PACKARD for 1955



### 1955 CLIPPER and PACKARD Car Color and Interior Chart

	C L I P P E R P A C K A R D	
	Deluxe     Super     Custom       4 Door     4 Door     Panama       4 Door     4 Door     Constellation       Patrician     The Four Hundred     Caribbean	
	4 Door 4 Door Panama 4 Door Constellation Patrician The Four Hundred Caribbean 5522 5542 5547 5562 5567 5587 5588	
INTERIORS	Light Blue Chromspun—Black Viscose Light Blue Chromspun—Dk. Blue Viscose Li. Green Chromspun—Dk. Blue Viscose Li. and Dk. Green Vinyl Lt. and Dk. Green Leather Li. Blue Blue Whon Lt. Greap Pattern Nylon—Bk. Blue Nylon Lt. Gray Pattern Nylon—Bk. Blue Nylon Lt. Gray Pattern Nylon—Bk. Blue Nylon Lt. Gray Pattern Nylon—Dk. Blue Vinyl Lt. Gray Pattern Nylon—Dk. Blue Vinyl Lt. Gray Pattern Nylon—Dk. Green Vinyl Lt. Gray Battern Nylon—Dk. Green Vinyl Lt. Gray Star Damask—Black Gabardine Lt. Green Pattern Nylon—Dk. Green Gabardine Lt. Green Star Damask—Black Green Vinyl Black Star Damask—Pk. Blue Vinyl Black Star Damask—Pk. Blue Vinyl Black Star Damask—Yellow Vinyl Black Star Damask—Yellow Vinyl Black Star Damask—Yellow Vinyl Lt. Green Star Damask—Vellow Vinyl Black Star Damask—Vellow Vinyl Lt. Green Star Damask—Vellow Vinyl Black Star Damask—Star Vinyl Black Star Damask—Turquoise Vinyl Black Star Damask—Vellow Vinyl Lt. Green Star Damask—Turquoise Vinyl Black Star Damask—Turquoise Vinyl Black Star Damask—Vellow Vinyl Lt. Green Classic Nylon—Dk. Green Leather Light and Dark Green Leather Light and Dark Green Leather Black Nylon Lurex—White, Red Leather Light and Dark Blue Leather Black Nylon Lurex—White, Red Leather Black Nylon Lurex—White, Red Leather Black Nylon Lurex—White, Red Leather Black Nylon Lurex—White Steen Leather White, Lt. Blue, Dk. Blue Leather White, Lt. Blue, Dk. Blue Leather White, Lt. Blue, Dk. Blue Leather White, Red, Black Leather	INTERIORS
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EMERALD 6	xo x	EMERALD* JADE
ZIRCON D	x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x	TOURMALINE* MOONSTONE
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MOONSTONE 6		ULTRAMARINE* ZIRCON
GRAY PEARL H	X	SAPPHIRE* ZIRCON ULTRAMARINE* MOONSTONE
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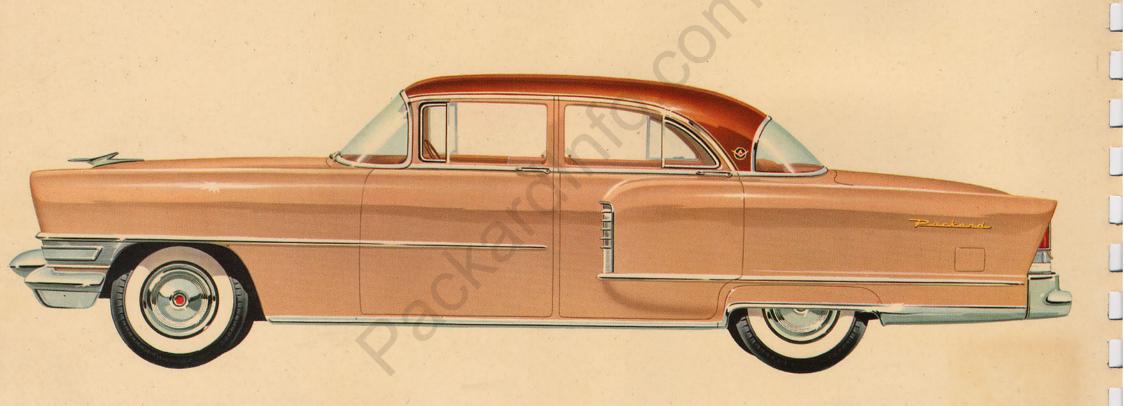


The one Really Different fine car...

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### PACKARD PATRICIAN

America's most distinctive luxury automobile



Modern edition of a world-famous classic. The first and last word in fine car taste . . . the Magnificent Packard Patrician

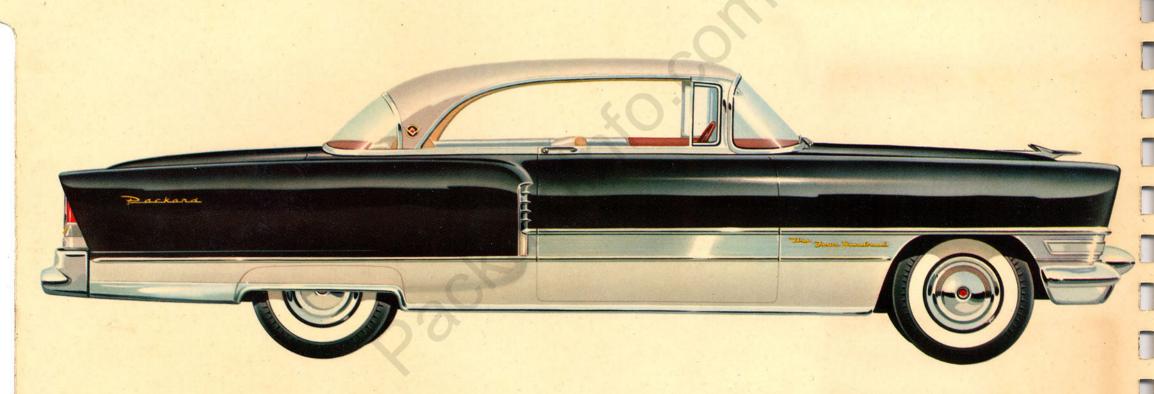
Brand-new in styling; satin-smooth V-8 power; custom tailored interiors . . . and the luxury ride of the century.

260-Horsepower, 127-inch Wheelbase.



### PACKARD FOUR HUNDRED

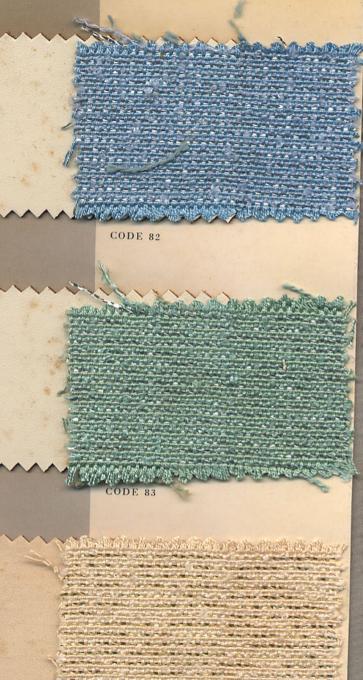
superb luxury with a smooth individual touch



Low dramatic silhouette, graceful side chrome treatment:

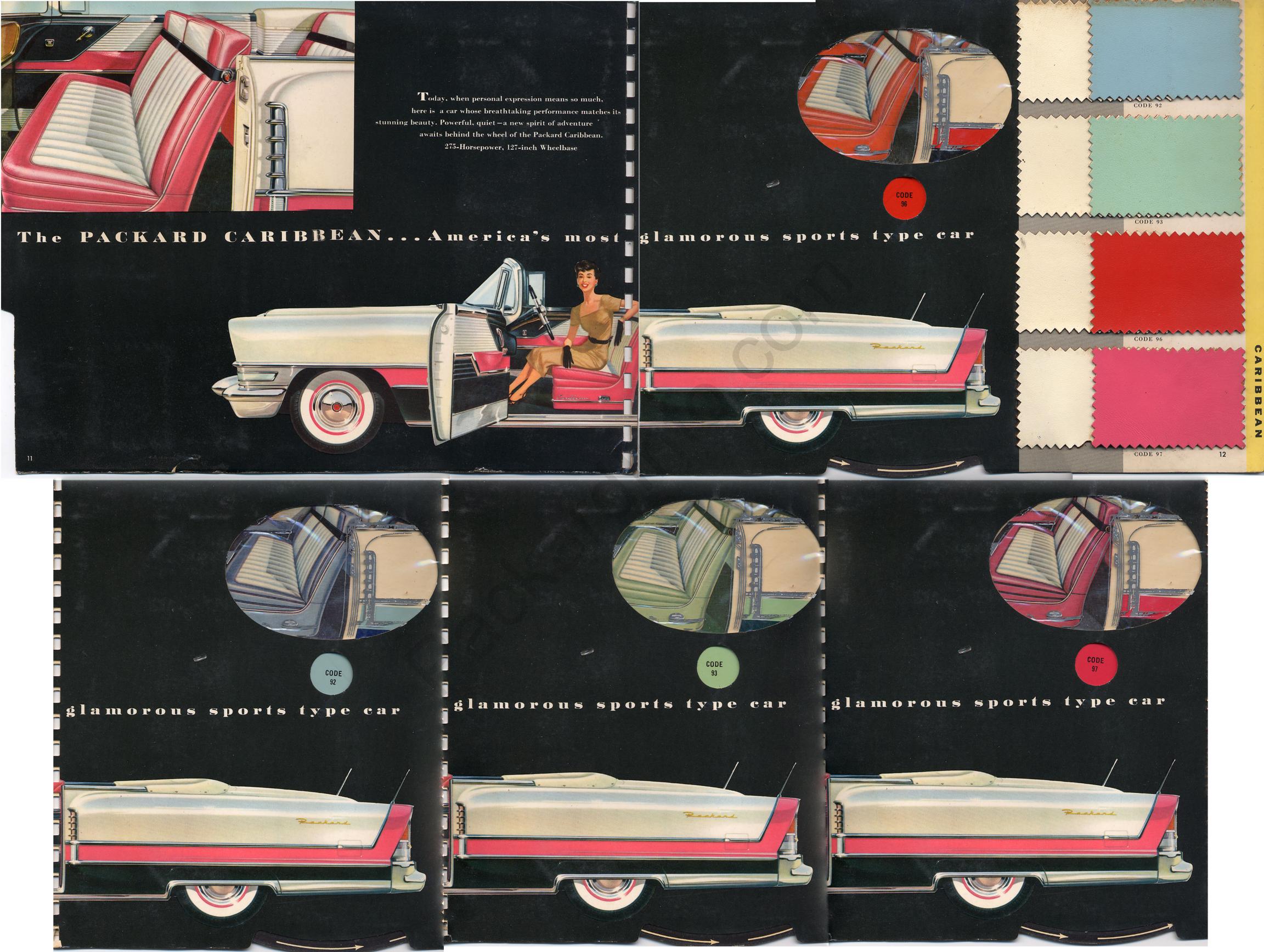
Perhaps no other car in the Packard Line has the character of this impressive new Four Hundred hard-top. Enchanting new interior colors and fabrics; exhilarating performance and Packard's new Twin Ultramatic Transmission, too.

260-Horsepower, 127-inch Wheelbase.



CODE 89
Codes 82, 83 and 89 show Bolster and Facing material. On the following page, Codes 84, 85, 86 and 87 show Facing and Accent material only. White Leather Bolsters are featured in all Four Hundred Codes.





### CLIPPER CONSTELLATION

the newest, most dynamic hard-top on any road



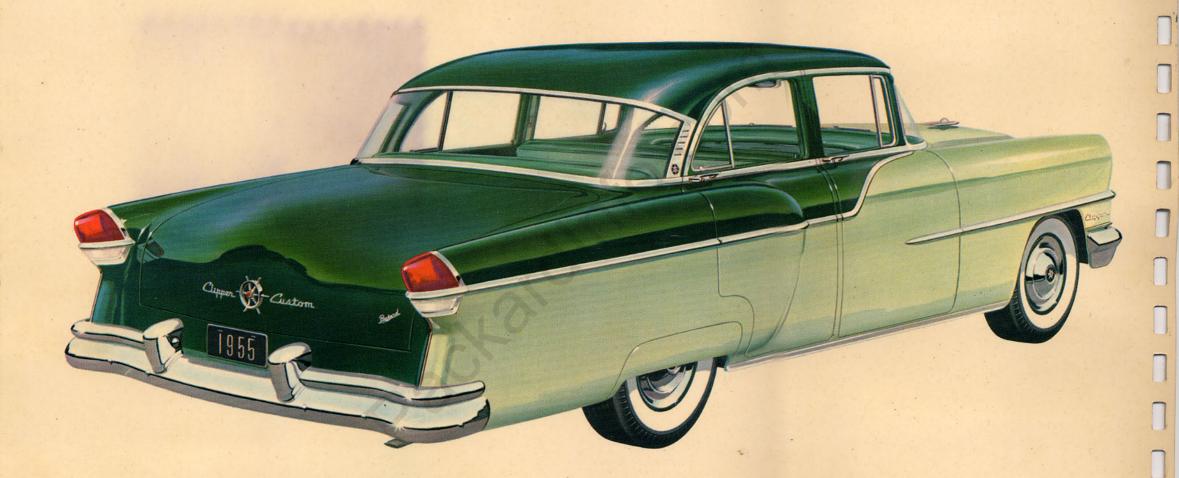
Destined to be an entire "Auto Show" wherever it appears, this new member of the Packard Clipper family sets a new standard of luxury and convenience. Its powerful V-8 engine gives smooth acceleration and economy too.

Fabulous Torsion Level Ride makes driving a supreme pleasure.

245-Horsepower, 122-inch Wheelbase.

CLIPPER— Precision-Built by Packard Craftsmen

## CLIPPER CUSTOM SEDAN... combining beauty,



Envied indeed is the owner of this delightfully convenient
4-door sedan. Soft, luxurious foam rubber seats, whisper-smooth
V-8 power, color-keyed interiors, jewel-like instrument panel;
new vista-vision windshield. The Custom Sedan is
another way of saying 'travellling in living room comfort.'

245-Horsepower, 122-inch Wheelbase.

## CLIPPER SUPER PANAMA ... the car that



There is always something extra in a car that is created by Packard.

That something extra is highlighted by the massive front grille, the breathtaking flow of line and integration of styling. This truly will be the most popular hard-top of the year. Skilled engineers and stylists gave special attention to beauty, comfort and power when they created the brilliant new Panama.

225-Horsepower, 122-inch Wheelbase.

makes it smart to be different



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## CLIPPER SUPER SEDAN...a new pride of



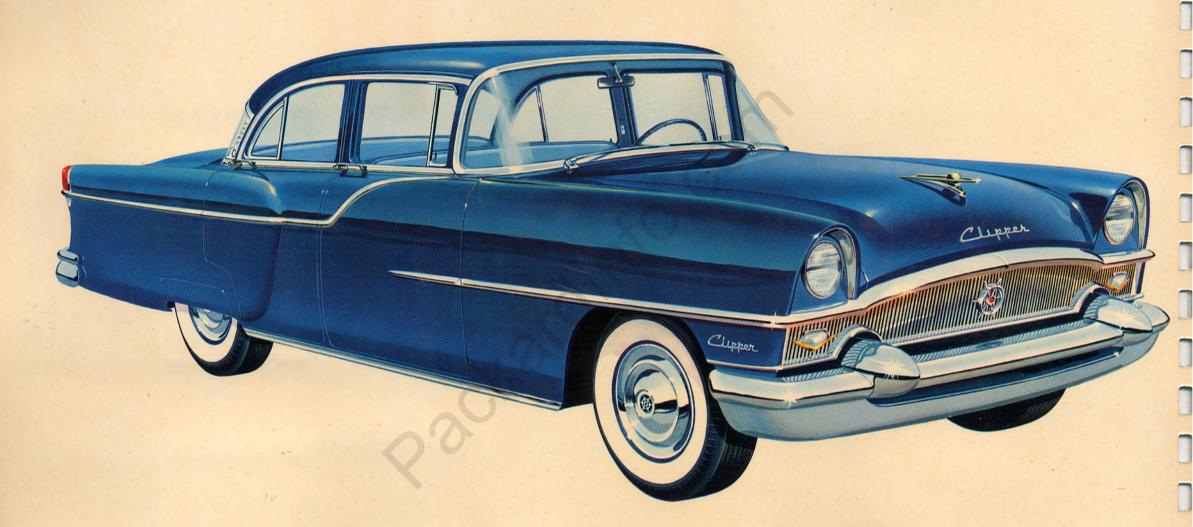
Superior to all cars in its price class, the new Clipper Super Sedan carries the stamp of Packard perfection. Here is clean,

functional beauty that is original and fresh in concept.

The Super seats six luxuriously—and it's built for the miles ahead.

225-Horsepower, 122-inch Wheelbase.

## CLIPPER DELUXE SEDAN... rides on the crest



Built by craftsmen to be a leader, that's the Packard Clipper Deluxe Sedan. Enduring beauty, luxury, comfort, convenience, V-8 power—all these are "plus features" of this sparkling new Clipper for 1955.

225-Horsepower, 122-inch Wheelbase

Look inside... here is the one car that is completely new...entirely different

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Imagine an automobile with a new concept of suspension that permits passengers to remain free of body pitching and diving. A new suspension that eliminates coil and leaf-type springs. Packard and only Packard has this new wonder suspension that, keeps the car body on an even keel from start to stop regardless of road condition.



Automatically smooths the road...

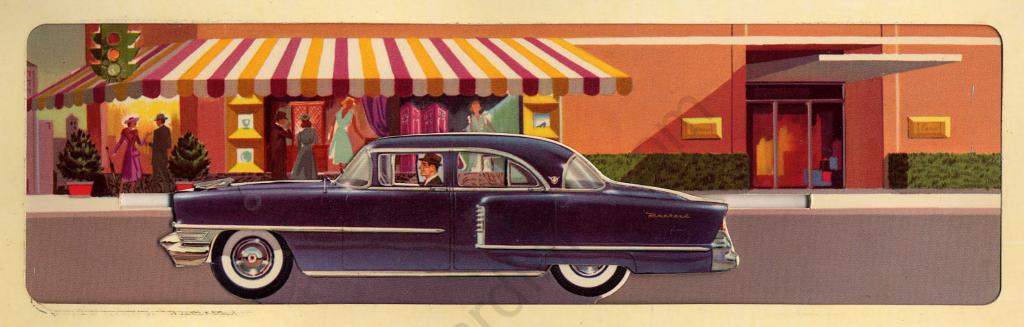


Accelerates smoothly with no rear-end squat. The only sensation is smooth acceleration.

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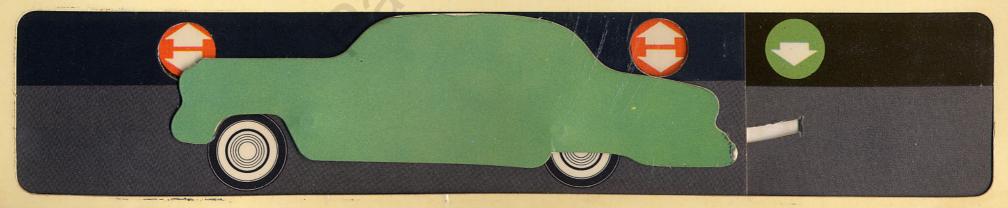


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There is no road shock, wheel- fight or wandering, perfect level control at all speeds.

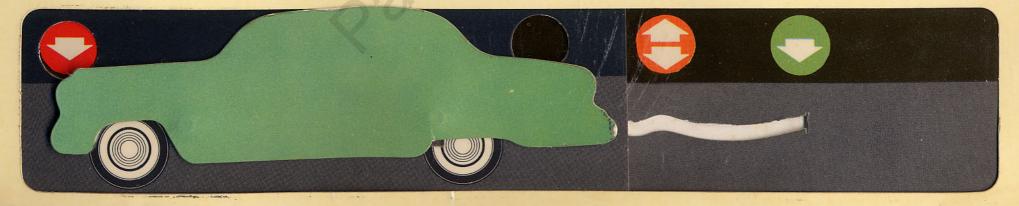
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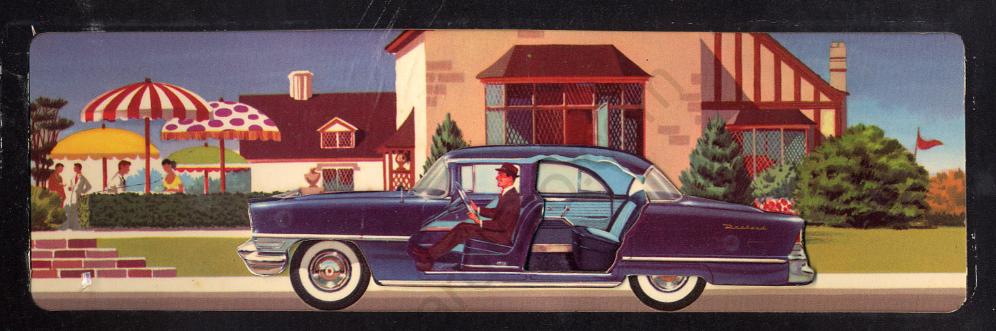
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Even with fast braking, there is little or no front-end pitch. Imagine an automobile with a new concept of suspension that permits passengers to remain free of body pitching and diving. A new suspension that eliminates coil and leaf-type springs. Packard and only Packard has this new wonder suspension that, keeps the car body on an even keel from start to stop regardless of road condition.



# Revolutionary Comfort Advancement In History A Level Car... Regardless of Load



Smoothing the road is only half the story of the new Torsion Level Ride.

This unique suspension also automatically levelizes the load. When passengers enter, the car settles at the rear like all conventional cars, but, within a few seconds the levelizer begins operation, bringing the car body and passengers back to normal driving height.

All cars look well unloaded because they are designed level.



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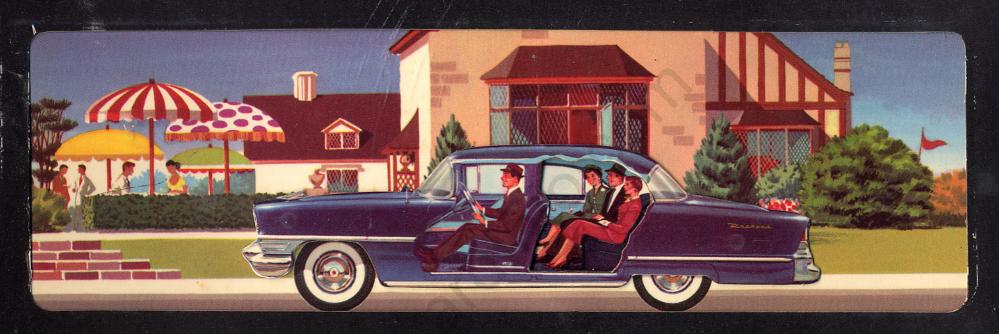
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3 back seat passengers cause 6-8 inch rear-end drop in all cars. This affects handling, causes driving fatigue.



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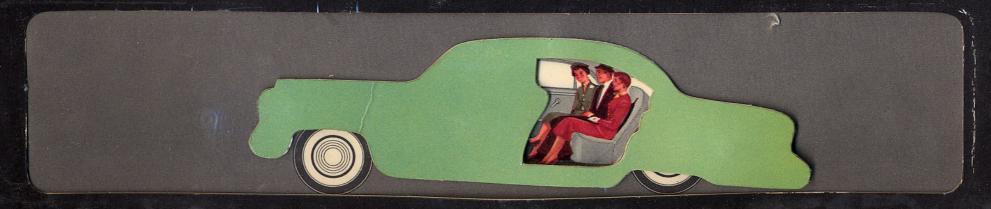
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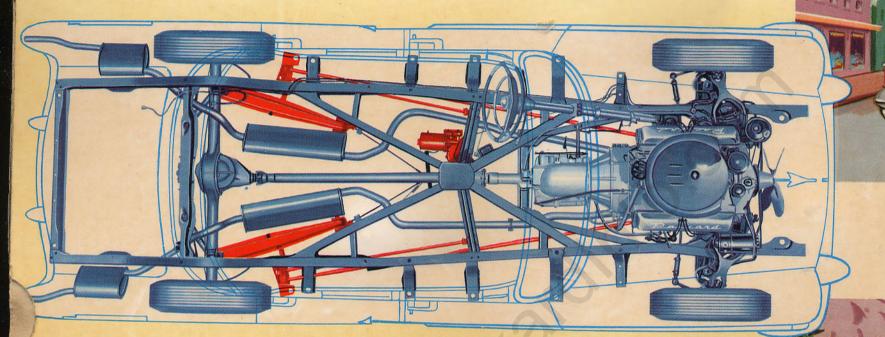
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In 5-7 seconds, Packard or Clipper Super levelizer returns car to safe, correct riding attitude.



Automatically levels the load...

# Sure comfort at any speed... Surefooted on any road...



**Stability:** At cruising speeds, over a smooth super highway or a broken uneven back road, Packard's new Torsion Level Ride helps the driver steer a true course. Truly relaxed driving is a pleasure that can only be experienced in a Packard built car.

This is a plan view of one of the greatest engineering achievements in automotive history—the new Torsion Level suspension—by Packard. Notice first; there are no coil springs up front, nor leaf springs at the rear. These springs have been replaced by long torsion bars (approximately 9 feet in length). These torsion bars do not bend—they twist—and in twisting they take out the road bumps more effectively than any conventionally sprung car. To achieve the utmost stability, both the front and rear emd have independent stabilizers to reduce roll tendency and side sway. In the center of the chassis is mounted the brains and muscle of the load levelizer. This unit keeps the carribody level regardless of amount of baggage or passenger load.

Roadability: Surefooted on the road is another way of saying safe; and your safety comes first at Packard. The new full length torsion bars and front and rear stabilizers improve stability. On the straight highway or on winding roads the new Torsion Level Ride offers greater traction—greater safety.

Today's Biggest-most Powerful Engine

## THE NEW PACKARD V-8

For silent smoothness-of-operation at all speeds, quick responsiveness in acceleration, and tremendous power, the new Packard V/8 has no peer.

#### Major Specifications

Horsepower... Clipper Custom-245

Packard Patrician-260

Four Hundred-260

Caribbean—275

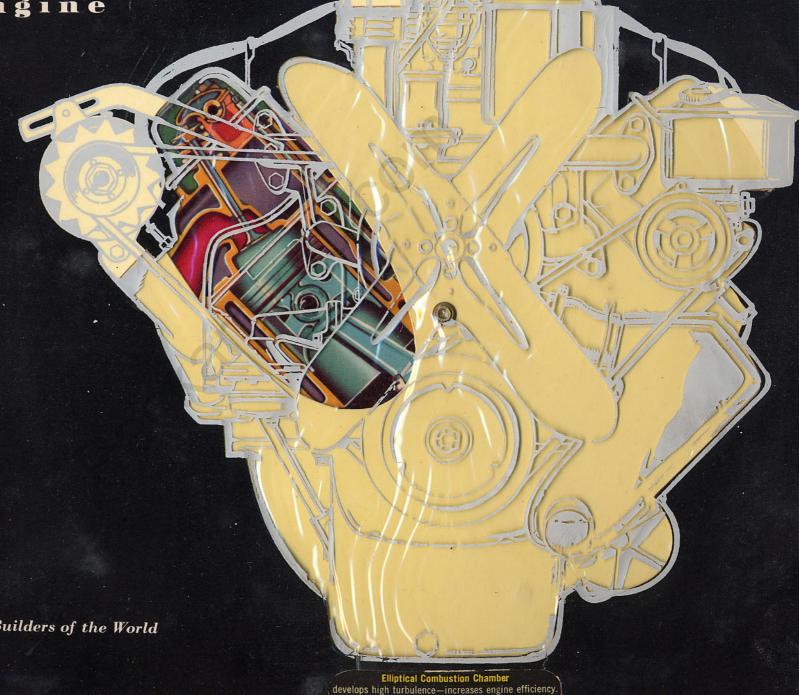
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Displacement......352 cu. in.

Compression Ratio.....8.5:1

Bore & Stroke..................4" x 3.5"

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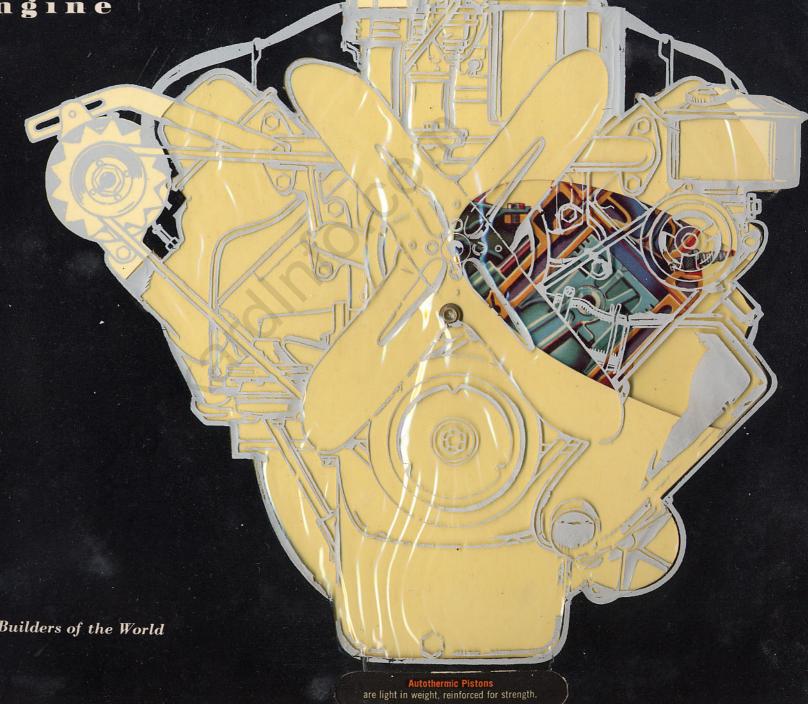
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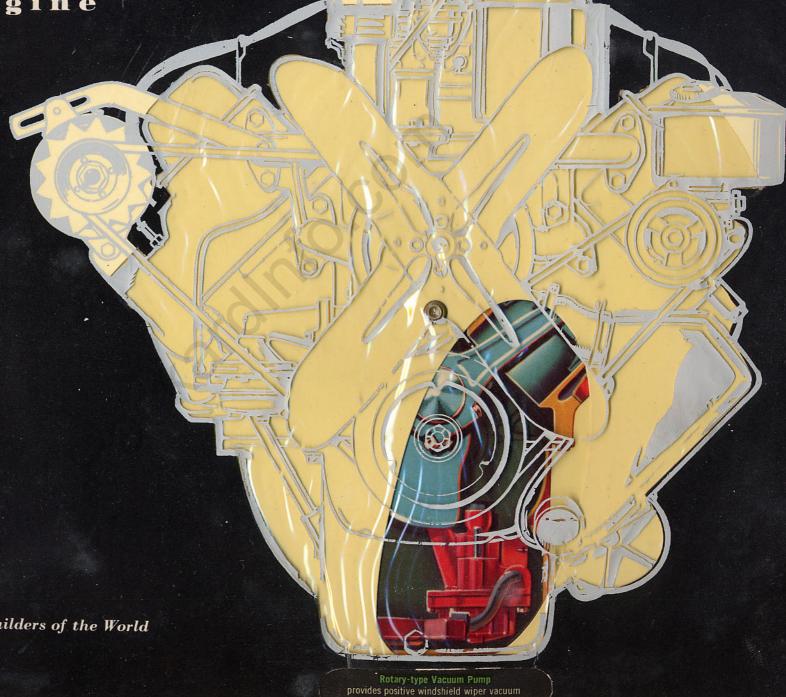
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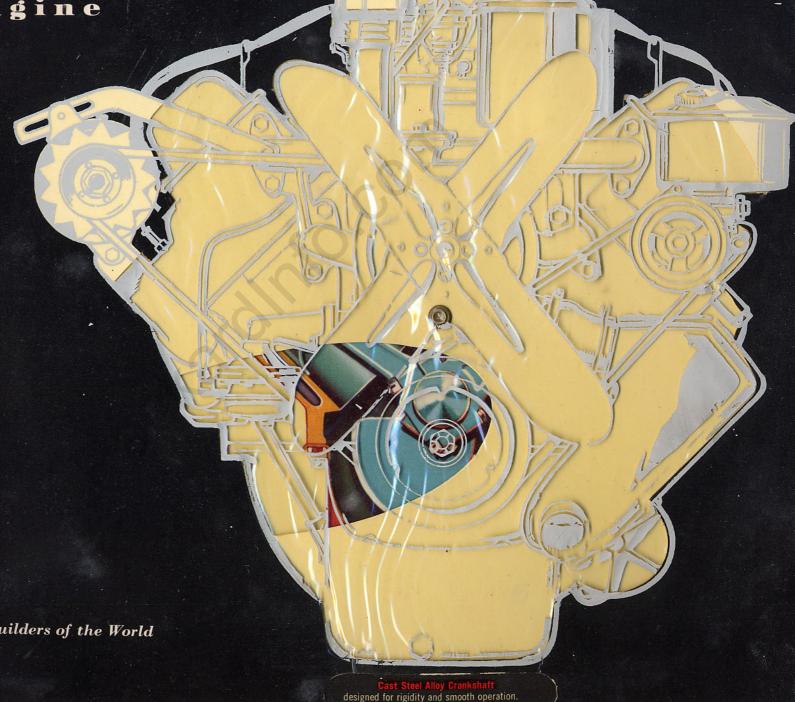
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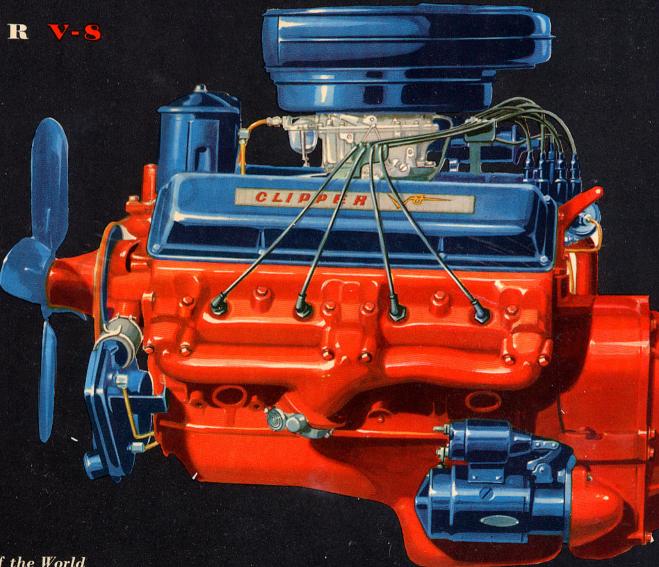
### Brilliant "Step-Ahead" Performance

### THE NEW

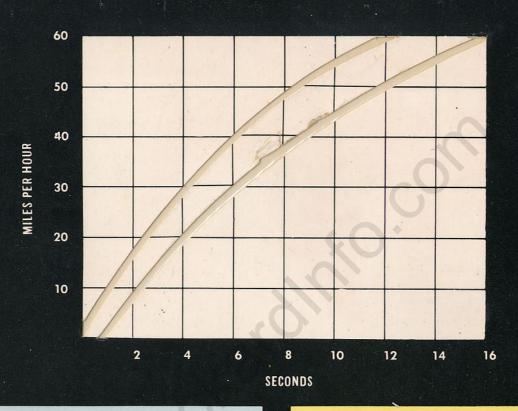
### PACKARD CLIPPER V-8

The new compact, power-packed Clipper V-8 engine is designed and engineered by Packard craftsmen to give the ultimate in velvet-smooth performance. It is new to the customer, but it has been tested in the laboratory and at the famous Packard Proving Grounds for many millions of miles.

#### Major Specifications



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performance matched to the New high-torque V-8 engines

For 1955, the new Twin Ultramatic Transmission gives you two driving ranges that are virtually alike, but the position to the left gives you the utmost in smoothness, while the position to the right gives you the utmost in acceleration.

Place the selector pointer to the dart to the right of "D" (drive) position and watch the performance curve plotted on the graph in red. Notice the acceleration in seconds to a set speed. Packard Transmission engineers have increased the acceleration performance over the entire speed range.

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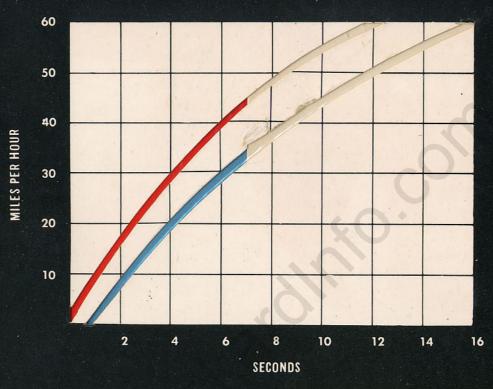
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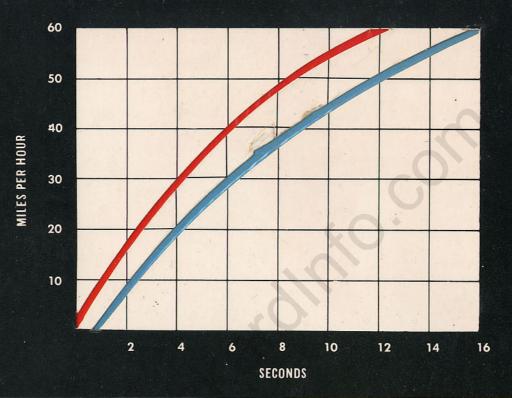
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# PACKARD POWER FEATURES...

to make driving comfort and pleasure complete

So that Packard and Clipper owners may appoint their cars to their own standard of luxury and convenience. Packard craftsmen have developed many superior power features. A touch of a button will raise or lower a window: a light pressure of the hand will turn the wheels, even when parked: a touch of the toe brings the car to a smooth effortless stop. Select your weather or change the front seat position—all with your finger tips. Here is comfort and convenience... here is Packard—power with a purpose for 1955.







There is nothing new in the feel of the wheel; there is nothing new to learn—but the steering effort has been reduced approximately 80%. Smooth hydraulic power supplies the muscle, you supply the guiding hand. With conventional steering no car steers as easy as a Packard, but with Packard Power Steering driving in heavy city congestion is effortless, sure and carefree. The driver is always in full control of the Packard Power Steering.

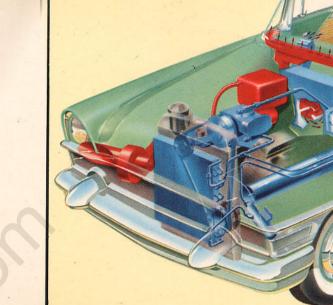


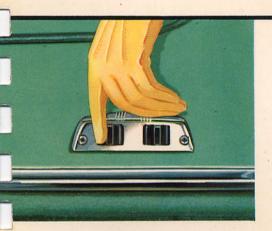
### Toe-Touch Power Brakes

The low-to-the-floor power brake pedal was pioneered by Packard. Just pivot the heel and the driver's foot is in position to apply the brake. Engine vacuum power supplies 40% of the pedal pressure. The Packard Power Brake permits shorter faster stops because both reaction time and pedal pressure are reduced.

#### Compact Air Conditioning

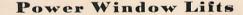
A new concept of comfort is offered by Packard's Air Conditioning. There are no unsightly air scoops to spoil the clean flow of line on the car's exterior. There is no distracting duct-work over the passenger's heads, and no longer is the unit placed in the trunk where it takes up valuable storage space. Now, the new Packard Air Conditioning unit draws in fresh pure air through the left front air duct. The air is cooled, dehumidified and blown gently into the passenger compartment from two openings atop the instrument panel. Another important feature which will please the mechanically inclined can be found in the magnetic-clutch compressor pulley. This pulley engages with the compressor only when the air conditioning control knob is turned on; otherwise the pulley coasts and does not take vital engine power when the air conditioning is non-operative.





#### 4-Way Power Seat

Probably nothing relieves posture fatigue, on a long trip, as much as a change of seat position. The Packard 4-Way Power Seat permits the driver to adjust his seat height forward, backward, up or down to suit his individual taste. This power seat makes it possible to move closer to the foot controls and move up to attain maximum visibility. A 2-way power seat is also available, permitting the full range of fore and aft adjustment, and slight up and down movement.



Packard's smooth-operating window lifts make raising and lowering windows as simple as switching on a light! The driver controls all vertically moving windows from the master control switch panel conveniently located on the driver's door. Individual controls mounted beneath each window allow passengers to adjust window heights to suit their own preferences. The electric power that operates these precision window lifts is drawn from a new 12-volt electrical system—complete assurance of lifetime dependability. Power windows are standard equipment on the Caribbean.



### Packard Equipment Selections

### **Dual Courtesy Safety Light**

A small 3-candle power bulb burns at all times when headlights and parking lights are on. When either door of the Caribbean or Four Hundred is opened, or when the front doors of the Patrician are opened, a 15-candlepower bulb illuminates the curb and front door sill for safety and convenience.

represent the finishing touches of automobile leadership

## Super-Safe Tubeless Tires

Pioneered by Packard, as original factory-installed equipment, the new tubeless tires offered by Packard for 1955 have been designed to reduce cornering noise to the minimum.

### Packard Selector Radio

The finest fidelity car radio made is available on all Packards and Clippers for 1955. The new Selector Radio can be tuned either by a signal seeking tuning bar, which automatically selects the strongest radio signal in the vicinity, or by hair-line push button tuning on 5 pre-set stations or finally by manual tuning. Either or all methods may be used to give the customer the finest listening enjoyment.

### **Underseat Heater**

Hot or cold layers of air are eliminated by the new Underseat Heater. This compact, hot water heater is positioned under the seat on the passenger's side of the car. The high volume unit blows warm air back into the rear compartment so that an even distribution of warm air is circulated throughout the passenger's compartment making cold winter driving warm and pleasant. PACKARD ENGINEERING

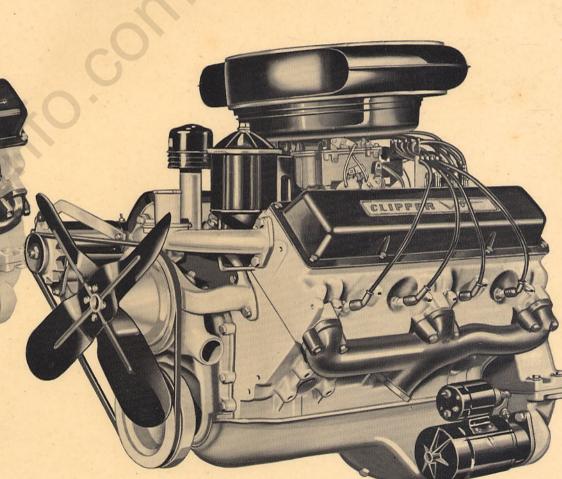
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... more engineering advancements than any automotive achievement of our time

### Packard V-8 and Clipper V-8 newest and

### The New High Torque Clipper V-8 Major Specifications

Horsepower	Deluxe & Super 225
Maximum Torque	Deluxe & Super 325
Displacement	320 cu. in.
Compression Ratio	
Bore & Stroke	

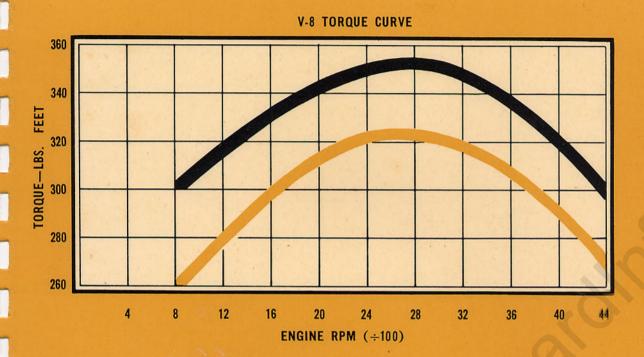


The New Free Breathing Packard V-8

Major Specifications

Horsepower	Caribbean-275
	Four Hundred-260
	Clipper Custom-245
Maximum Torque	
Displacement	
Compression Ratio	
	Four Hundred-8.5:1
Bore & Stroke	

### finest engines ever built.

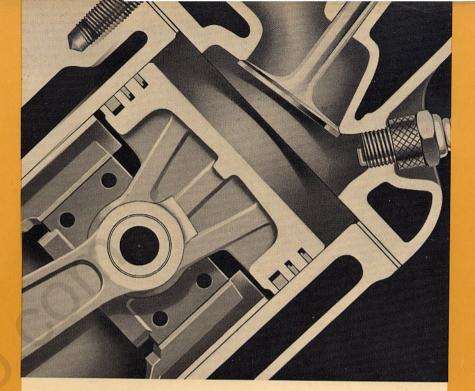


### Sensational high-torque output

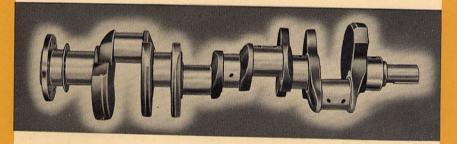
Actually, torque means driving power delivered to the rear wheels. When an ergine delivers high torque at low engine speeds, it means the car will be agile and quick to accelerate in the normal speed ranges (35-65) where most people drive.

High torque is like quality—it must be designed into the engine. The engine must have adequate displacement, it must have free breathing, correct carburetion, rigid construction and durable components. These are but a few of the reasons why the new Packard and Clipper engines can offer the motorist a greater safety factor of reserve power than any automobile engine in America.

On the above graph, notice that the Packard and Clipper engines both deliver power flexibility over the entire speed range. These two engines are the Power Pair that are worthy of the famous motto — "Built by Packard – the Master Motor Builders of the World."



New Elliptical Combustion Chamber—The Combustion chamber in the new Packard and Clipper engines is designed with a relatively large quench area providing high turbulence and, therefore, more efficient burning of the fuel-air mixture. Ideal spark plug location is effected with this design, and the side-by-side valves make possible the use of a short, light weight valve train, reducing inertia and valve stem deflection.



Rigid Steel Alloy Crankshaft—The new precision cast crankshaft has six integral counterweights. Because these counterweights can be located to best advantage, the cast crankshaft is inherently better balanced than similar forged crankshafts. In the manufacturing process, the crankshafts are mass balanced with the flywheel, vibration damper, connecting rods and pistons. This method of balancing prevents an accumulation of tolerances in the component parts and helps to keep the engine smooth running and free of vibration.

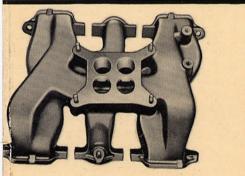
### Free breathing, cool operating design,

### plus high power 4-barrel carburetion



Both Packard and Clipper V-8 engines for 1955 have 4-barrel carburetors. Fundamentally, the 4-barrel carburetor is two-duald units incorporated into a single unit and divided into two sectionss—the primary and the secondary—both operated through a common linkage.

The primary section operates at all times from idle to full thrrottle setting. This section provides the necessary fuel-air mixture for all normal operations up to  $\frac{1}{2}$  throttle opening. The seconddary section comes into use above  $\frac{1}{2}$  throttle opening to provide the extra fuel-air mixture for full power operation.

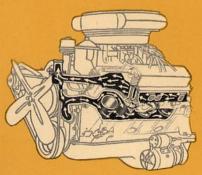


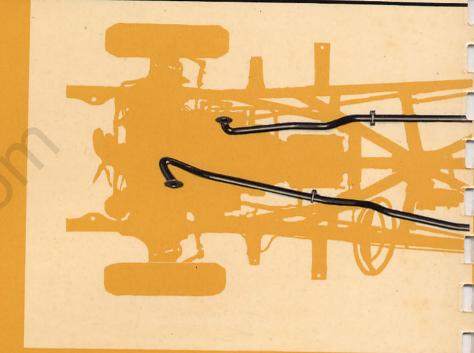
## Free breathing intake mamifold

One of the most important factors contributing to the exceptional power and smoothness of the new Packard and Clipper V-8 engines is the large "even-flow" passages in the imtake manifold. Their smooth interior finish and restriction-free design assures uniform charging of each cylinder with the correct amount of fuel-air mixture to give smooth, powerful engine performance.

### Full-length water jackets

Separate cylinder barrels allow cooling water to circulate completely around every cylinder for the full length of the piston ring travel. The extra large water passages in the engine block and cylinder heads provide adequate uniform cooling of cylinder walls, combustion chambers and valves. With engine temperatures controlled, engine life and operating efficiency are greatly increased.

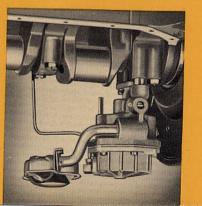




## Positive pressure lubrication

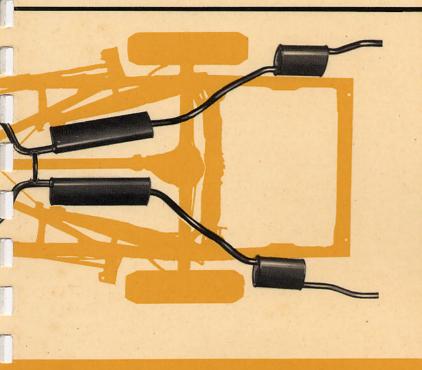
All vital moving parts of the new Packard V-8 engines are pressure lubricated. A gear type pump is driven by the distributor shaft gear, which meshes with a gear on the rear end of the camshaft. The oil pump operates submerged in the engine oil pan. The oil pump maintains a minimum pressure of 10 psi at idle and a maximum of 45 psi at 40 mph and above.

### Rotor type vacuum pump



Located on the lower end of the oil pump, this unit provides vacuum for windshield wiper, operation. The chief advantage of the new pump is that it provides constant vacuum power to operate the wipers without speed fluctuations regardless of engine load.

### 12-Volt ignition system



## Full flow exhaust system (Packard)

The new low back-pressure installation with twin mufflers and resonators provides full exhaust flow and contributes to the brilliant power and performance of the new Packard free-breathing engine. The dual mufflers are designed with a cross-over pipe to equalize exhaust gas pressure. The mufflers are reverse flow with conventional straight-through dual resonators.

### New high capacity fuel pump

The new unit, available on both engines, is mounted on the forward end of the right side of the engine. The fuel pump is located directly in the cool fan blast and away from the heat of the exhaust manifold thereby virtually eliminating the possibility of vapor lock.

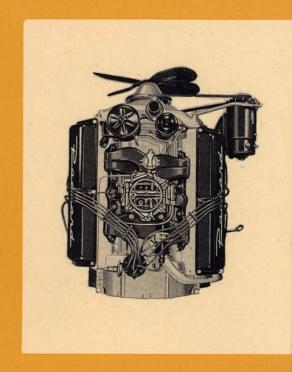


### Accessibility plus

The Packard and Clipper engines might well be named the newest and most accessible V-8 engines in the world. All frequently serviced engine components have been placed within easy reach for servicing: oil filter, generator, coil, distributor, transmission and crankcase oil filler pipes, carburetor linkage; even the spark plugs can be changed without special tools. Packard's Master Motor Builders have designed these engines to give maximum service with minimum maintenance.

## High output 12-volt electrical system

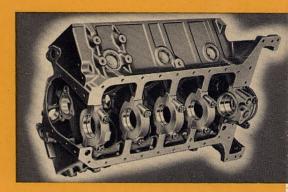
New faster cranking starter motors and sure-start ignition systems assure the new Packard or Clipper owner of dependable engine starting regardless of climatic conditions. A higher generator output and a new 12-volt battery assures adequate electric power, with ample reserve, for all modern accessories and power features. The Packard or Clipper owner need only turn the ignition key to experience new driving convenience and dependability with the 12-volt electrical system.



## Rigid, precision engineered deep V-8 block

The new Packard V-8 cylinder block and crankcase are cast of highest quality iron alloy. This special alloy is a material whose toughness and hardness successfully resists heat and wear. Packard engineers have designed and developed the ideal block—strong, a rigid and durable engine foundation with maximum structural strength and a minimum of weight. The crankcase walls are reinforced by five heavily ribbed crankcase webs which support the camshaft and crankshaft.

The most modern block machining line in the automobile industry precision machines all critical surfaces, to assure positive alignment and smooth finish of all vital moving parts.



### YOUR CHOICE of

# 1 Packard's new\* Twin ULTRAMATIC Transmission

The choice of two ultra-smooth drive ranges enables the Packard or Clipper driver to enjoy the finest no-slift driving. Smoothness and flexibility of operation are the two prime features of the new Packard Twin Ultramatic Transmission. The new automatic drive retains the smoothness and convenience of Ultramatic but, in addition, offers the advantages of a geared start for greatly improved acceleration from astanding start.

This new fully automatic dive might be termed "The transmission with a feel for the road," which mens complete driver control over the transmission has been retained. As an example, the new transmission can be operated in torque converter high range drive on icy pavement. In the event that normal acceleration is needed while cruising, the converter is unlocked bymoderate pressure on the accelerator pedal while fast acceleration is obtained by a heavy pressure on the pedal causing a downshift into the low gears.

The new cast aluminum torque converter is a two-stage type. It is designed to provide the highest torque multiplication ratio of any passenger cartorque converter on the market today. The torque multiplication ratio at full throttle stall speed 4.2.9 to 1.

## 6-Position Selector

The manual selector has six positions on the quadrant:

"P" (Park) Provides a special no-slip pawltype parking brake.

"N" (Neutral) Provides engine operation with or without vehicle movement.

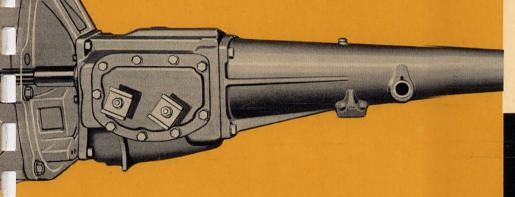
"D" (Drive Range) Provides two forward driving ranges indicated by the two darts, one on either side of "D."

- (1) With the selector on the left side, the driver experiences modest acceleration with direct drive automatically engaging at 18 m.p.h. and above.
- (2) With the selector set at the right side of "D" the driver has the benefit of the combination of low range and torque converter to give brilliant acceleration. At approximately 15 to 40 m.p.h., depending on the throttle position, the transmission smoothly engages high-range converter, and at 23 to 55 m.p.h. economical direct drive engages to provide slip-free cruising. "L" (Low Range) Provides a powerful lugging gear for extremely heavy pulling. "R" (Reverse) Provides smooth positive reverse operation.

\*Standard on all Packards—optional at extra cost on all Clippers

## TRANSMISSIONS

Silent standard synchro-mesh transmission



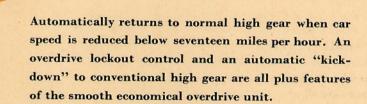
Packard's new synchro-mesh transmission has been ownerproved by millions of trouble-free driving miles. All gears are heat-treated to give them a hard surface that virtually defies wear. The inner structure of the gears is tough and ductile to resist impact loads and shocks.

Gear clashing is virtually eliminated by a special synchronizing device which equalizes the speed of the gears about to be engaged by the shift lever. The new synchro-mesh transmission is standard equipment on all Clipper models.

\*Overdrive...

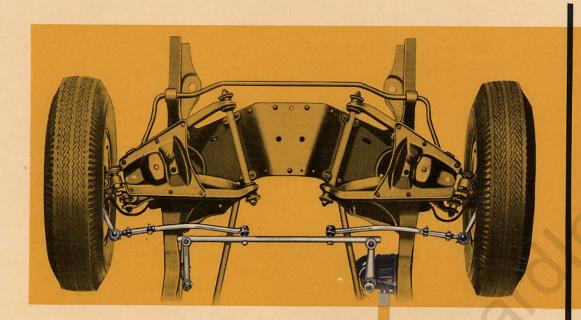
an automatic fuel saving "fourth" gear

Mounted on the rear of the standard transmission, Packard overdrive provides a fourth speed or cruising gear ratio at any car speed over twenty-one miles per hour. With overdrive engaged, engine speed is reduced 27%. Although engine speed has been reduced, the car's speed remains unchanged. Fuel and oil consumption are both cut and engine life is prolonged.



\*Available as an option on all Clipper models.

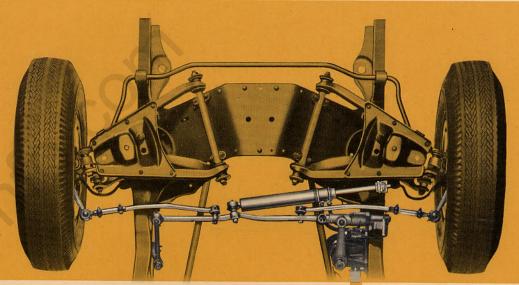
## Packard Leads in Stability and handling ease with Conventional or POWER STEERING



### Packard's conventional relay link steering has

long been recognized as the finest steering mechanism on any car. There is no steering wheel whip and road shocks are not transmitted through the steering system to the steering wheel. The entire steering mechanism is perfectly balanced, and each part functions with complete coordination, making steering easy and effortless.

Packard's worm and triple-toothed roller steering gear design aids in reducing steering effort. Friction is minimized by mounting the worm on two tapered roller bearings. Packard's worm and roller gears reduce friction through a rolling contact motion as the steering wheel is turned. There is no sliding or scraping gear action. The method of mounting these gears assures maximum rigidity and correct worm and roller contact at all times. Excellent straight-line steering, new flexibility in traffic, short turning radius, directional control on all types of roads are all plus features of Packard's conventional steering.



### Packard's linkage-type power steering is designed to make driving safer, more enjoyable under all driving conditions.

#### Safer on highways:

80% of the steering effort is removed. Full driver control is retained. Fatigue is reduced—safety is increased.

#### Smoother on rough roads:

Smooth hydraulic power counteracts road shocks— holds the front wheels to the course you steer.

#### Effortless in traffic:

Normal steering wheel recovery from turns and correct steering ratios make traffic driving a pleasure.

#### Easier parking:

Quicker parking without effort; finger-tip control takes the work out of parking.

## Packard Servo-Hydraulic brakes...provide full safety and protection at all times



### Large lining area... self energizing action

All Packard and Clipper cars are equipped with large self-energizing hydraulic brakes. The self-energizing principle involves the conversion of the car's momentum into additional braking energy. The brake shoes are flexibly mounted at their lower ends to enable them to move slightly with the brake drums. As the front shoe contacts the rotating drum, this rotary motion is transferred through the flexible mounting to the rear shoe forcing it outward and upward into closer contact with the drum. Braking pressure is uniformly increased at every point around the brake drum to provide a tremendous amount of braking force, for soft even stops or rapid emergency

### Packard Power Brakes permit shorter, faster stops

The Packard-pioneered low-to-the-floor power brake pedal is almost on the same level as the accelerator pedal. When it is necessary to apply the brake, the driver merely pivots his foot and gently applies pressure on the brake pedal . . . braking action is smooth, and without effort. Because the driver need not raise his foot from the floor to depress the brake pedal, braking reaction time is reduced up to 29%. In other words, the driver reduces his stopping distance 13 feet (from 30 mph). When coming to a stop from higher speeds, the stopping distance is reduced even more, giving the Packard driver an even greater margin of safety.



## Powerful independent parking brake

Packard provides extra safety with a failproof hand-brake system operating on both rear wheels. Because this brake utilizes the same rear brake drums as the foot brake, braking action is approximately 45% as effective as the service brake.

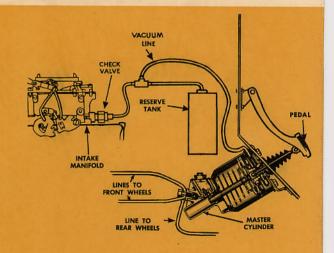
With Packard's mechanical handbrake system the rear axle gears, drive shaft and universal joints are relieved of the strain imposed by propeller shaft type hand brakes.

The parking brake handle is conveniently located on the left side of the steering column. It has a comfortably designed T-shaped handle for quick easy operation.

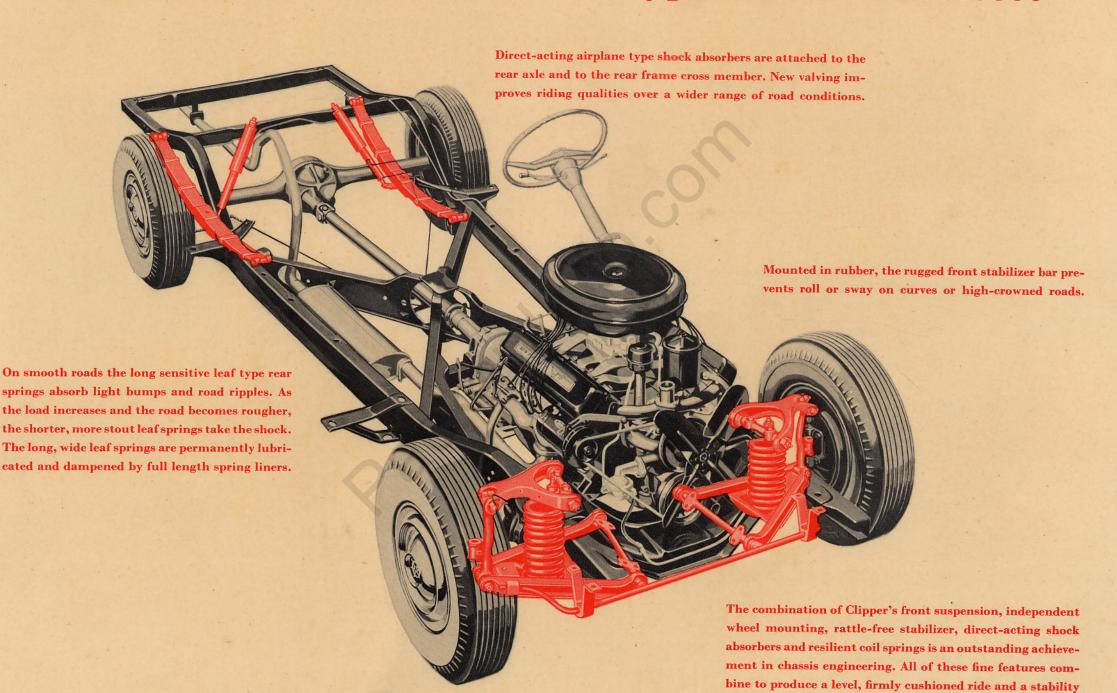
## Direct acting power brakes do 40% of the work

With pedal depressed, engine vacuum reduces air pressure on one side of the power piston in the vacuum cylinder. With lower than atmospheric pressure on one side of the piston, positive atmospheric pressure exerts force on the other side, moving the power piston against the plunger in the master cylinder. Pressure on this plunger builds up hydraulic pressure to apply the brakes.

Releasing the pedal cuts off engine vacuum. Atmospheric pressure enters the cylinder through a breather, balancing pressure on both sides of the power piston. The return spring forces the piston back to the "off" position, returning the power brake pedal to its normal level.



## Here's what makes the famous "CLIPPER RIDE"... one of the finest of its type in the world!...



that makes driving safer and more pleasant.

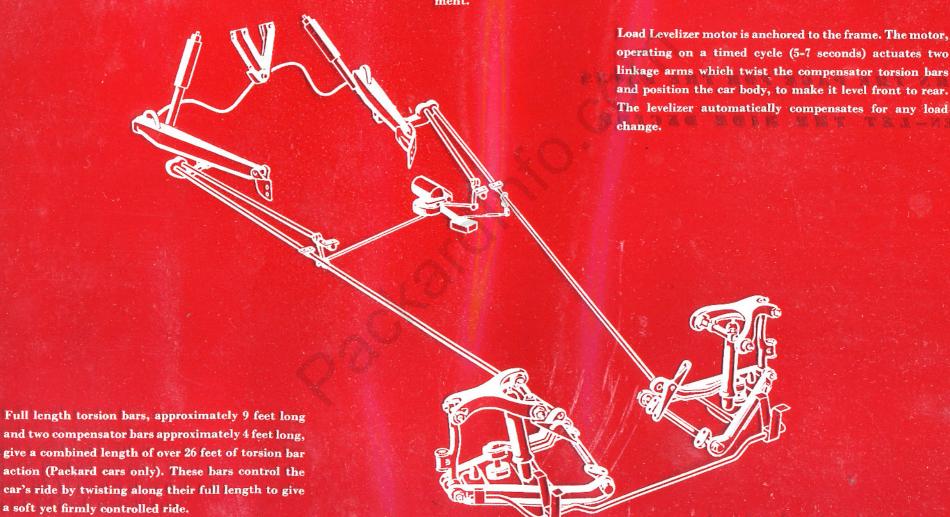
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THEN-LET THE RIDE DECIDE

### Levels the load and smooths the road...

### Packard's exclusive Torsion Level Ride

Rear Sway Bar reduces body sway while turning or driving on uneven pavement—Rear Axle Torque Arm assembly transmits forward thrust of the axle into vehicle movement.



Front Sway Bar reduces front-end sway and improves cornering and roadability.

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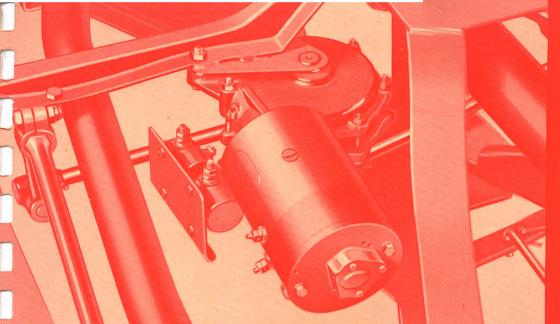
Load Levelizer motor is anchored to the frame. The motor, operating on a timed cycle (5-7 seconds) actuates two linkage arms which twist the compensator torsion bars and position the car body, to make it level front to rear. The levelizer automatically compensates for any load change.

Mounted in rubber, the rugged front stabilizer bar prevents roll or sway on curves or high-crowned roads.

On smooth roads the long sensitive leaf type rear springs absorb light bumps and road ripples. As the load increases and the road becomes rougher, the shorter, more stout leaf springs take the shock. The long, wide leaf springs are permanently lubricated and dampened by full length spring liners.

Full length torsion bars, approximately 9 feet long and two compensator bars approximately 4 feet long, give a combined length of over 26 feet of torsion bar action (Packard cars only). These bars control the car's ride by twisting along their full length to give a soft yet firmly controlled ride.

The combination of Clipper's front suspension, independent where the Sway Bar reduces front end swayet-acting shock absorders ment in chassis engineering. All of these fine features combine to produce a level, firmly cushioned ride and a stability that makes driving safer and more pleasant.



### Silent, powerful motor operates Levelizer

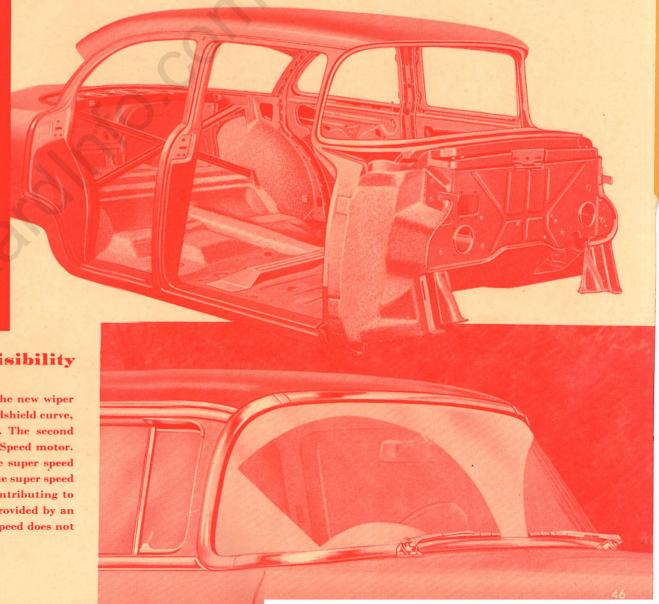
When the rear of the Packard or Clipper Custom is loaded, a sensitive timing device goes into operation. On a timed cycle (5-7) seconds, this device actuates a switch that turns on the motor. The motor in turn, operating through a reduction gear train and levers, applies a twisting action on the compensator torsion bars. The main torsion bars, in turn, literally pick up the rear of the car and position it at a level attitude. When the car body is level, it controls more easily, and the passengers enjoy a more comfortable ride. When the passengers alight, the car body raises a few inches, the timer again operates the levelizer motor and the compensator bars pull the car body and chassis down to its correct design height.

### Exclusive windshield wiper combination aids visibility

The new Cam-O-Matic windshield wiper is offered on all Packard and Clipper cars for 1955. The new wiper has two definite advantages: the wiper arms actually carry the wiper pattern around the windshield curve, thereby virtually eliminating the dangerous and annoying windshield corner blind spot. The second advantage is the speed and travel flexibility of the new Cam-O-Matic arms with the Super Speed motor. A small lever is provided under the wiper control knob, when this lever is moved into the super speed position the length of the wiper stroke is reduced, but, the number of strokes is increased. The super speed action is particularly desirable when driving in heavy rain, snow or sleet. Another factor contributing to the success of the new Packard windshield wiper is the constant vacuum power which is provided by an exclusive unit on the oil pump. By utilizing this constant vacuum power the wiper motor speed does not vary regardless of engine speed or load.

## "Body by Packard" means... Passengers ride in comfort and safety

Ruggedly braced for greater strength: All steel for maximum safety: Wider and lower than ever for pleasing exterior appearance and interior roominess. Freedom from squeaks and rattles, resistance against twisting and weaving, carefully tested against water leaks, this is the all-new Packard and Clipper body story for 1955.



### SPECIFICATIONS\*

	Clipper De Luxe & Super	Clipper Custom	Packard
BRAKES			
Туре	Hydraulic 2-shoe	Hydraulic 2-shoe	Hydraulic 2-shoe
	Duo-Servo	Duo-Servo	Duo-Servo
Effective Area	191.8 sq. in.	191.8 sq. in.	208.25 sq. in.
Effective Area Hand Brake	85.25 sq. in.	95 95 :	00
Drum Diameter—	00.20 sq. m.	85.25 sq. in.	98 sq. in.
Front & Rear	11" Centrifuse	11" Centrifuse	12" Centrifuse
Wheel Cylinder Size:			
Front Rear	11/8" Diameter	11/8" Diameter	11/8" Diameter
Packard Power Brake	11/16" Diameter Special Equipment	11/16" Diameter Special Equipment	1" Diameter
		Special Equipment	Special Equipment Std. Caribbean
CAR DIMEN	ISIONS		our our pour
Wheelbase	122"	122"	127"
Over-all Length	21413/16"	21413/16"	2177/16"
Over-all Height—	69"		
Loaded Over-all Width	62" 78"	62" 78"	62.3"
Tread-Front	59.7"	59.7"	78″ 60″
Rear	60"	60"	60.9"
Headroom-Front	36"	36"	3611/16"
			Patrician & 400
Rear	34"	34"	361/8"—Caribbean 357/8"—Patrician 351/8"—Four Hundred
	351/8"—Panama	351/8"-Constellation	351/6"—Four Hundred
			35 ( aribbean
Legroom-Front	43½" 43¾"	43½" 43¾"	43½"—All Models
Rear	43%	433/4"	483/4"—Patrician
			43½"—All Models 48¾"—Patrician 43¾"—Four Hundred 43¾"—Caribbean 62¾"
Hiproom-Front	623/4"	623/4"	623/4"
Rear	62"	62"	62"
Seat Height-Front	137/-"	137/8"	49½"—Caribbean 13½"—Patrician 135%"—Four Hundred 135%"—Caribbean 14¼"—Patrician 12½"—Four Hundred 137½"—Caribbean 5"
Seat Height—Hone	137/8" 135/8"—Panama	135/8"—Constellation	135/8 — Patrician
			135%"—Caribbean
Rear	13 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>16</sub> " 12 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "—Panama	13 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>16</sub> " 12 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "—Constellation	141/4"—Patrician
	12½"—Panama	12½"—Constellation	12½"—Four Hundred
Front Seat Travel	5"	5'	5" — Caribbean
ENGINE-GE	ENERAL		
Horsepower			
@ 4600 RPM	225	245	260—Patrician
@ 4800 RPM			260—Four Hundred
Torque			275—Caribbean
@ 2400-2800 RPM	325 ftlbs.	325 ftlbs.	355 ftlbs.
(Caribbean @ 2400-			
3200 RPM)	00° OHV V o	000 0111/1/1/0	000 01111 11 0
Type Bore and Stroke	90° OHV V-8 3.8125″x3.5″	90° OHV V-8 4″x3.5″	90° OHV V-8 4"x3.5"
Displacement	320 cu. in.	352 cu. in.	352 cu. in.
Compression Ratio	8.5:1	8.5:1	8.5:1-Patrician & 400
			8.5:1—Patrician & 400 N.A. Caribbean

<sup>\*</sup>Specifications are subject to change without notice.

	Clipper De Luxe & Super	Clipper Custom	Packard
FUEL SYST	EM		
Carburetor— Make & Type  Gasoline Feed Pump Drive Gasoline Filter	Carter WCFB Downdraft 4-bbl. Mechanical Pump Off Camshaft Ceramic Carburetor inlet (Spec. Eqt.)	Rochester 4GC Downdraft 4-bbl. Mechanical Pump Off Camshaft Ceramic Carburetor inlet (Spec. Eqt.)	Rochester 4GC Downdraft 4-bbl. Mechanical Pump Off Camshaft Ceramic Carburetor inlet
Gasofine Gauge Gasofine Tank Capacity Air Cleaner & Silencer Carburetor Heat	Electrical  20 gallons Oil Bath (Spec. Equipment)	Electrical  20 gallons Oil Bath (Spec. Equipment)	Electrical 20 gallons Oil Bath
Control Automatic Choke	Automatic Integral	Automatic Integral	Automatic Integral
OILING SYS	TEM		
Oil Pump Type Crankcase Capacity Oil Filler Location Oil Filter	Gear 5 qts. Top Front Partial Flow (Spec. Equipment)	Gear 5 qts. Top Front Partial Flow (Spec. Equipment)	Gear 5 qts. Top Front Partial Flow
Oil Measuring Stick Oil Pump Intake Crankcase Ventilator Oil Pressure—	Right Crankcase Floating Yes	Right Crankcase Floating Yes	Right Crankcase Floating Yes
Normal Driving	45 PSI	45 PSI	45 PSI
PISTON Type & Material Weight	Auto-Thermic Aluminum Alloy 22.293 oz.	Auto-Thermic Aluminum Alloy 24.763 oz.	Auto-Thermic Aluminum Alloy 24.763 oz.
Type Pin Lubrication of Pin Number of Oil Rings per Piston Number of Compres-	Floating Splash	Floating Splash	Floating Splash
sion Rings per Piston Location of Rings	2 (1 Chrome) Above Pin	2 (1 Chrome) Above Pin	2 (1 Chrome) Above Pin
VALVES Valve Arrangement Valve Head Diameter—	Valve-in-head	Valve-in-head	Valve-in-head
Inlet Exhaust Valve Material—	1.937" 1.687"	1.937" 1.687"	1.937" 1.687"
Inlet Exhaust Exhaust Pipe Diameter	Silichrome Steel Austenitic Steel 21/4"	Silichrome Steel Austenitic Steel 21/4"	Silichrome Steel Austenitic Steel 2" (Dual)
CRANKSHA	FT .		
Type Material Number of	Counterbalanced Cast Steel Alloy	Counterbalanced Cast Steel Alloy	Counterbalanced Cast Steel Alloy
Counterweights Number of Main	6 Integral	6 Integral	6 Integral
Bearings Total Main	5	5	5
Bearing Area Thrust Taken On Main Bearing Material Vibration Damper	44.46 sq. in. Rear Main Lead Babbitt	44.46 sq. in. Rear Main Lead Babbitt (5) Copper-Lead (1-4) Rubber	44.46 sq. in. Rear Main Lead Babbitt (5) Copper-Lead (1-4) Rubber
Crankshaft Sprocket	Steel	Steel	Steel

	Clipper De Luxe & Super	Clipper Custom	Packard		Clipper De Luxe & Super	Clipper Custom	Packard
CONNECTIN	IG ROD			SPRINGS			A SCRAIG
Material Bearing Type Bearing Material	Steel Forging Removable Lead Steel Backed	Steel Forging Removable	Steel Forging Removable	Front (Coil)—Size	41/4" Inside Diam.	Full length Torsion Bar	Full length Torsion Bar
	Babbitt	Lead Steel Backed Babbitt	Lead Steel Backed Babbitt	Rear (Leaf)—Size	543%"x2½"	Full length Torsion Bar	Full length Torsion Bar
CAMSHAFT				Shock Absorbers	Rubber Mounted Hyd. Direct-Acting	Hyd. Direct-Acting	<del></del>
Camshaft Drive Length and Width of Chain	Silent Chain	Silent Chain	Silent Chain	Stablizer-Front Rear	Linkless	Linkless 2-Link Type	Hyd. Direct-Acting Linkless 2-Link Type
Number of Camshaft	64 Links, 15 Links 1" wide	64 Links, 15 Links 1" wide	64 Links, 15 Links 1" wide	Spring Material	Silico-Manganese	Silico-Manganese	Silico-Manganese
Bearings Sprocket—Material	5 Iron Alloy	5 Iron Alloy	5 Iron Alloy	STEERING	GEAR		
COOLING ST	YSTEM			Make	Packard-Gemmer	Packard-Gemmer	Packard-Gemmer
Type Capacity Without	Pressure System	Pressure System	Pressure System	Type Ratio—Over-all	Worm and 3-tooth roller	Worm and 3-tooth roller	Worm and 3-tooth roller
Heater Water Pump	26 qts. Centrifugal	26 qts. Centrifugal	26 qts. Centrifugal	(Conventional	30.9:1	30.9:1	30.9:1
Water Pump Drive	V-Belt	V-Belt	V-Belt	Steering Wheel (Diam.)	22.0:1 18"	22.0:1 18'	22.5:1 18"
Driving Pulley Fan Belt	On Crankshaft 56 <sup>11</sup> / <sub>16</sub> "x <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> "—Vee	On Crankshaft 56 <sup>11</sup> / <sub>16</sub> "x <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> "—Vee	On Crankshaft 56 <sup>1</sup> 1/ <sub>16</sub> "x <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> "—Vee	Minimum Turning Radius (Curb to Curb			10
Heat Indicator	Light	Light	Gauge	(Conventional)	211/2'	211/6'	991//
Radiator Cap (Pressure)  ELECTRICA		11-13 PSI	11-13 PSI	(Power) Packard Power Steering	201/3'	21½' 20½' Special Equipment	22½' 21½' Special Equipment
System Voltage	12-14 Volt	12-14 Volt	12-14 Volt	Туре	Linkage	Linkage	Std. Caribbean Linkage
Battery Make Capacity Plates	Auto-Lite or Willard 60 Amp. hr.	Auto-Lite or Willard 60 Amp. hr.	60 Amp. hr.	Steering Knuckle Thrust Bearing Wheel Bearing—	Reverse Elliot Ball	Reverse Elliot Ball	Reverse Elliot Ball
Spark Control Distributor—Vacuum	Full Automatic	Full Automatic	17 Full Automatic	Inner & Outer	Tapered Roller	Tapered Roller	Tapered Roller
Controlled Spark Plug Size Spark Plug—Make &	Auto-Lite 14 MM	Delco-Remy 14 MM	Delco-Remy 14 MM	TRANSMISS	SION		
Туре	Champion H-10	Champion H-10	Champion H-10	Make & Type			
Spark Plug Gap Generator Make	.035" Auto-Lite	.035" Delco-Remy	.035" Delco-Remy	Standard	Helical Synchron.	Helical Sychron.	
Generator Drive Generator Output—	Belt	Belt	Belt	Overdrive Automatic Oil Capacity	Planetary Gears Packard Ultramatic	Planetary Gears Packard Ultramatic	Packard Ultramatic
Maximum Starter Motor—Make	30 Ampere @ 14 V Auto-Lite	30 Ampere @ 14 V Delco-Remy	30 Ampere @ 14V Delco-Remy	Standard Trans. O.D. Unit	31/4 pts.	31/4 pts.	
Starter Drive	Solenoid Actuated Shift	Solenoid Actuated Shift	Solenoid Actuated Shift		1½ pts. 22 pts.	1½ pts. 22 pts.	22 pts.
Direction Signals Headlight Bulb—	Yes (Spec. Eqt.)	Yes (Spec. Eqt.)	Yes	Ultramatic	Right rear side of engine	Right rear side	Right rear side
Sealed Beam Ignition Coil	Yes Auto-Lite	Yes Delco	Yes Delco			or engine	of engine
CLUTCH				IDIO A TO A WAY			
Type Facing Material	Single Dry Plate Woven Asbestos	Single Dry Plate Woven Asbestos	Ultramatic Woven Asiestos	REAR AXLE			
Size of Facing	7"x10½"x.125"	7"x10½"x.125"	7"x101/2"x125"		Semi-Floating Packard	Semi-Floating	Semi-Floating
Throw-out Bearing Vibration Damper	Prelubricated Ball Yes	Prelubricated Ball Yes	Prelubricated Ball Yes	Final Drive Propulsion	Hypoid Gears Thru Rear Springs	Packard Hypoid Gears Thru Torque Arms	Packard Hypoid Gears Thru Torque Arms
WHEELS	D.			Oil Capacity	Swedged Tube Banjo	Swedged Tube Banjo	Swedged Tube Banjo
Type Size and Type of Rim	Disc Safety 15"x5½" "K"	Disc Safety 15"x5½" "K"	Disc Safely 15"x6" "L"		T 1 70 11	Tapered Roller	4½ pts. Tapered Roller
Size of Tire	7.60"x15"—4 ply	7.60"x15"—4 ply	8.00'x15"—4 ply	Standard Trans.	3.9:1	3.9:1	
Tubeless Tire Recommended Tire	Standard	Standard	Sandard	Overdrive	3.9:1	3.9:1	
Pressure (Cold)—	24 lbs.	24 lbs.	24 lbs.		3.23:1 (3.07:1 Clipper DeLuxe)	3.23:1	3.54:1

FEATURES	CLIPPER DE LUXE 4-DOOR	BUICK SPECIAL	OLDSMOBILE "88"
Over-all Length	21413/16"	206.7"	203.3"
Over-all Width	78"	76.2"	77.8
Over-all Height	62"	60.4"	60.5"
Tread (F-R)	59.7"-60"	59"-59"	59"-58"
Wheelbase	122"	122″	122"
Wrap-around Windshield	YES, Full	YES	YES
Cam-o-matic Wipers with Super Speed Motor	YES	NO	NO
Air Conditioning Available	YES	YES	YES
Starter Operation	Ignition Key	Accelerator Pedal	Ignition Key
Glove Box Location	Center	Center	Center
Legroom (F-R)	431/2"-433/4"	42.3"-41.8"	42.9"-43.8"
Hiproom (F-R)	623/4"-62"	62.5"-62.4"	62.3"-62.4"
Headroom (F-R)	36"-34"	35.6"-34"	35.6"-34.6"
Seat Cushion Height (F-R)	137/8"-137/16"	12.6"-12.4"	13.2"-12.4"
Front Seat Adjustment Range	5"	4.4"	4.4"
Maximum Brake Horsepower	225	188	185
Maximum Torque (pound-feet)	325	256	320
Compression Ratio	8.5:1	8:1	8.5:1
Piston Displacement (cu.in.)	320	264	324.3
Bore and Stroke	3.8" x 3.5"	3.6" x 3.2"	37/8" x 37/16"
Crankshaft Material	Cast Steel	Forged Steel	Forged Steel
Pistons—Type Auto-thermic	YES	NO	YES
Floating Oil Intake Screen	YES	NO	NO
Carburetor—Type	4-Barrel	2-Barrel	2-Barrel
Water All Around Cylinders	YES	YES	YES
Full Length Water Jackets	YES	NO	YES
Battery-Voltage	12	12	12
Frame—Type	X	X	X
Shock Absorbers—Type	Direct	Direct-Front-Lever-Rear	Direct
Front Springs—Type	Coil	Coil	Coil
Rear Springs—Type	Leaf	Coil	Leaf
Tension-Type Shackles	YES	NO	NO
Tubeless Tires	YES	YES	YES
Power Brakes Available	YES	YES	YES
Brake Lining Area (sq.in.)	191.8	184.6	191.7
Transmission (std.equip.)	Synchromesh	3-Speed Manual	Conventional
Overdrive Available	YES	NO	NO
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	BUICK
	SPECIAL
	OLDSMOBILE
	"RR"
	DODGE ROYAL
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DODGE ROYAL	MERCURY CUSTOM	PONTIAC CHIEFTAIN
212.1"	206.3"	203.2"
74.5"	76.4"	75.4"
60.6"	61.2"	60.5"
58.9"-59.1"	58"-59"	58.6"-59"
120"	119"	122"
YES, Partial	YES	YES
NO	NO	NO
YES	YES	YES
Ignition Key	Ignition Key	Ignition Key
Right	Right	Center
44.5″-45″	43.8"-42.8"	42.7"-42.8"
62.5"-62.8"	60.6"-60.3"	61.8"-63.1"
35.5"-34.9"	35.4"-34.2"	35.6"-35.9"
13.4"-12.8"	12"-13.1"	13.7"-12"
5"	4.9"	4.4"
175	198	173
240	274	264
7.6:1	8.5:1	8:1
270	292	287.2
3.6" x 3.2"	3.7" x 3.3"	3.7" x 3.2"
Forged Steel	Cast Alloy Iron	Forged Steel
NO	NO	NO
YES	YES	YES
2-Barrel	4-Barrel	2-Barrel
YES	YES	YES
YES	YES	YES
6	6	12
Ladder	Ladder	X
Direct	Direct	Direct
Coil	Coil	Coil
Leaf	Leaf	Leaf
NO	YES	NO
NO ·	YES	YES
YES	YES	YES
1731/2	190.9	178
3-Speed Manual	3-Speed Manual	
YES	YES	3-Speed Manual 49A YES

CLIPPER SUPER 4-DOOR and PANAMA	PONTIAC STAR CHIEF	BUICK CENTURY
21413/16"	210.2"	206.7"
78"	75.4"	76.2"
62"	60.5"	60.6"
59.7"-60"	58.6"-59"	59"-59"
122"	124"	122"
YES, Full	YES	YES
YES	NO	NO
YES	YES	YES
Ignition Key	Ignition Key	Accelerator Pedal
Center	Center	Center
431/2"-433/4"	42.7"-42.7"	42.3"-41.4"
623/4"-62"	61.8"-63.1"	62.5"-62.4"
36"-34"	35.6"-35.9"	35.6"-34"
137/8"-137/16"	13.7"-12"	12.6"-12.4"
5"	4.4"	4.4"
225	180	236
320	264	330
8.5:1	8:1	9:1
320"	287.2	322"
3.8" x 3.5"	3.7" x 3.2"	4" x 3.2"
Cast Steel	Forged Steel	Forged Steel
YES	NO	NO
YES	YES	NO
4-Barrel	2-Barrel	4-Barrel
YES	YES	YES
YES	YES	NO
12	12	12
X	X	X
Direct	Direct	Direct-Front Lever-Rear
Coil	Coil	Coil
Leaf	\ Leaf	Coil
YES	NO	NO
YES	YES	YES
YES	YES	YES
191.8	178	207.5
49B Synchromesh	3-Speed Manual	3-Speed Manual
YES	YES	NO

OLDSMOBILE	MERCURY	DODGE	
SUPER "88"	MONTEREY	CUSTOM ROYAL	+
203.3"	206.3"	212.1"	
77.8"	76.4"	74.5"	Ī
60.5"	61.2"	60.6"	
59"-58"	58"-59"	58.9"-59.1"	
122"	119"	120"	
YES	YES	YES, Partial	DONTIAG
NO	NO	·NO	PONTIAC STAR CHIEF
YES	YES	YES	BUICK
Ignition Key	Ignition Key	Ignition Key	
Center	Right	Right	OLDSMOBIL SUPER "88"
42.9"-44.3"	43.8"-42.8"	44.5"-45."	MERCURY
62.3"-62.1"	60.6"-60.3"	62.5"-62.8"	MONTEREY
35.6"-33.8"	35.4"-34.2"	35.5"-34.9"	DODGE
13.2"-13.2"	12"-13.1"	13.4"-12.8"	ROYAL
4.4"	4.9"	5"	
202	188	183	7
332	274	245	
8.5:1	7.6:1	7.6:1	
324.31	292	270	
37/8" x 37/16"	3.75" x 3.30"	3.6" x 3.2"	
Forged Steel	Precision Cast	Forged Steel	
YES	YES	NO	
NO	NO	YES	
4-Barrel	4-Barrel	2-Barrel	
YES	YES	YES	
YES	YES	YES	
12	6	6	
X	Ladder	Ladder	
Direct	Direct	Direct	
Coil	Coil	Coil	
Leaf	Leaf	Leaf	
NO	YES	NO	
YES	YES	NO	
YES	YES	YES	
191.7	190.9	1731/2	
Conventional	Syncromesh	3-Speed Manual 49C	

CLIPPER CUSTOM 4-DOOR & CONSTELLATION	CHRYSLER WINDSOR DELUXE	BUICK SUPER
21413/16"	218.6"	216"
78"	79.1"	80"
62"	60.6"	62.5"-62.7"
59.7"-60"	60.2"-59.6"	59"-62.2"
122"	126"	127"
YES, Full	YES, Partial	YES
YES	NO	NO
YES	YES	YES
Ignition key	Ignition Key	Accelerator Pedal
Center	Right	Center
431/2"-433/4"	44.6"-44.8"	43.2"-45.1"
623/4"-62"	63.3"-64"	64.9"-65.7"
36"-34"	35″-34.5″	36.6"-35.2"
137/8"-137/16"	13.3″-13.5″	13.2"-12.1"
5"	5"	4"
245	188	236
355	275	330
8.5:1	8:1	9:1
352	301	322
4" x 3.5"	3.6" x 3.6"	4 " x 3.2"
Cast steel	Forged Steel	Forged Steel
YES	NO	NO
YES	YES	NO
4-Barrel	2-Barrel	4-Barrel
YES	YES	YES
YES	YES	NO
12	6	12
- <b>X</b>	Ladder	X
Direct	Direct	Direct-Front—Lever-Rear
Torsion Bar	Coil	Coil
Torsion Bar	Leaf	Coil
	NO	NO
YES	NO	YES
YES	YES	YES
191.8	201	207.5
49D Synchromesh	3-Speed Manual	3-Speed Manual
YES	NO	NO

OLDSMOBILE "98"	BUICK ROADMASTER	DESOTO FIREDOME	
212.3"	216"	217.9"	
77.8"	80"	78.3"	Ī
60.5"	62.7"	60.6"	
59"-58"	59"-62.2"	60.2"-59.6"	
126"	127"	126"	
YES	YES	YES, Partial	
NO	NO	NO	
YES	YES	YES	Ī
Ignition Key	Accelerator Pedal	Ignition Key	
Center	Center	Right	
42.8"-44"	43.6"-45.6"	44.6"-44.8"	
62.3"-62.1"	64.6"-65.7"	63.3"-64"	
35.6"-33.8"	35.9"-35.1"	35"-34.5"	
13.1″-13″	13.9"-12.7"	13.3"-13.5"	Ī
4.4"	4"	5"	
202	236	185	
332	330	245	CHRYSLI
8.5:1	9:1	7.5:1	WINDSO DE LUX
324.31	322	291	DILLOR
37/8" x 37/16"	4" x 3.2"	3.7" x 3.3"	BUICK SUPER
Forged Steel	Forged Steel	Forged Steel	OLDSMO
YES	NO	NO	OLDSMOI "98"
NO	NO	YES	BUICK ROADMAS
4-Barrel	4-Barrel	2-Barrel	
YES	NO	YES	DE SOT
YES	YES	YES	
12	12	6	
X	X	Ladder	
Direct	Direct-Front—Lever-Rear	Direct	
Coil	Coil	Coil	1
Leaf	Coil	Leaf	
NO	NO	NO	
YES	YES	NO	
YES	YES	YES	
191.7	219	201	
Conventional	Dynaflow	3-Speed Manual 49E	4
NO	NO	VES	1

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PACKARD PATRICIAN	LINCOLN CUSTOM & CAPRI	CADILLAC "62"	CHRYSLER IMPERIAL
2177/16"	215.6"	2165/16"	233"
78"	77.6"	79.8"	79.1"
62.3"	62.7"	62"	61.2"
60"-60.9"	58.5"-60"	60"-63.1"	61"-64"
127"	123"	129"	130"
YES, Full	NO	YES	YES, Partial
YES	NO	NO	NO
YES	YES	YES	YES
Ignition Key	Push-Button	Ignition Key	
Center	Right	Center	Ignition Key
431/2"-483/4"	42.1"-41.6"	43.3"-46.3"	Right
623/4"-62"	62.5"-62.1"	64.3"-65.2"	44.6"-48.4"
3611/16"-357/8"	36.4"-34.7"	35.8"-35.6"	62.5"-62"
131/8"-141/4"	12.5"-12.5"	13.8"-12.8"	35"-34.6"
5"	4.1"	4"	13.3″-13.5″
260	225	250	5"
355	332	345	250
8.5:1	8.5:1	9:1	340
352	341	331	8.5:1
4" x 3.5"	3.9" x 3.5"	3.8" x 3.6"	331
Cast Steel	Cast Alloy Iron		3.8" x 3.6"
YES	— Court May Hon	Forged Steel NO	Forged Steel
YES		YES	NO
4-Barrel	4-Barrel		YES
YES	YES	4-Barrel	4-Barrel
YES	YES	YES	YES
12	6	YES	YES
X	X	12	6
Direct	Direct	X	Ladder
Torsion Bar	Coil	Direct	Direct
Torsion Bar	Leaf	Coil	Coil
- Totsion Dar		Leaf	Leaf
YES	YES	NO	NO
YES	YES	YES	YES
208.2	YES	YES	YES
	207.5	221.9	201
Ultramatic 49F NO	Turbo-Drive	Hydra-Matic	Power Flite
	NO	NO	NO

CHRYSLER NEW YORKER DELUXE	CADILLAC EL DORADO	PACKARD CARIBBEAN
218.8"	223.3"	2177/16"
79.1"	79.8"	78"
60.9"	60.2"	61.7"
60.2"-59.6"	60"-63.1"	60"-60.9"
126"	129"	127"
YES, Partial	YES	YES, Full
NO	NO	YES
YES	NO	NO
Ignition Key	Ignition Key	Ignition Key
Right	Center	Center
44.6"-44.8"	42.8"-42.2"	431/2"-433/4"
63.3"-64"	63.9"-56.4"	623/4"-491/2"
35"-34.5"	34.1"-34.3"	361/8"-35"
13.3"-13.5"	13.2"-12.6"	135/8"-137/16"
5"	4"	5"
250	270	275
340	345	355
8.5:1	9:1	N.A.
331	331	352
3.8" x 3.6"	3.8" x 3.6"	4" x 3.5"
Forged Steel	Steel	Cast Steel
NO	NO -	YES
YES	YES	YES
4-Barrel	8-barrel	8-barrel
YES	YES	YES
YES	YES	YES
6	12	12
Ladder	X	X
Direct	Direct	Direct
Coil	Coil	Torsion Bar
Leaf	Leaf	Torsion Bar
NO	NO	Torsion Dar
NO	YES	YES
YES	YES	Standard
201	221.9	208.2
Power Flite	Hydramatic	Ultramatic 49 G
NO	NO	NO NO

LINCOLN CUSTOM & CAPRI CADILLAC "62"

CHRYSLER IMPERIAL

CHRYSLER NEW YORKER DE LUXE

CADILLAC EL DORADO

#### 1955 PACKARDS

	Local Delivered	Prices
MODEL	BODY STYLE	
5582	Patrician	
5587	Four Hundred	
5588	Caribbean	
OPTIO	NAL EQUIPMENT	
Twin Ult	ramatic	
Power Wi	ndows	
Power Bra	akes	
Power Sto	eering	
Air Condi	tioning	
Selector I	Radio	
Heater		
Two-Tone	e Paint	
Local Tax		10
State Tax		CA
Federal T	ax	
Freight		) 0
Delivered Price \$		

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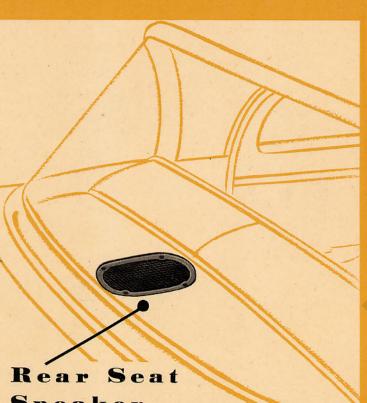
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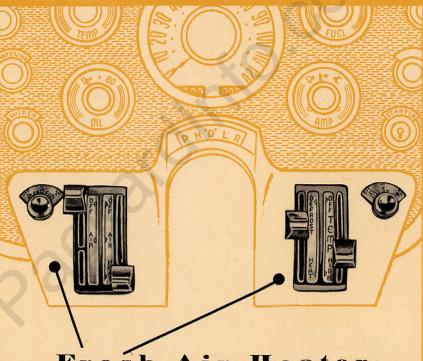
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Tread (F-R)
CLIPPER Wheelbase
5562 Custom 4-Door Wrap-around Windshield
5567 Custom Constellation Cam-o-matic Wipers with Super Speed Motor
Air Conditioning Available
Starter Operation
CLIPPER Glove Box Location
5542 Super 4-Door Legroom (F-R)
Hiproom (F-R)
Headroom (F-R)
Seat Cushion Height (F-R)
CLIPPER Front Seat Adjustment Range
Maximum Brake Horsepower
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OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT Compression Ratio
Piston Displacement (cu.in.)
Power Windows Crankshaft Material
Power Brakes  Pistons—Type Auto-thermic
Power Steering Carburetor—Type
Power Steering Carburetor—Type Water All Around Cylinders
Air Conditioning  Full Length Water Jackets
Selector Radio Battery—Voltage
Frame—Type
Heater Shock Absorbers—Type
Two-tone Paint Front Springs—Type
Local Tax Rear Springs—Type
Tension-Type Shackles
State Tax Tubeless Tires
Federal Tax Power Brakes Available
Freight Brake Lining Area (sq.in.)
Transmission (std.equip.)
Delivered Price \$ Overdrive Available

Recommended Accessories for individual owner accents with traditional Packard distinctiveness



## Speaker

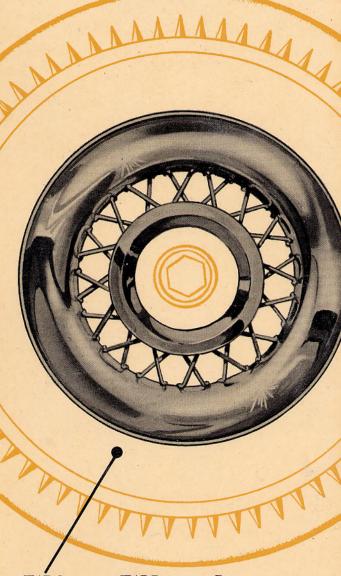
Mounted on the package shelf with a separate volume control, it makes possible synchronized tuning for balanced tone listening pleasure.



### Fresh Air Heater and Defroster

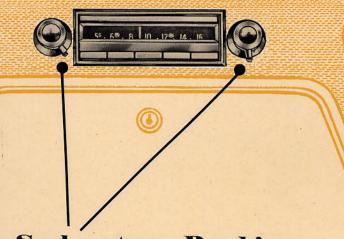
The Packard heating and ventilating system can be automatically regulated to any desired temperature in cold weather, including clear vision windshield defrosting. Summer ventilation at its best is also incorporated in the system.

A separate front under seat heater is also available



### Wire Wheel Trim Rings

Adds that Continental Sports car flair with the new stainless steel spoke rings. Brilliantly chromed bands snap snugly in place. Easily removed for cleaning.



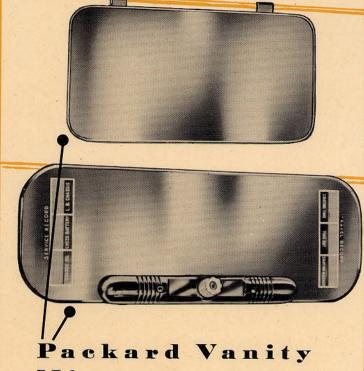
## Selector Radio Push Button Radio

The finest in electronic development—this long range 8-tube model with its richness in tone quality features three-way tuning—a touch of the selector bar tunes in the strongest station in the vicinity—press one of five push buttons and you receive the program of your choice on a pre-set station—or manually, bring in far-off stations with the selector knob.

Noted for its high quality reception, the 7-tube model permits pre-selection of five favorite stations, quickly brings station choice at the touch of a button. Station selection by manual control is possible at all times. Both models are truly the ultimate in radio design and research.



Stainless steel finished in luxurious chrome, these ventshades provide year-round ventilation in any kind of weather. Permits opening of windows to eliminate fogging and reduces side glare from the sun.



### Mirrors

### The Illuminated Visor Mirror

Styled with feminine dignity—the perfect accessory to give that last minute look. A built-in light illuminates the face assuring perfection in personal appearance.

The standard vanity mirror is also available.

### A Complete Selection of Accessories to Personalize Your Car

Floor Mat
Antennas
Curb Feelers
Side Sill Mouldings
Luster Seal
Motor Oil & TMC
Oil Filter & Cartridge
Car Care

Ventshades
Wire Wheel Trim
Back Up Light
Door Guards
License Frame
Exhaust Extension
Gas Door Guard
Cushion Topper
Accelerator Pedal Pad

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Rear Speaker
Heater
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