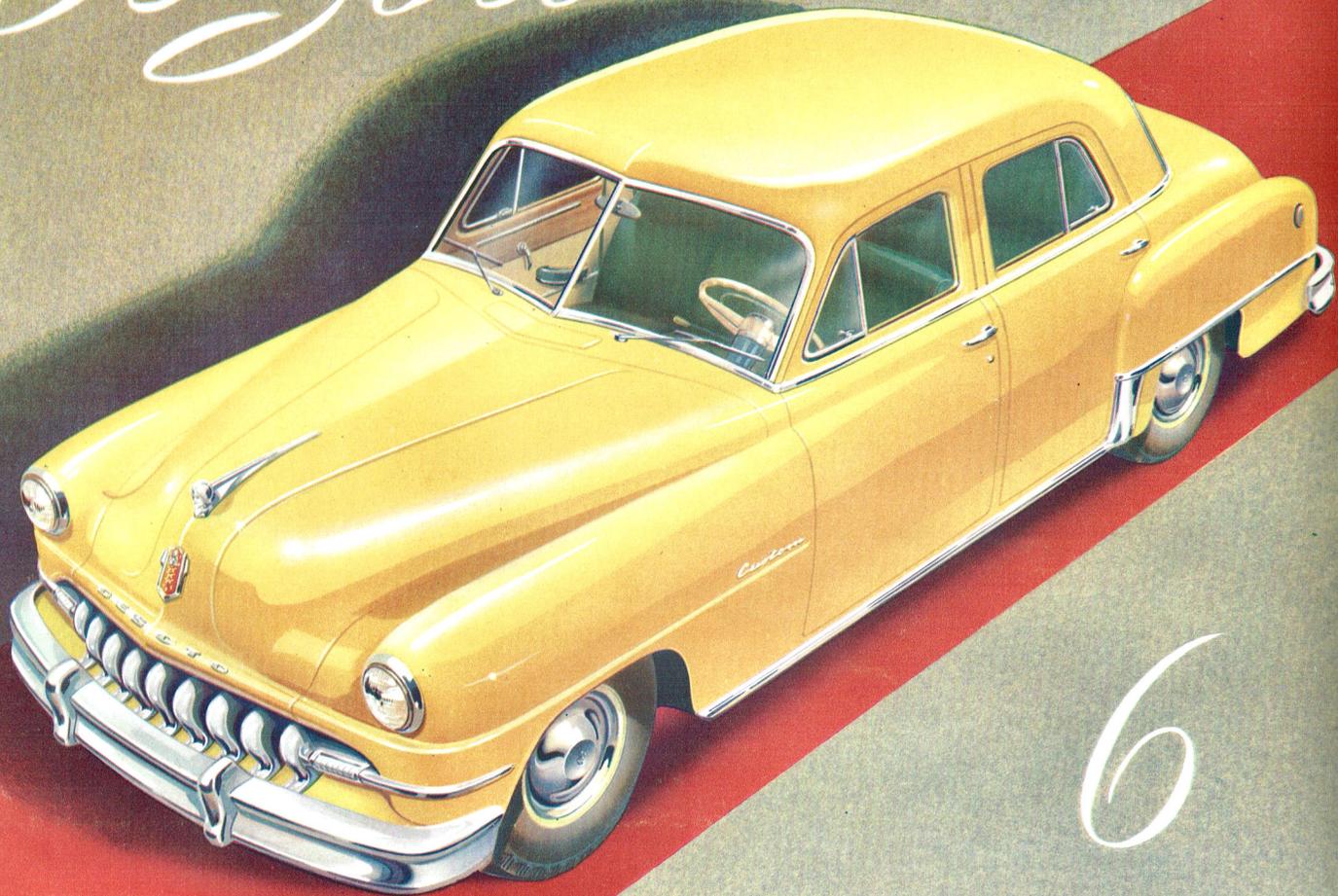


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DeSoto DeLuxe Club Coupe

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## DeLuxe

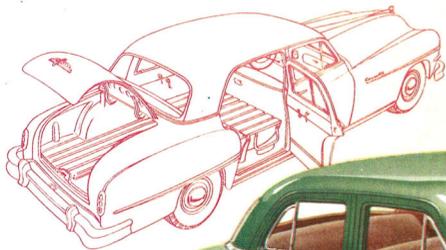
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DeSoto DeLuxe 4-Door Sedan

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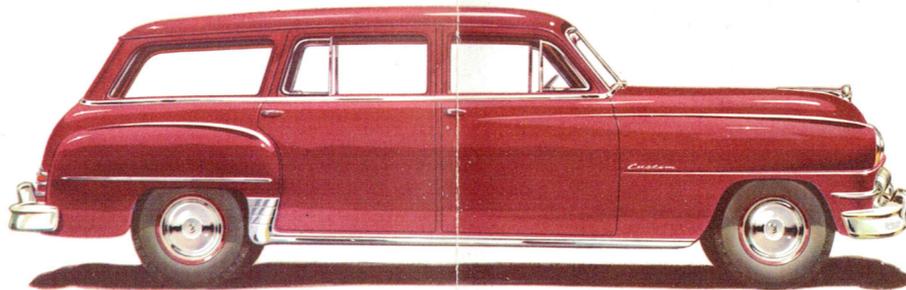
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- Waterproof Ignition
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DeSoto Custom All-Steel Station Wagon



DeSoto DeLuxe 8-Passenger Sedan

# S P E C I F I C A T I O N S . . .

## DE SOTO CUSTOM 125½" AND 139½" WHEELBASE and DE SOTO DELUXE 125½" AND 139½" WHEELBASE

• **ENGINE**—Powermaster, six-cylinder, L-head type, Floating Power mounted. Bore 3 $\frac{7}{16}$ " (87.31 mm). Stroke 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (114.3 mm). Piston displacement 250.6 cu. in. (4.1 liters). Compression Ratio 7.0:1. Low compression cylinder head optional. A.M.A. Horsepower 28.36. Developed brake horsepower 116 at 3600 r.p.m. with 7.0:1 cylinder head. U-slot, cam-ground, plated aluminum pistons with 4 piston rings each. Lubricated cylinder walls. Four-bearings, counter-weighted crankshaft with vibration damper. Precision-type, high-duty crankshaft and connecting rod bearings. Silent chain driven camshaft. Four camshaft bearings.

• **ENGINE LUBRICATION**—Pressure oiling from rotor-type oil pump through rifle-drilled cylinder block passages to main, connecting rod and camshaft bearings. Pressure spray to pistons, piston pins, valve stems, cams and tappets. Timing chain drive lubricated by oil stream from camshaft. Crankcase ventilation and oil filter. Crankcase capacity 5 quarts (4 $\frac{3}{4}$  liters). Oil pressure gauge on instrument panel.

• **FUEL SYSTEM**—Plain-tube down-draft carburetor with idle adjustment and adjustable accelerating pump. Automatic manifold heat control. Automatic integral choke control. Oil bath air cleaner and silencer. Mechanical diaphragm fuel pump driven from camshaft. Fuel tank capacity, 17 U.S. gallons (64 liters). Electric fuel gauge on instrument panel. Self-cleaning Oilite filter in fuel tank at outlet.

• **COOLING SYSTEM**—Centrifugal water pump. Directional circulation, uniform to all cylinders and valve ports. Full-length water jackets. Thermostat control. Water capacity 3 $\frac{3}{4}$  U. S. gallons (14.1 liters). Four-blade 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ " (45 cm) fan.

• **CLUTCH**—Dry, single-plate 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (23.5 cm) diameter with Fluid Drive and 10" (25.4 cm) without Fluid Drive. Cushion center. Molded woven asbestos facings. Ball-thrust release bearing with lubricant sealed in.

• **TIP-TOE SHIFT TRANSMISSION**—Standard equipment on Custom models. Hydraulically operated with four speeds forward, one reverse. Built-in control unit.

• **TRANSMISSION (DELUXE MODELS)**—Silent, constant-mesh, easy-shift, 3 speed transmission with helical gears of carburized Amola steel. Steering column control.

• **FLUID DRIVE**—Thirteen inch diameter coupling. Ball type coupling hub bearing. Oilite bushings on coupling runner inner bearing. Available in combination with Tip-Toe Shift Transmission only.

• **REAR AXLE**—Semi-floating Hypoid rear axle. Pressed-steel, banjo-type housing. Hypoid gears and axle shafts of Amola steel. Tapered roller bearings. Standard ratio 3.9:1, except 8-Pass. Sedan and Suburban which have 4.1:1, and All-Steel Station Wagon which has 3.91:1. Hotchkiss drive through springs.

• **SUSPENSION**—Independent front wheel springing with coil springs of Amola steel. Grooved, Amola, soft acting, semi-elliptic rear springs, length 53 $\frac{5}{8}$ " (1.362 m), width 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " (4.5 cm). All leaves with tapered ends. Rubber cored bushings at front. Rubber cushioned shackles at rear. Hydraulic, telescopic type shock absorbers front and rear. Rear shock absorbers inclined toward center of car to give "sea leg" support and stability. Steering gear ratio 18.2:1 on 125 $\frac{1}{2}$ " W.B. and 20.4:1 on 139 $\frac{1}{2}$ " W.B. Models. Front end sway eliminator.

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• **ELECTRICAL SYSTEM**—6-volt ignition. Wet-weather-proof distributor incorporates suppressor of interference to radio reception. Wide gap, suppressor spark plugs for better idling and low speed. Fully automatic spark advance, speed and vacuum control. Shunt-type generator with voltage and current control. Generator ventilated by centrifugal fan. Solenoid positive-shift starter actuated by ignition key on instrument panel. 17-plate battery, capacity 120 ampere hours, located under hood in left fender shield. Sealed beam headlights with foot control. Parking lights below headlights. Dual Airtone horns. Full-circle horn ring on steering wheel.

• **BRAKES**—Hydraulic, 4-wheel internal expanding, utilizing an individual cylinder for each shoe in the front wheel brakes, self-equalized and weather-proofed. Cast iron brake drums with Superfinished braking surface. Drum diameter 12" (30.5 cm). "Cyclebond" molded asbestos brake linings 2" wide (5 cm) dispense with rivets and increase lining useful area and life. Separate external contracting parking brake at rear of standard transmission. Internal expanding self-energizing parking brake supplied with Tip-Toe Shift Transmission. Vacuum brake booster on 8-Pass. Sedan and Suburban.

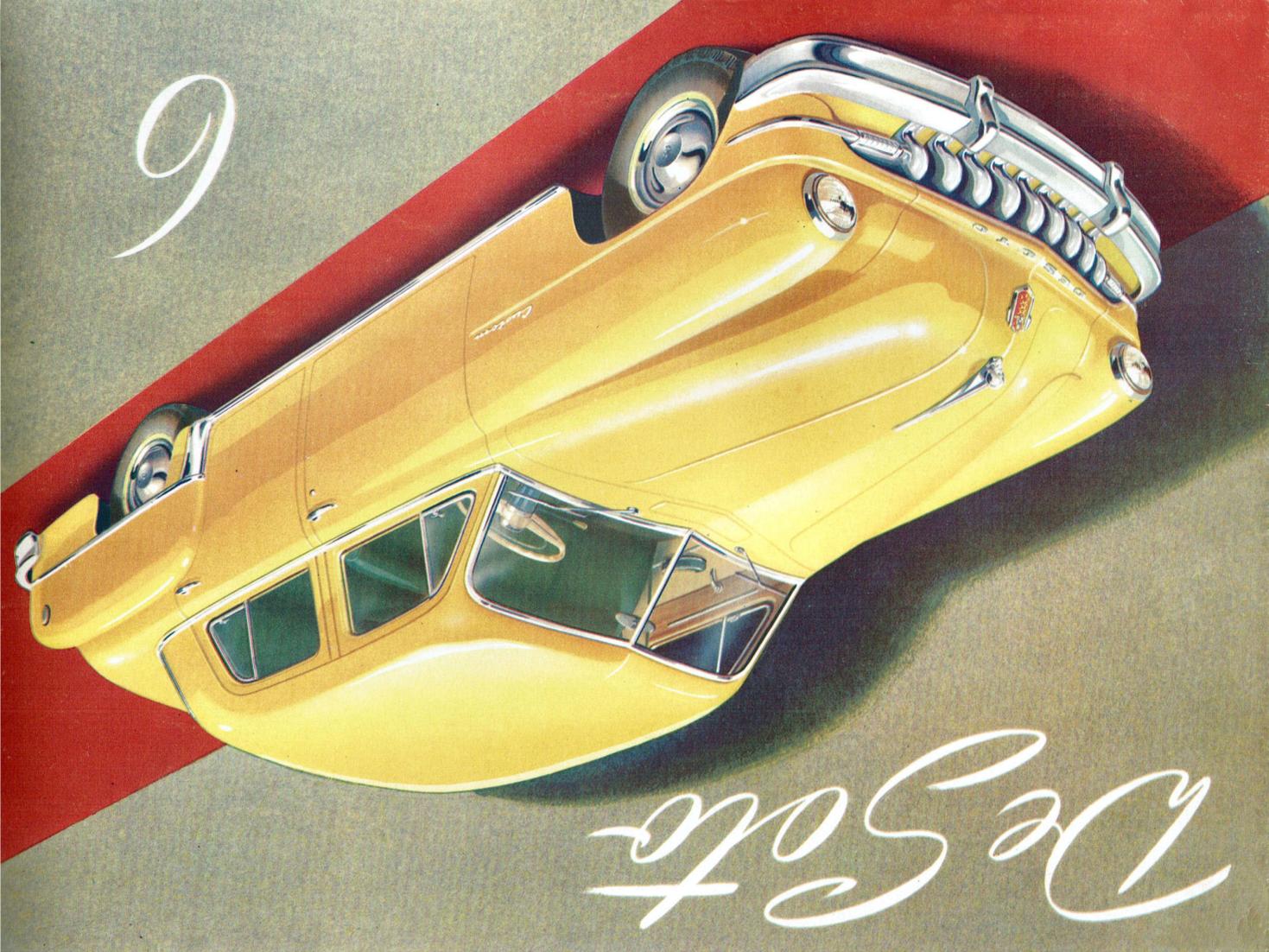
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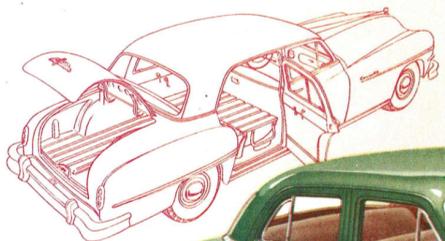
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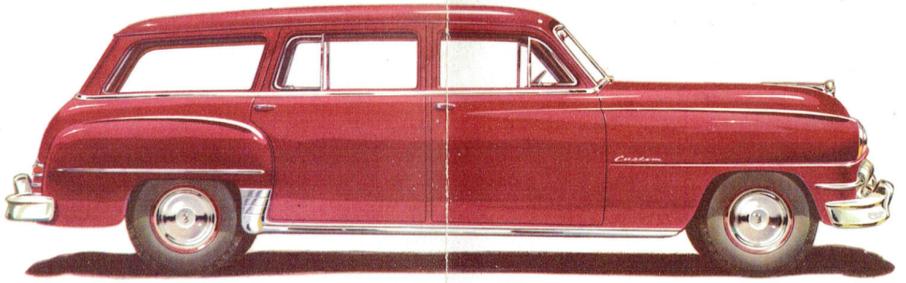
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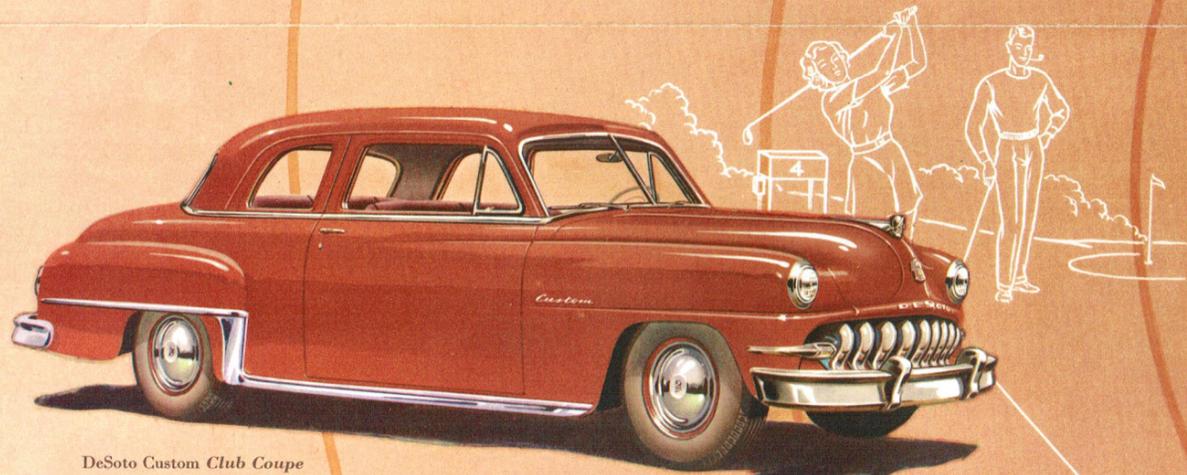




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