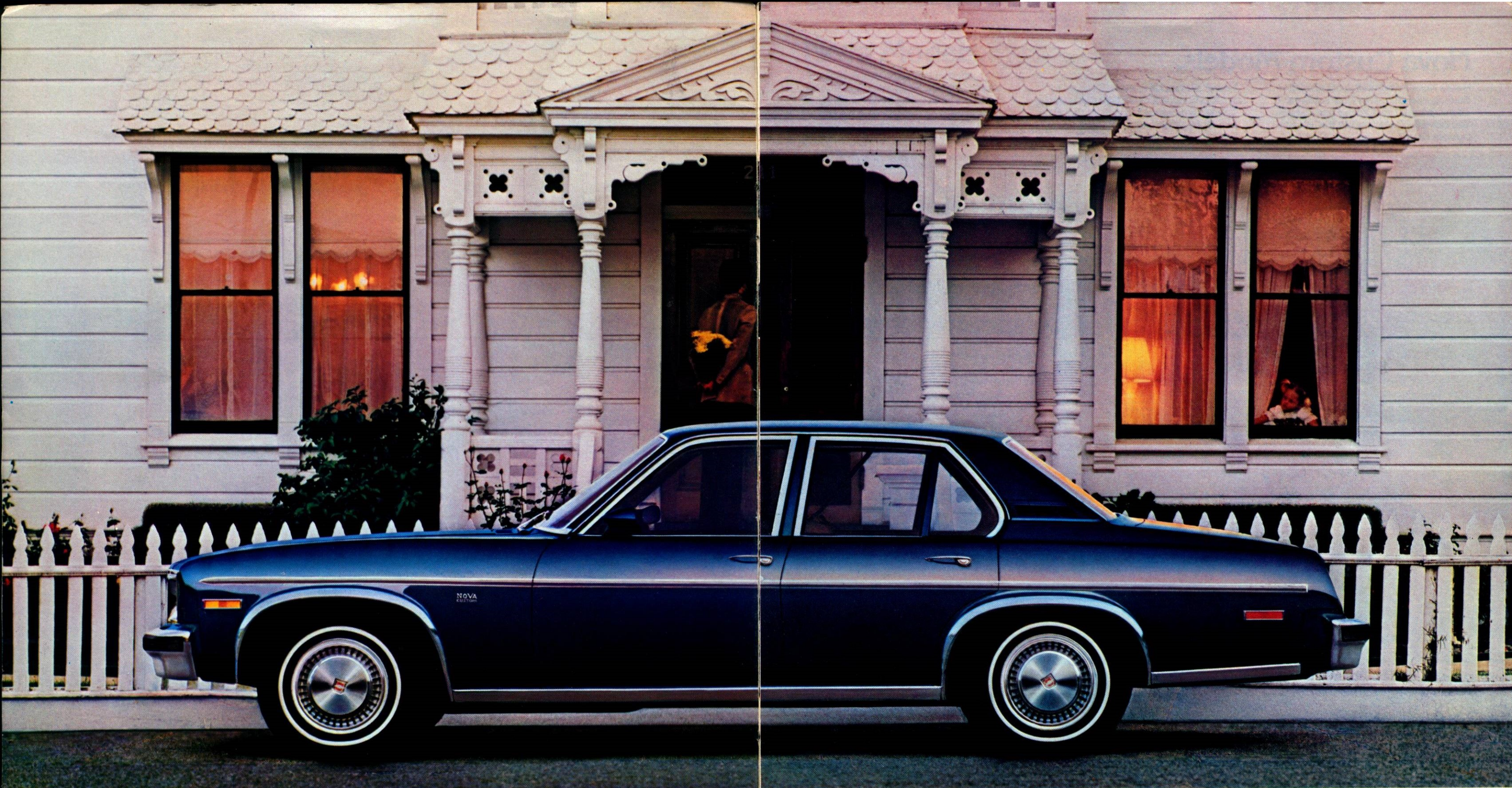


# Nova



## 1979





## Chevy Nova. Wanted for all its worth.

Let's face it. Solid value is really what you want in the car you drive. And, of course, it wouldn't hurt if it happened to be beautiful, too.

That's what Chevy Nova is all about.

And that's what Nova and its predecessors have been about for more than 11 years.

Some pretty tough customers have come to show Nova a lot of respect. They

have tested and applauded Nova for its quality and overall performance.

Nova has a solid reputation for being the manageable-size family car that's loaded with traditional Chevy value.

*Shown on cover: Nova Custom Coupe in silver with available deluxe body side mouldings, side window reveal mouldings, wire wheel covers, white-stripe tires, bumper rub strips and guards, tinted glass and remote-control rearview mirror.*

*Nova Custom Sedan shown in dark blue metallic with deluxe body side, side window reveal, roof drip, wide wheel opening and bright rocker panel mouldings and full wheel covers, white-stripe tires, bumper rub strips, sport mirrors and tinted glass.*

And over the years, Nova has accumulated solid engineering and design improvements.

Chevy Nova. It's always been what many cars are trying to be.

**A word about this catalogue:**  
We have tried to make this catalogue as comprehensive and factual as possible.

*And we hope you find it helpful. However, since the time of printing, some of the information you'll find here may have been updated. Your dealer has details of all significant changes and, before ordering, you should ask him to bring you up to date.*

**ALL '79 NOVAS ARE COVERED  
BY THE GENERAL MOTORS  
THREE YEAR PERFORATION  
FROM CORROSION  
WARRANTY.**



## Nova Custom Models.

Here's Nova at its finest: a blending of clean, graceful lines and solid value. There's honest, uncluttered beauty here. You can see right away that the Nova Custom Coupe and the Nova Custom

Sedan are no ordinary cars.

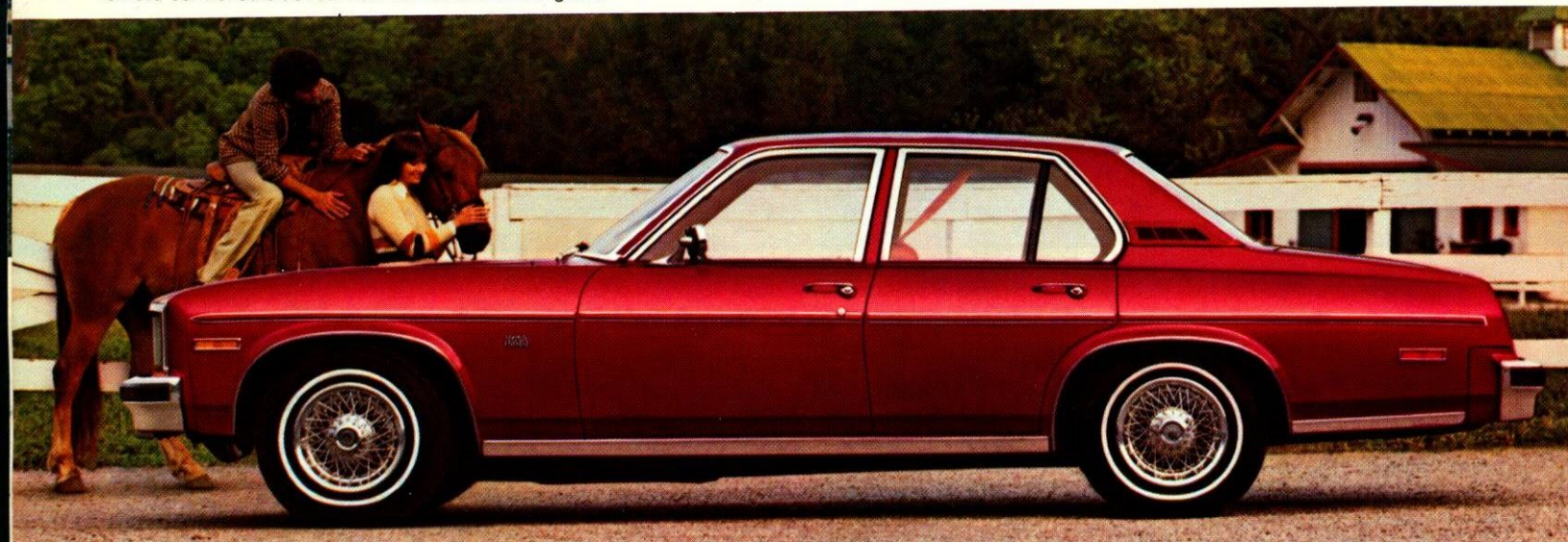
You'll notice a new bright deluxe grille. There are new single-unit rectangular headlights set in bright frames. And the double-unit taillights give Nova Custom a

very nice finish.

Then, come on in. Bring the family. Sit back in deep, full foam seat comfort. Nova Custom is as luxurious inside as it is elegant outside.



Nova Custom Coupe shown in bright yellow with available bright drip and narrow wheel opening mouldings, bumper rub strips and guards, remote-control outside rearview mirrors and tinted glass.



Nova Custom Sedan shown in carmine metallic with available Value Appearance Group, deluxe body side mouldings, wire wheel covers, white-stripe tires, bumper rub strips and guards and remote-control rearview mirrors.

## Nova Models.

Here's what Nova is all about. Solid, sensible and sized for today. Nova is the experienced car for people like you who want to experience pleasurable driving and comfort at what we think is an affordable price.

And you don't have to sacrifice good looks, either. The 1979 Nova is showcased in graceful styling and smart clean lines. There's new front end styling and new bright chrome hood and fender mouldings.

With Nova, you have a choice, too. There's the roomy Nova Hatchback and the sensible Nova Coupe and the family-sized 4-Door Nova Sedan. They are all sensible for sensible people like you.



Nova Sedan shown in light green with available body side and side window reveal mouldings, full wheel covers, white-stripe tires and bumper rub strips and guards.



Nova Coupe shown in bright yellow with available roof drip, side window reveal and body side mouldings, full wheel covers, white-stripe tires, bumper rub strips and guards.



Nova Hatchback Coupe shown in carmine metallic with available Rally Equipment Package which includes colour-keyed triple-band lower body side and rear panel striping; colour-keyed Rally wheels with bright trim rings, lug nuts and centre caps; "Nova Rally" nameplate on grille and front fender. Also shown with available roof drip and side window reveal mouldings, white-stripe tires, bumper rub strips and guards and tinted glass.



# Nova Interiors.

Come on in. Sit back and relax. Nova can take a load off your mind. Here's where people who like their comforts really learn to like Nova.

You'll notice that the full foam bench seats are handsomely upholstered in vinyl, or you can choose available cloth

upholstery. And you can even order available bucket seats in vinyl for the Nova Custom Coupe.

There's a special perforated formed board and vinyl one-piece headlining for Nova and a non-perforated foam core, cloth covered headlining for the Nova

Custom. Both help isolate road noise.

There's a colour-keyed cut-pile carpet throughout. And there's a dual-spoke, soft vinyl-covered steering wheel.

Select the Nova decor and colour combination that best satisfies your tastes and personality from the chart below.



Nova Custom instrument panel shown with available electric clock, air conditioning, Gauge Package. Delco AM/FM stereo radio and Automatic Speed Control.

## INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR COLOUR COMBINATIONS

INTERIOR COLOURS		BLACK	BLUE	CAMEL	CARMINE	WHITE/ BLACK*	WHITE/ BLUE*	WHITE/ CARMINE*
NOVA CUSTOM								
Coupe (Bench)	Custom Vinyl (Std.)			X	X	X	X	X
	Custom Sport Cloth (Avail.)		X	X	X			
Coupe (Bucket)	Custom Vinyl (Std.)			X	X			
Sedan (Bench)	Custom Vinyl (Std.)			X	X			
	Custom Sport Cloth (Avail.)		X	X	X			
NOVA								
Hatchback (Bench)	Vinyl (Std.)	X	X	X	X			
Sedan and Coupe (Bench)	Vinyl (Std.)	X	X	X	X			
	Sport Cloth (Avail.)		X	X				
EXTERIOR COLOURS								
BEIGE		X		X	X	X		
BLACK		X	X	X	X	X		X
BLUE, BRIGHT (METALLIC)		X	X	X		X	X	
BLUE, DARK (METALLIC)		X	X	X		X	X	
BLUE, LIGHT (METALLIC)		X	X			X	X	
BROWN, DARK (METALLIC)		X		X		X		
CAMEL (METALLIC)		X		X		X		
CARMINE (METALLIC)		X		X	X	X		X
GREEN, LIGHT		X		X		X		
GREEN, MEDIUM (METALLIC)		X		X		X		
RED		X		X	X	X		
SILVER		X			X	X		
WHITE		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
YELLOW, BRIGHT		X		X		X		

\*Second colour on instrument panel, carpet, cowl side panel and rear shelf.

Vinyl roof covers for Nova Custom and Nova in Black, Light Blue, Light Green, White, Beige, Dark Carmine and Silver. Check your dealer for complete details on vinyl roof availability with specific exterior colours.



Nova Custom Interior shown in carmine with available Custom Sport Cloth upholstery and deluxe colour-keyed seat and shoulder belts, power door locks, power windows and remote-control rearview mirror.



Nova Standard Interior shown in blue with available Sport Cloth and with available deluxe colour-keyed seat and shoulder belts.



Nova Custom Coupe Interior shown in camel and with available vinyl bucket seats and console, automatic transmission, power windows, power door locks, sport mirrors and deluxe colour-keyed seat and shoulder belts.



# Nova Standard Features.

- 1. High Energy Ignition.** A solid-state system that eliminates points and ignition condenser, yet delivers a high voltage spark that helps extend time between recommended tune-ups.
- 2. New front bumper filler panels.** A more finished look to front end styling.
- 3. Coolant recovery system.** Helps prevent loss of coolant.
- 4. New vertical parking light lenses and frames** add a stylish touch.
- 5. Delco Freedom battery.** Never needs refilling. Sealed side terminal design helps resist corrosion.
- 6. Front coil/rear multi-leaf suspension system.** Puts resilient coil springs at each front wheel and multi-leaf springs at rear wheels. Springs are computer-selected for the specific model and equipment weight.
- 7. Bias-mounted rear shock absorbers.** Help reduce brake, wheel hop.
- 8. Front disc/rear drum brakes.** A self-adjusting system. Fade-resistant front disc brakes have audible wear sensors to let you know when to replace linings.
- 9. Inner fenders.** Steel inner shield on front and rear fenders helps provide road splash protection.
- 10. Double-panel construction.** Provides two layers of steel in doors, hood and deck lid.
- 11. Ventilated rocker panels.** Permit air and water to travel through and drain at ends of panels to help prevent corrosion.
- 12. Visible ball joint wear indicators.** Located on front suspension lower control arms for visual check of ball joint wear.
- 13. Delcotron generator.** Features built-in solid-state regulator.
- 14. Stub frame construction.** Sturdy foundation for front end components.

- MORE STANDARDS**
- Magic-Mirror acrylic lacquer finish • Wall-to-wall cut-pile one-piece carpeting • Full foam seats • Colour-coordinated instrument panel • Soft vinyl-covered steering wheel • New front end design • Luggage compartment mat • Built-in heater and defroster system • Outside rearview mirror on left front door • New double-unit taillights.
- Acoustical insulation**
- Special acoustical treatments have been used throughout Nova. A fiberglass hood blanket insulator is standard on Nova Custom models. Special Amberlite® Plastisol® mastic or spray-on sound deadener treatments are used in many critical areas.
- NOVA CUSTOM ONLY**
- Special acoustic package adds colour-keyed acoustical headlining in passenger compartment and full hood insulation • Glove compartment light • Day/night inside rearview mirror • Left and right front door dome light switch • Simulated wood-grain accents on instrument panel and doors • Bright instrument cluster framing • Cloth covered padded sun visors • Rear door or quarter armrests with built-in ashtray.

- NOVA ONLY**
- Load-floor carpeting and space-saving Stowaway spare tire for Hatchback • Colour-keyed perforated headlining • Vinyl-trimmed sun visors • Left front door dome light switch • New bright parking light frame.

DIMENSIONS: Millimetres (Inches)		
EXTERIOR	COUPES	4-DOOR SEDANS
Wheelbase	2819(111.0)	2819(111.0)
Length (overall)	4996(196.7)	4996(196.7)
Width (overall)	1834 (72.2)	1834 (72.2)
Height (loaded)	1337 (52.7)	1361 (53.6)
Tread-Front	1557 (61.3)	1557 (61.3)
Tread-Rear	1499 (59.0)	1499 (59.0)
INTERIOR		
Head Room-Front	975 (38.2)	998 (39.1)
Head Room-Rear	932 (36.7)	942 (37.1)
Leg Room-Front	1059 (41.7)	1059 (41.7)
Leg Room-Rear	823 (32.4)	894 (35.2)
Hip Room-Front	1354 (53.3)	1354 (53.3)
Hip Room-Rear	1341 (52.8)	1361 (53.6)
Shoulder Room-Front	1438 (56.6)	1438 (56.6)
Shoulder Room-Rear	1405 (55.3)	1440 (56.7)
Usable Luggage Capacity (litres/cu. ft.)	379 (13.4)†	368 (13.0)

†Coupe only. Total Cargo Index Volume for Hatchback—827 litres (29.2 cu. ft.)

**A word about engines**

The Chevrolets shown in this catalogue are equipped with GM-built engines produced by various divisions. Please refer to the Nova power teams chart on this page.

**ENGINE SELECTION**

Another very nice thing about Nova is you don't have to compromise when it comes to engine selection. For '79, you can again choose a standard L6 or select the available V8.

**4.1 Litre 1-Bbl. L6 (250 Cu. In.) standard engine**

The 4.1 Litre 1-Bbl. L6 (250 Cu. In.) In-Line 6-cylinder with 3-Speed manual transmission is standard. Its block and cylinder head are cast iron tough. The electric choke helps give quick starts and good driveability during the warm-up period. There are hydraulic valve lifters that never need adjustments and a full counterweighted seven-main-bearing crankshaft for smoothness. And there's even a socket for positioning and holding an electric probe for convenience and accuracy in setting ignition timing.

NOVA POWER TEAMS							
Engine	V.I.N. Engine Code†	Ordering Code	Displacement (cubic inches)	Engine Availability	Transmission Availability		
					3-Speed Manual	4-Speed Manual††	Automatic
4.1 Litre 1-Bbl. L6 (A)	D	L22	250	Std.	Std.	NA	EC
5.0 Litre 2-Bbl. V8 (B)	G	LG3	305	EC (2)	NA	EC	EC

†V.I.N. (Vehicle Identification Number) Engine Code is the fifth entry (letter or numeral) from the left on the vehicle serial number plate. The vehicle serial number plate is located on the top portion of the driver's side of the instrument panel and can be viewed from the exterior of the car by looking through the windshield.

Std. — Standard. NA — Not Available. EC — Available at extra cost.  
(1) With floor-mounted shift control (2) With console-mounted shift control

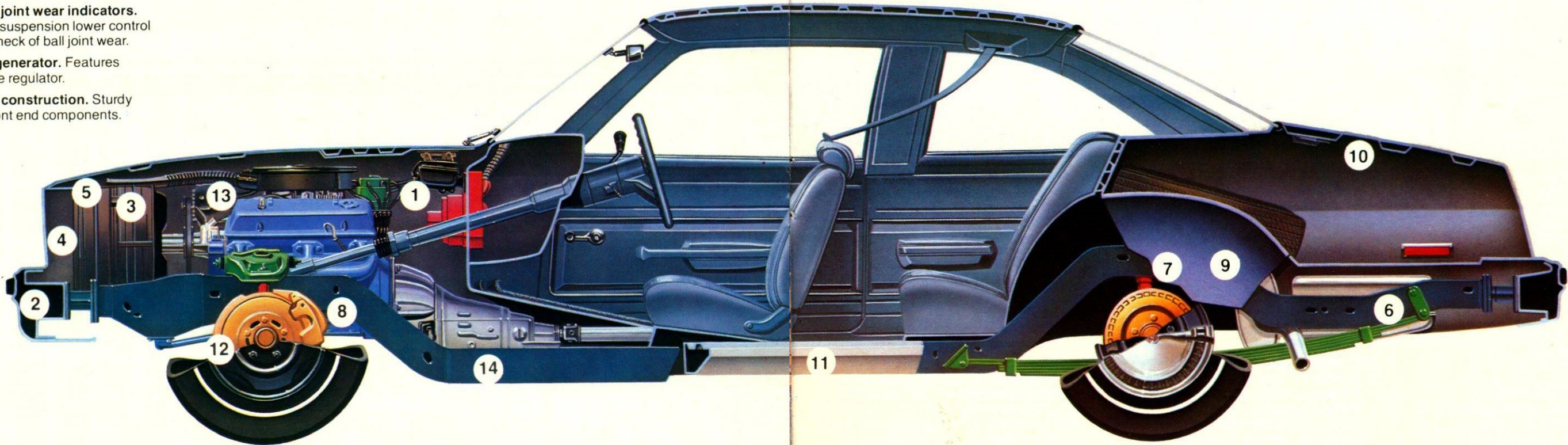
(A) Produced by GM — Chevrolet Motor Division, Flint, Michigan Engine Plant.  
(B) Produced by GM — Chevrolet Motor Division, Flint, Michigan; Tonawanda, New York and GM of Canada, St. Catharines, Ontario Engine Plants.

**Available V8**

The 5.0 Litre 2-Bbl. V8 (305 Cu. In.) features a new improved Exhaust Gas Recirculation and trapped vacuum spark control system.

This available V8 is a short-stroke, valve-in-head design with downdraft carburetor.

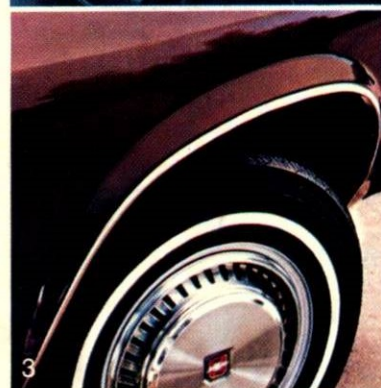
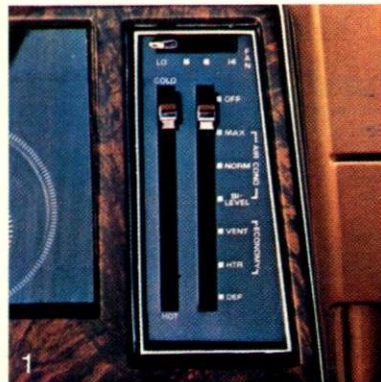
LONG RECOMMENDED SERVICE INTERVALS (Under normal driving conditions)	
Engine Oil	12 months or 12,000 kilometres (7,500 miles)
Oil Filter	12 months or 12,000 kilometres (7,500 miles); every 24,000 kilometres (15,000 miles) thereafter
Carburetor Air Filter (replaceable element type)	Up to 80,000 kilometres (50,000 miles)
Spark Plugs	Up to 36,000 kilometres (22,500 miles)
Chassis Lubrication	12 months or 12,000 kilometres (7,500 miles)
Automatic Transmission Fluid Change	Every 96,000 kilometres (60,000 miles)





# Available Options.

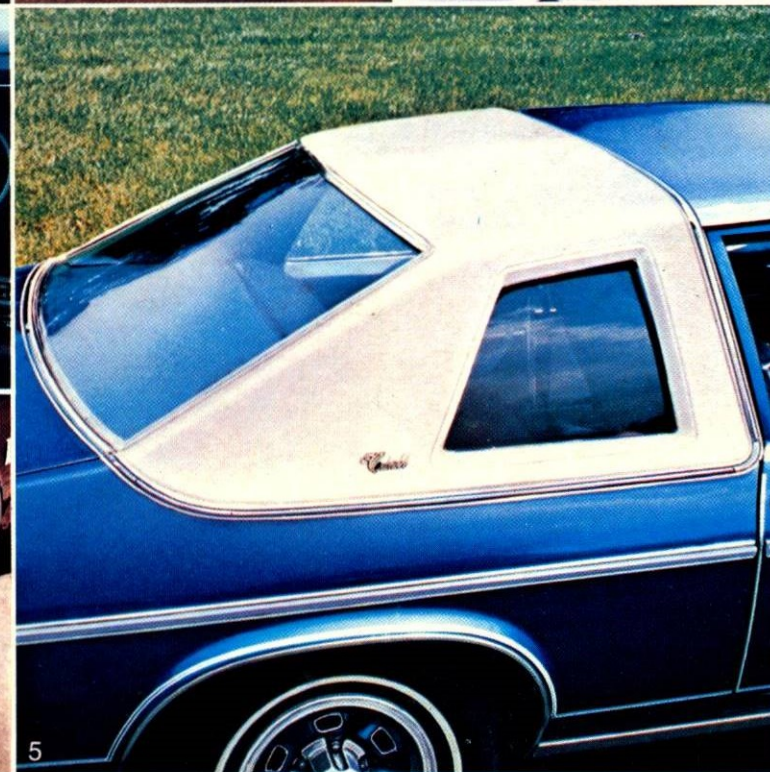
**1. Air conditioning.** Cooling, heating, defrosting and defogging. Includes heavy-duty radiator with 6-cylinder engine.



**2. Special instrumentation.** Adds a tachometer, voltmeter, temperature gauge and clock to the instrument cluster (not available with Gauge Package).

**3. Wheel opening mouldings.** Add a stylish touch. Choice of narrow width (shown) or distinctive wider width.

**4. Power door lock system.** Control on each door locks and unlocks all doors. Designed for security and convenience.

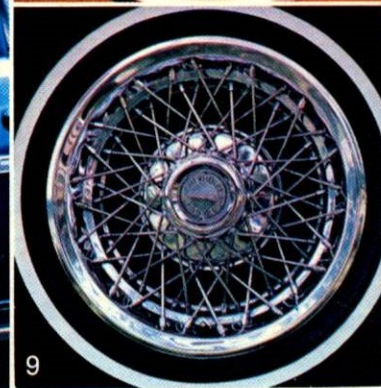
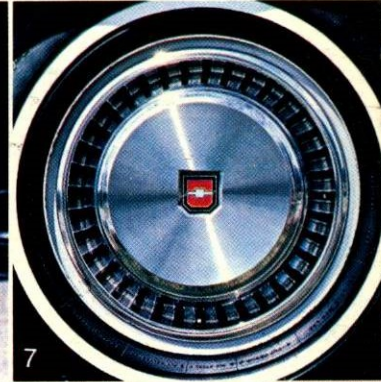


**5. Cabriolet roof cover.** Available on Nova and Nova Custom Coupes. (See page 6 for colour and trim selections.)

**6. Bumper rub strips & guards.** Provide extra parking protection both front and rear.



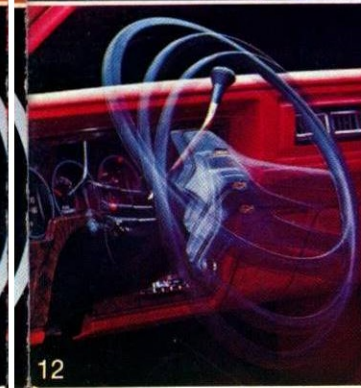
**7. Full wheel covers.** Styled for a very distinctive look.



**8. Colour-keyed Rally wheels.** Includes bright trim rings, newly styled centre hubcaps, and bright trim around each of the six wheel openings.

**9. Wire wheel covers.** Bright chrome finish with the appearance of wire wheels.

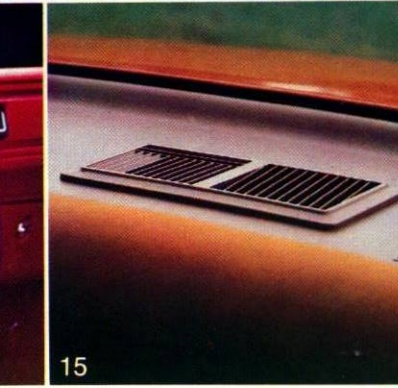
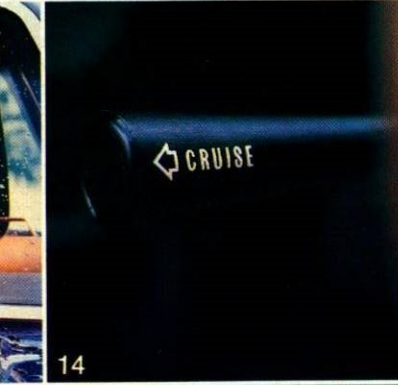
**10. Power windows.** Master control on driver's door, plus individual control on each door.



**11. Intermittent windshield wiper system.** Includes mist control position and intermittent wiper memory setting that will vary wiper cycle.

**12. Comfortilt steering wheel.** Adjusts to six positions for most comfortable driving angle and for easier entry and exiting.

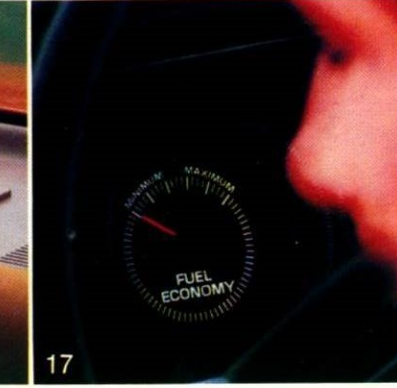
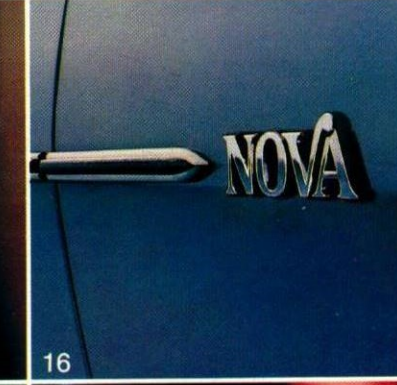
**13. AM/FM stereo radio.** Delco-GM quality radios. AM/FM stereo, AM/FM or AM. Eight-track stereo tape system



**14. Automatic Speed Control.** Automatically maintains a constant speed. Disengages at a touch of the brake (automatic transmission required).

**15. Rear window defogger.** Blower-type air defogger helps keep rear window clear in bad weather.

available with AM or AM/FM stereo radios and with AM/FM stereo radio with stereo cassette tape. Windshield antenna included.



**16. Body side moulding.** Helps protect paint against nicks. Available with black vinyl insert.

**17. Gauge Package.** Fuel economy gauge indicates range of fuel consumption. Includes voltmeter and temperature gauge.

**BE SURE TO TALK TO YOUR DEALER ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF OUR MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL REPAIR PROTECTION OPTION FOR YOUR VEHICLE.**

**"A word about assembly, components, and optional equipment in these vehicles.**

The vehicles described in this brochure are assembled at facilities of General Motors of Canada Limited or car Divisions of General Motors Corporation or at facilities of General Motors Corporation operated by the G.M. Assembly Division. These vehicles incorporate thousands of different components produced by General Motors of Canada Limited and related companies and by various suppliers to General Motors of Canada Limited or related companies. From time to time during the manufacturing process, it may be necessary, in order to meet public demand for particular vehicles or equipment, or to meet federally mandated emission and safety requirements or fuel economy guidelines, or for other reasons, to produce vehicles with different components or differently sourced components than initially scheduled. All such components have been approved for use in our products by General Motors of Canada Limited or related companies and will provide the quality performance associated with our name.

With respect to extra cost optional equipment, make certain you specify the type of equipment you desire on your vehicle when ordering it from your dealer. Some options may be unavailable when your car is built. Your dealer receives advice regarding current availability of options. You may ask the dealer for this information. GM also requests the dealer to advise you if an option you ordered is unavailable. We suggest you verify that your car includes the optional equipment you ordered or, if there are changes, that they are acceptable to you.

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## SAFETY FEATURES.

### OCCUPANT PROTECTION

Seat belts with push-button buckles for all passenger positions • Two front combination seat and inertia reel shoulder belts for driver (with reminder

light and buzzer) and right front passenger • Energy-absorbing steering column • Passenger guard door locks • Safety door latches and stamped steel hinges • Folding seat back latches • Energy-absorbing padded instrument panel and front seat back tops

• Contoured windshield header • Laminated windshield • Safety armrests • Safety steering wheel.

### ACCIDENT AVOIDANCE

Side marker lights and reflectors • Parking lamps that illuminate with headlamps • Four-way hazard warning flasher

• Backup lights • Lane change feature in direction signal control • Windshield defrosters, washer and dual-speed wipers • Wide-view inside mirror (vinyl-edged, shatter-resistant glass and deflecting support) • Outside rearview mirror • Dual master cylinder brake

system with warning light • Starter safety switch • Dual action safety hood latches.

### ANTI-THEFT

Anti-theft ignition key reminder buzzer • Anti-theft steering column lock.

For a more complete list of available options see back cover of this catalogue.



# Reasons to buy Nova.

- **Reputation for dependability.**
- **Inexpensive to own and service.\***
  - Standard 4.1 Litre 1-Bbl. L6 engine.
  - Long recommended service intervals.
- **Chevrolet's lowest priced 6-passenger car.\***
- **Impressive interior roominess & comfort.**
- **Known for value.**
- **Quality engineered and designed for value.**
  - Rugged stub frame construction.
  - Generous application of acoustical materials.
  - Extensive use of anti-corrosion treatments and materials.
  - Double-panel door, hood and deck lid construction.

\*Based on a comparison of Chevrolet's Suggested Retail Prices.

## BUILD YOUR OWN NOVA (See your dealer for up-to-date ordering information)

### MODELS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Nova Custom Coupe        | <input type="checkbox"/> Nova Hatchback Coupe | <input type="checkbox"/> Nova 4-Door Sedan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nova Custom 4-Door Sedan | <input type="checkbox"/> Nova Coupe           |  |

### COLOURS (See chart on page 6 for colour availability and combinations.)

Exterior colour \_\_\_\_\_ Interior colour \_\_\_\_\_ Cabriolet roof cover \_\_\_\_\_ Upholstery \_\_\_\_\_

### ENGINES (See chart on page 9 for engine/transmission availability.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 4.1 Litre 1-Bbl. L6(250 Cu. In.)—Std. | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.0 Litre 2-Bbl. V8 (305 Cu. In.)—Avail. |
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### TRANSMISSIONS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Three-Speed Manual (Std.) | <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Speed Manual (Avail.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic Transmission (Avail.) |
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### AVAILABLE OPTIONS

- ☐ Air conditioning.
- ☐ Comfortilt steering wheel.
- ☐ Automatic Speed Control.
- ☐ Deluxe colour-keyed seat and shoulder belts.
- ☐ Power brakes.
- ☐ Power steering.
- ☐ Power windows.
- ☐ Bumper rub strips & guards.
- ☐ Electric clock.
- ☐ Console.
- ☐ Rear window defogger.
- ☐ Power door locks.
- ☐ Colour-keyed floor mats, front and rear.
- ☐ Special Instrumentation.
- ☐ Tinted glass.
- ☐ Bucket seats.
- ☐ Gauge Package.
- ☐ Interior Decor Package.
- ☐ Auxiliary lighting.
- ☐ Day/night inside rearview mirror.
- ☐ Remote-control outside rearview mirror.
- ☐ Sport mirrors, LH remote & RH manual.
- ☐ Stowaway spare tire.

#### MOULDINGS AND TRIM

- ☐ Deluxe body side mouldings.
- ☐ Bright body side mouldings.

- ☐ Door edge guards.
- ☐ Roof drip mouldings.
- ☐ Bright rocker mouldings.
- ☐ Wide wheel opening mouldings.
- ☐ Wheel opening mouldings.
- ☐ Side window reveal mouldings.

#### SOUND EQUIPMENT

- ☐ AM radio.
- ☐ AM/FM radio.
- ☐ AM/FM stereo radio.
- ☐ AM radio with 8-track stereo tape.
- ☐ AM/FM stereo radio with 8-track stereo tape.
- ☐ AM/FM stereo radio with stereo cassette tape.
- ☐ AM/FM stereo radio with digital clock display.
- ☐ Rear seat speaker.
- ☐ Windshield antenna.

#### SUSPENSION EQUIPMENT

- ☐ Heavy-duty front & rear suspension.
- ☐ Sport suspension.

#### TIRES

- ☐ E78-14 bias-belted ply white-stripe tires.

- ☐ FR78-14 steel-belted radial ply blackwall tires.
- ☐ FR78-14 steel-belted radial ply white-stripe tires.
- ☐ FR78-14 steel-belted radial ply white-lettered tires.

#### SPECIAL APPEARANCE

- ☐ Nova Rally Equipment.
- ☐ Two-Tone paint.
- ☐ Cabriolet roof cover.
- ☐ Vinyl roof cover.
- ☐ Body side pin striping.
- ☐ Value Appearance Group.

#### WHEELS AND WHEEL COVERS

- ☐ Colour-keyed Rally wheels
- ☐ Full wheel covers.
- ☐ Wire wheel covers.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

- ☐ Swing-out rear side windows.
- ☐ Intermittent windshield wipers.
- ☐ Dual horns.
- ☐ Heavy-duty battery.
- ☐ Heavy-duty radiator.
- ☐ Performance ratio axle.
- ☐ Limited slip differential(rear axle).

