCHES



The Super-Eight
TOURING SEDAN
for Seven Passengers
WHEEL BASE • 139 INCHES

MODEL 1502-1014

4,700# \$2,705



4,815# \$2,840 7he Super-Eight TOURING LIMOUSINE for Scocn Passengers WHEEL BASE • 139 INCHES



The Super-Eight
FORMAL SEDAN
for Six Passengers
WHEEL BASE • 134 INCHES

4,795# \$3,235



4,600# \$2,530 The Super-Eight
CLUB SEDAN
for Five Passengers
WHEEL BASE • 134 INCHES



The Super-Eight
COUPE
for Five Passengers
WHEEL BASE • 134 INCHES

MODEL 1501-1017

4,595# \$2,510



4,585# \$2,420 The Super-Eight
COUPE
for Four Passengers
WHEEL BASE • 134 INCHES



The Super-Eight
COUPE-ROADSTER
for Two or Four Passengers
WHEEL BASE • 134 INCHES

4,580# \$2,680



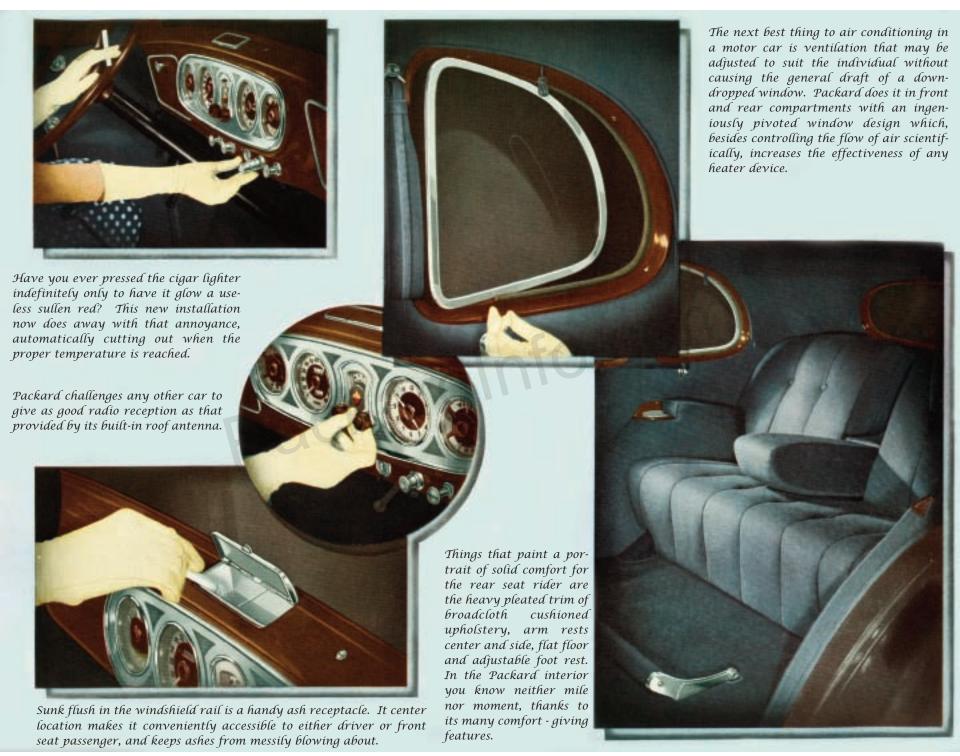
4,650# \$3,150 The Super-Eight
CONVERTIBLE VICTORIA
for Five Passengers
WHEEL BASE • 134 INCHES



The Super-Eight
CONVERTIBLE SEDAN
for Five Passengers
WHEEL BASE • 139 INCHES

4,945# \$3,350

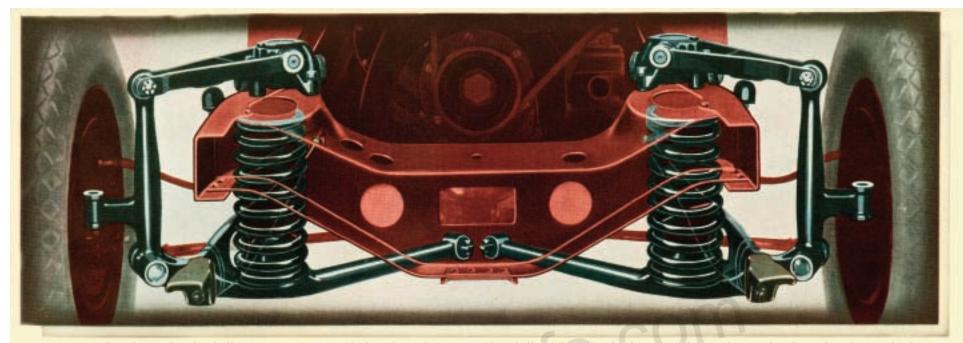








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As its name implys, the Packard Safe-fleX suspension sytem links safety of car control with flexibility of ride-the most advanced type of independent front wheel springing.

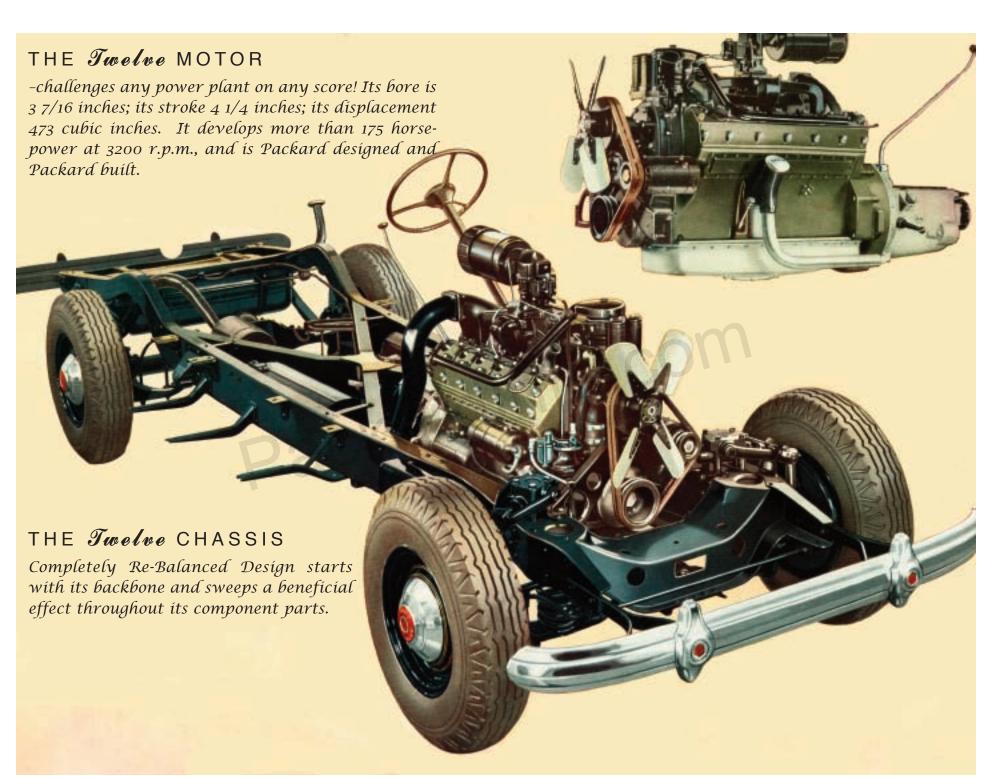
Now that you have had a hint of the beauty, comfort and luxury built into the new 1937 Packards, we invite you to scan the section devoted to the mechanical details of *Completely Re-Balanced Design*.

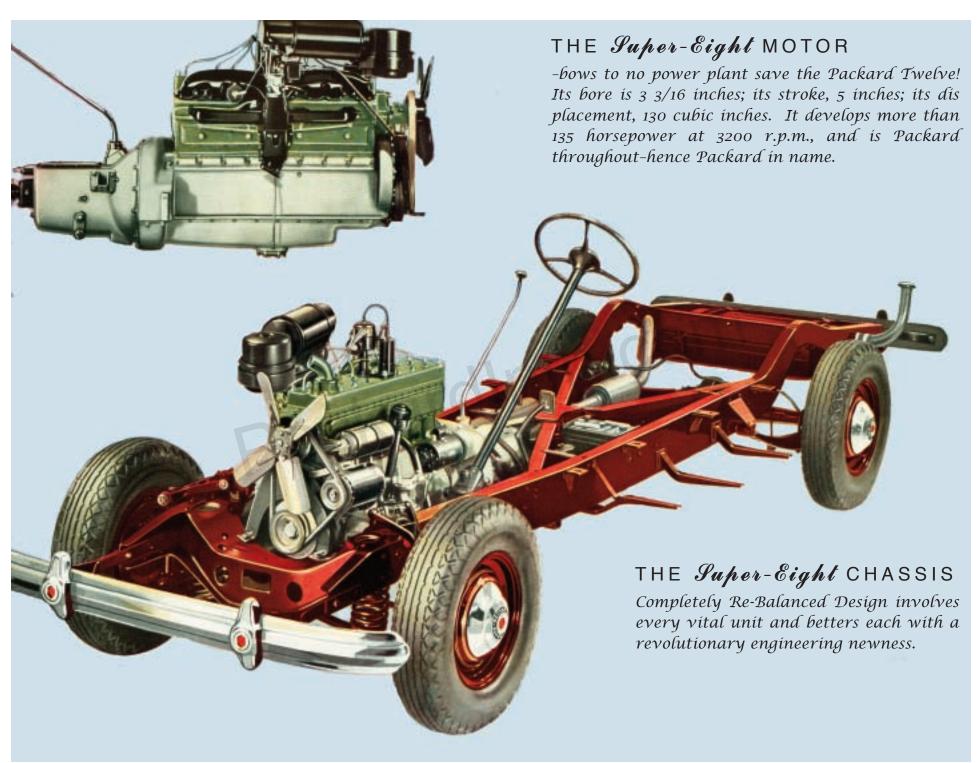
In this epochal achievement, Packard has done things of outstanding mechanical importance to the fine-car field. And it does this through a complete re-design starting with the very foundation of the car. It is a frame four times as stiff and rigid—a frame that now allows the fullest advantages of the finest independent front wheel suspension. This new design of a big car frame permits the inclusion of Packard's own Safe-T-fleX suspension system—what some believe to be the greatest single feature of *Completely Re-Balanced Design*. There is no

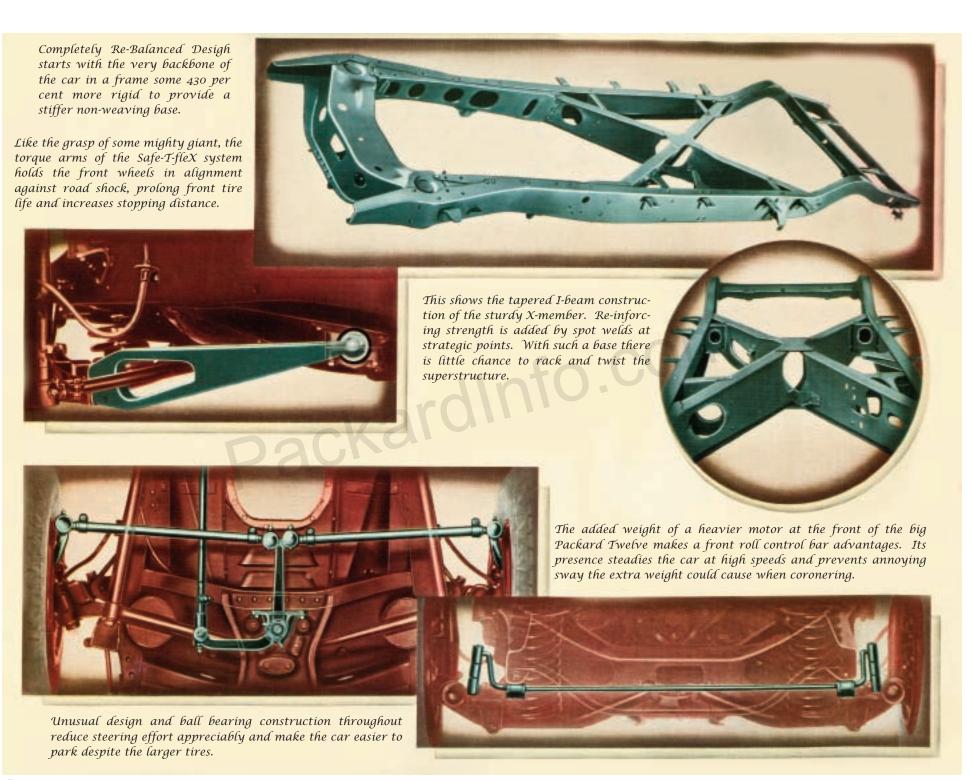
gainsaying the fact that results of this single development leave speechless one who is accustomed to the ordinary big car ride. But Safe-T-fleX, though it shows its pleasing effects not only in riding qualities but in

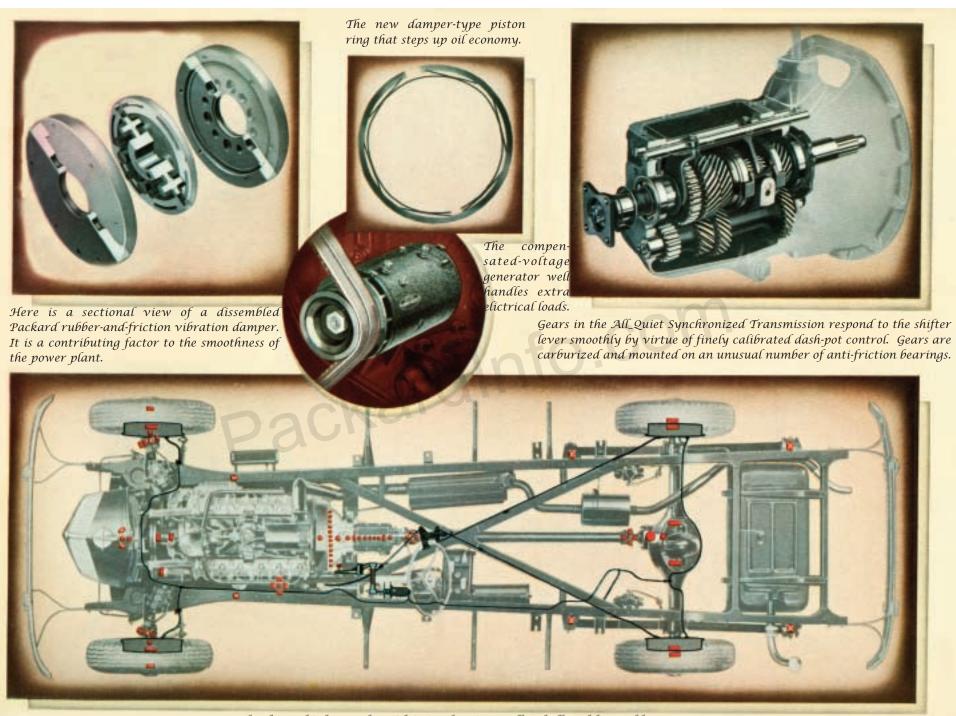
Torque arms mounted and cushioned in live rubber firmly hold the front wheels in rigid alignment.

driving and car handling as well, is just one of the units in *Completely Re-Balanced Design*. As the following pages show, you will note it predominating in chassis and motor alike. Yes, you will note it—but not until you take the wheel will you know it for the new "mellowness" it brings to big car operation. Then you will find how physical effort has been reduced in big car handling—how harshness has been eliminated from big car riding and driving. Then you can learn the PLUS that Packard built into big car ownership.

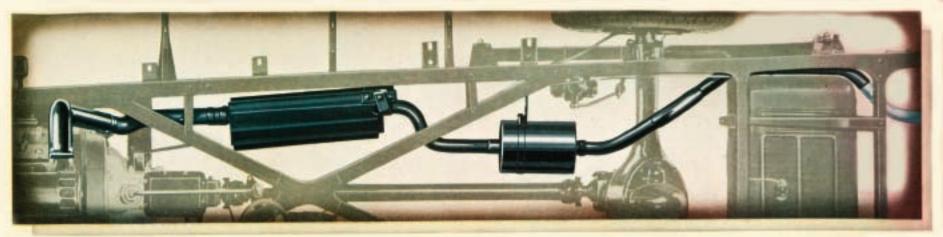








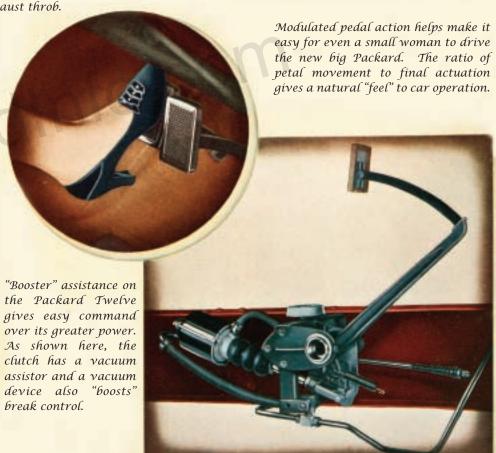
RED marks the multiple use of anti-friction bearings-roller, ball and live rubber-to prevent wear; BLACK, the two breaking systems hydraulic service breaks and independent mechanical hand break.

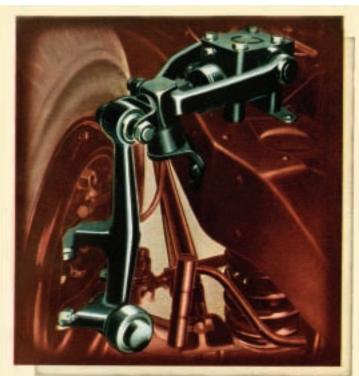


A tandem muffler system adds much to the low noise-level of the new 1937 Packard cars. The silence of operation is a pleasurable relief from fatigue of usual exhaust throb.



The artist has "exploded" the clutch assembly to show the parts responsible for its velvety action. Note the little arms projecting into the center opening. These are mounted on 12 roller bearings to make clutch engagement smooth and positive.





Double acting hydraulic shock absorbers form an integral part of the Safe-T-fleX wheel suspension system. They add to the amazing riding qualities inherent in the new Packards, controls wheel camber and also contributes ease of general handling.

Of equal importance in contributing to the marvelous ride are the rear shock absorbers. All function with a new ease and quietness.





Servo-sealed Hydraulic Brakes stop these big cars with silky quickness. Increased area brake lining spells longer life also furthered by a shield that seals out dust, dirt, and wet. The costlier type of Centrifuse brake drum completes this service-free assembly.



The phantom shows the unique tilt of the Angleset rear axil and its quiet hypoid gearing. This decreases total overall body weight without sacrificing headroom, and insures a flat floor for the car.

#### BRIEF SPECIFICATIONS

#### The Packard Twelve

**MOTOR**—Cylinders and upper crank case integral. Modified L-type head. Rubber mounted. Aluminum pistons. Cylinder head—detachable aluminum. Bore and stroke—3 7/16 x 4 1/4. Piston displacement—473 cu. in. Actual break Horsepower – 175 at 3200 pr.p.m.

**MOTOR LUBRICATION** – Full pressure feed to all bearings and metered oil spray on cylinder walls and chain. Full flow filter and oil temperature regulator. Ventilated crank case.

**CARBURETION**—Dual downdraft, automatic choke, air cleaner and silencer. **CLUTCH**—Single plate—vacuum booster. 12" diameter plates. Spring cushion drive. Friction damper.

**TRANSMISSION**—Silent synchronized, three quiet forward speeds and reverse. Helical gear teeth.

**COOLING SYSTEM**—Tubular radiator core. Centrifugal pump. Thermostatic temperature controlled shutters. 21" fan. Heat indicator on instrument board. Capacity 10 gal.

**FUEL SYSTEM**—Mechanical pump (incorporating filter). Gas capacity gauge on instrument board. Tank capacity – 30 gal. at rear.

**BRAKES**—Servo Sealed hydraulic – vacuum booster. Internal expanding 14" centrifuse drums.

SHOCK ABSORBERS—Hydraulic double acting.

CHASSIS LUBRICATION—Pressure gun.

**FRONT SUSPENSION**—Packard Safe-T-fleX independent suspension. Helical coiled springs.

**REAR SUSPENSION** —Semi-elliptical—60 1/2" x 2 1/2". Metal Covers **WHEELS**—Disc wheels, drop center rims.

TURNING RADIUS—1506—24'-0", 1507—24'-6", and 1508—25'-8 1/2".

**ELECTRICAL SYSTEM**—Generator regulator—vibrator type mounted on dash. Foot control light switch. Starting switch with remote control. 10 m.m. spark plugs.

**DISTRIBUTOR**—Autolite.

### The Packard Super-Eight

**MOTOR**—Cylinders and upper crank case separate. L-type head. Rubber mounted. Aluminum pistons. Cylinder head—detachable aluminum. Bore and stroke—3 3/16 x 5. Piston displacement—320 cu. in. Actual break Horsepower – 135 at 3200 pr.p.m.

**MOTOR LUBRICATION** —Full pressure feed to all bearings and metered oil spray on cylinder walls and chain. Full flow filter and oil temperature regulator. Ventilated crank case.

**CARBURETION**—Dual downdraft, automatic choke, air cleaner and silencer. **CLUTCH**—Single plate – vacuum booster. 12" diameter plates. Spring cushion drive. Friction damper.

**TRANSMISSION**—Silent synchronized, three quiet forward speeds and reverse. Helical gear teeth.

**COOLING SYSTEM**—Tubular radiator core. Centrifugal pump. Thermostatic temperature controlled shutters. 19" fan. Heat indicator on instrument board. Capacity 6 gal.

**FUEL SYSTEM**—Mechanical pump (incorporating filter). Gas capacity gauge on instrument board. Tank capacity —25 gal. at rear.

**BRAKES**—Servo Sealed hydraulic – vacuum booster. Internal expanding 12" centrifuse drums.

SHOCK ABSORBERS —Hydraulic double acting.

**CHASSIS LUBRICATION**—Pressure gun.

**FRONT SUSPENSION**—Packard Safe-T-fleX independent suspension. Helical coiled spring

**REAR SUSPENSION**—Semi-elliptical—58" x2". Metal Covers

**WHEELS**—Disc wheels, drop center rims.

**TURNING RADIUS** —1500—22'-0", 1501—23'-3 1/2", and 1502—25'-9".

**ELECTRICAL SYSTEM**—Generator regulator—vibrator type mounted on dash. Foot control light switch. Starting switch with remote control. 10 m.m. spark plugs.

**DISTRIBUTOR**—Delco-Remy —with vacuum control.

STANDARD EQUIPMENT – Oil bath air cleaner on Eight, standard cleaner on Twelve. Roll control bar. Jack pads. One spare wheel. Jack and tool equipment. Body ventilation. Two interior sun visors, Two automatic windshield cleaners. Rear view mirror. Ash trays. Robe rail. Foot rest in rear compartment. Generator voltage regulator. 32 candle power headlights with four lighting positions. Two combination tail and stop lights. Dome and front compartment lights. Horn. Speedometer. Gasoline gauge. Oil pressure gauge. Motor thermometer. Ammeter. Locked package compartment in instrument panel. Wheel compartment lock. Cowl ventilator with screen. Adjustable front seat. Toggle grips. Radio aerial in all enclosed bodies. Bumpers. Arm rest. Bumper guards. Two cigar lighters. Clock.

The right is reserved to change specifications or prices without incurring any responsibility with regards to cars previously sold.

PACKARD MOTOR CAR COMPANY · DETROIT, MICHIGAN

## 1937 Packard Body Types (Models)

1937 WAS PACKARDS BEST PRODUCTION YEAR WITH 7,175 TWELVES & SUPER-EIGHTS PLUS 115,869 EIGHTS & SIXES!

• PACKARD TWELVE'S • PACKARD SUPER-EIGHT'S • PACKARD 8'S • PACKARD 6'S (1,340 VEHICLES) (5,835 VEHICLES) (50,266 VEHICLES) (65,603 VEHICLES)

<u>Class</u>	<b>HORSEPOWER</b>	WHEELBASE
• TWELVES	175 нр	144" (4-models), 139" (8-models) & 132" (1 model)
• SUPER-EIGHTS	130 нр	139" (7-models), 134" (7-models) & 127" (1 model)
• EIGHTS	120 нр	138" (2-models) & 120" (13-models)
• SIXES	100 нр	115" (8-models)

WEIGHT RANGED FROM 5,790# (12 cylinder Town Car LeBaron) to 3,140# (6 cylinder Business Coupe)
Cost ranged for these models from \$5,900 (Town Car LeBaron) to \$840 (Business Coupe)

PACKARD 8'S (120C & 120 CD)						PACKARD 6'S (115C)					
3 1/4" BORE & 4 1/4" STROKE @ 120 HP						3 7/16" BORE & 4 1/4" STROKE @ 100 HP					
SERIAL #S X100,000 TO X150,267						SERIAL #S T1,501 TO T67,104					
Model/Name/Number	No.	WB	<u>Pass</u>	Weight#	\$Price	Model/Name	<u>No.</u>	<u>WB</u>	<u>Pass</u>	Weight#	\$Price
<ul> <li>Touring Limousine</li> </ul>	1090CD	138	5-7	3,900	2,050	<ul> <li>Station Sedan</li> </ul>	1080	115	8	3,500	1,295
<ul> <li>Touring Sedan</li> </ul>	1091CD	138	5-7	3,835	1,900	<ul> <li>Touring Sedan</li> </ul>	1082	115	5	3,310	910
Station Sedan	1090	120	8	3,590	1,485	• Sedan	1083	115	5	3,265	895
Sedan	1093	120	5	3,465	1,235	<ul> <li>Touring Coupe</li> </ul>	1084	115	5	3,235	860
Club Sedan	1096	120	5	3,455	1,255	<ul> <li>Club Sedan</li> </ul>	1086	115	5	3,275	900
<ul> <li>Touring Sedan</li> </ul>	1092	120	5	3,520	1,250	<ul> <li>Sport Coupe</li> </ul>	1085	115	5	3,235	860
<ul> <li>Deluxe Touring Sedan</li> </ul>	1092CD	120	5	3,520	1,465	<ul> <li>Convertible Coupe</li> </ul>	1089	115	2-4	3,285	910
Convertible Sedan	1097	120	5	3,650	1,550	Business Coupe	1088	115	2	3,140	840
<ul> <li>Touring Coupe</li> </ul>	1094	120	5	3,435	1,200						
Touring Coupe	1094CD	120	5	3,550	1,415						
Club Sedan	1096CD	120	5	3,485	1,455						
<ul> <li>Touring Sedan</li> </ul>	1096CD	120	5	3,485	1,455						
• Sport Coupe	1095	120	2-4	3,415	1,175						
Convertible Coupe	1099	120	2-4	3,485	1,250						
Business Coupe	1098	120	2	3,340	1,130						

# Packand Twelve

1937

Packard Super- Eight