

D I P L O M A T

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The Legacy Continues. The 1988 Dodge Diplomat maintains the traditional comfort and convenience features that have been lost in many contemporary sedans.

Unlike the many car owners who must make concessions, Diplomat buyers don't have to sacrifice full-size ride and outstanding V-8 engine performance.



For this is an automobile that combines roominess and comfort with an attractive, impressive appearance that's appropriate in any social, business, or family atmosphere.

Time-tested and proven quality are apparent in every inch. From its commanding seating position to its stylish and contemporary amenities, Diplomat will satisfy your most demanding driving requirements and exceed them.

Traditional Luxury is Always in Fashion. Diplomat SE's inviting, sumptuous interior permits its occupants to travel in the utmost personal luxury. It allows them to arrive at their destination comfortably and in a refreshed state of mind.

Its generous shoulder, head, and leg room will almost

allow you to forget the practical reasons for buying this spacious classic six-passenger sedan.

The attractive, accessible instrumentation permits monitoring of numerous engine functions. Thoughtful positioning of the radio and climate control enables you to make specific adjustments with ease.

While features such as the soft cloth 60/40 seats and color-keyed carpeting are undeniable evidence of this automobile's extreme lushness, it's definitely no soft touch when it comes to performance. With years of owner-driven miles to its credit, Chrysler's smooth, powerful 318 CID V-8 engine effortlessly propels the rear-wheel drive to cruising speeds and makes highway passing a breeze.

Because it's a Diplomat, you are assured of getting a full measure of value, durability and performance features.

Standard items include power-assisted brakes and automatic transmission, plus a stainless steel exhaust system added for extended system life. A 15.6-cubic-foot trunk provides the capacity you'll need for business or pleasure.

It is shown in Twilight Blue Pearl Coat.

If you're looking for a full-size, six-passenger sedan that gives you personal luxury, powerful V-8 performance, a high level of standard features, and comfortable ride, plus our 7/70 Protection Plan as described on the back cover, it's gotta be a 1988 Dodge Diplomat.

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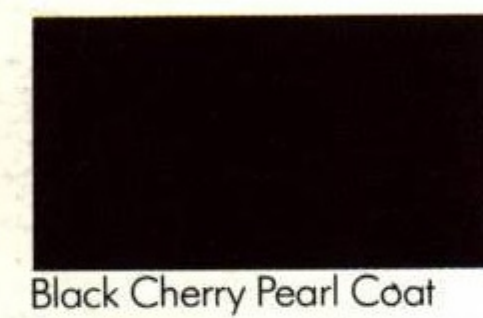
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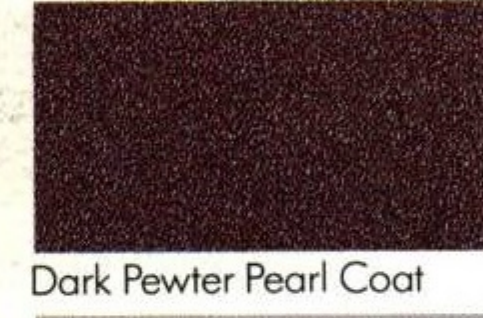


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Dark Pewter Pearl Coat



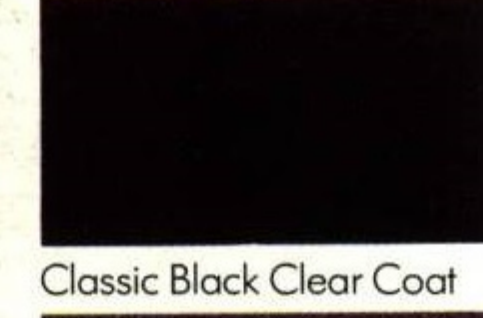
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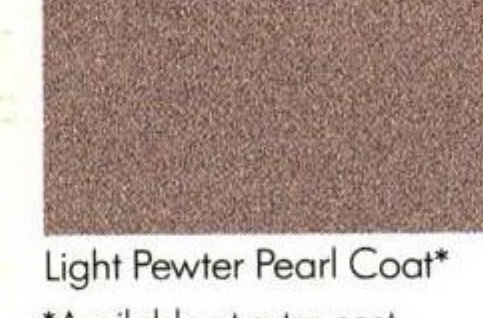
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Classic Black Clear Coat



Twilight Blue Pearl Coat*



Light Pewter Pearl Coat*

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Chrysler Purchase Assistance Program for the Physically Challenged

Cash rebates up to \$500 are available for qualified adaptive driving devices on 1988 Chrysler Motors cars and trucks. For further information, contact your dealer or the PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED RESOURCE CENTER at 1-800-255-9877.

Diplomat Standard and Optional Features

Diplomat SE			
Diplomat Salon			
Item	Diplomat Salon Special		
Air Conditioning ¹ —Automatic temperature control	NA	E	S
Alternator—90-ampere	S	S	S
Antenna—Fixed mast: stainless steel	S	S	S
Antenna—Power ²	NA	NA	E
Battery—500-ampere heavy-duty: maintenance-free	S	S	S
Brakes—Vented front disc; self-adjusting rear drum: power-assisted	S	S	S
Bumper Guards—Front: black	S	S	S
Bumper Protective Rub Strips—Front and rear	S	S	S
Bumpers—Chrome: with urethane color-matched fillers	S	S	S
Carpeting—Passenger compartment: color-keyed	S	S	S
Carpeting—Trunk dress-up (black carpeting): includes carpet covers for spare tire, wheelhousings, and inner quarter panels	NA	E	S
Carpeting—Trunk floor: black	S	S	S
Chimes—Warning: headlights on, key in ignition, seat belt unfastened	S	S	S
Corrosion Protection—Lower body protective urethane coating and extensive use of galvanized steel	S	S	S
Deck Lid Release—Power	NA	NA	P
Defroster—Electrically heated rear window (required on all passenger vehicles registered in New York state)	S	E	S
Electronic Ignition and Voltage Regulator	S	S	S
Exhaust System—Stainless steel	S	S	S
Headlights—Halogen: quad	S	S	S
Heater and Defroster—Bi-level ventilation	S	S	S
Instrument Cluster—Speedometer, odometer, trip odometer; gauges for electrical system voltage, engine coolant temperature, and fuel level; warning lights for brake system, low engine oil pressure, seat belts unfastened, and turn signals	S	S	S
Instrument Panel Trim—Sherwood woodtone applique	S	S	S
Insulation—Special body sound	NA	NA	S
Lights—Backup: door trim panel courtesy (not available on Salon Special, Salon); parking brake warning; side marker lights and reflectors	S	S	S
Lights—Ignition switch symbol with time delay	S	P	S
Lights—Illuminated entry system (SE Luxury Equipment Discount Package required)	NA	NA	E
Locks—Door: power (outside rearview mirror required on Salon, Salon Special)	E	E	E
Mirror—Exterior left manual: chrome	S	S	NA
Mirrors—Exterior dual power: chrome	E	E	S
Moldings—Body-side: vinyl color-keyed to vinyl roof or body color	NA	P	S
Multifunction Control Lever—Steering column-mounted: includes controls for turn signals with lane-change feature; headlight dimmer; intermittent windshield washer/wiper (includes automatic speed control when this option is ordered)	S	S	S
Radio—AM stereo ² /FM stereo: electronic tuning, four-speaker sound; integral digital clock	NA	S	S
Radio—Premium AM stereo ² /FM stereo: electronic tuning; memory scan, up-and-down seek-and-scan, Dynamic Noise Reduction ³ ; electronic cassette tape player with automatic reverse, true fast-forward and rewind, automatic metal tape sensor, tape program music search, joystick balance/taper speaker control, and Chrysler four-speaker system; integral digital clock	S	E	E
Roof—Full: nonpadded vinyl ⁴	NA	E	S
Roof—Sun, glass: power ⁵	NA	NA	E
Seat—Driver's side (60/40): power	NA	NA	P
Seat Belts—Deluxe Unibelt with tension reliever and automatic retraction on front outboard seats; lap belts all other locations: color-keyed	S	S	S
Speed Control—Automatic	S	P	S
Steering—Power-assisted	S	S	S
Steering Column—Tilt	S	E	S

Diplomat SE			
Diplomat Salon			
Item	Diplomat Salon Special		
Steering Wheel—Luxury: color-keyed	S	S	S
Steering Wheel—Luxury leather-wrapped two-spoke: color-keyed	NA	NA	P
Sun Visors—Driver and passenger side: with vanity mirrors with sliding covers	S	S	S
Suspension—Front: transverse torsion bar with antiway bar; rear: leaf spring with gas-filled shock absorbers	S	S	S
Suspension—Heavy-duty: includes front and gas-filled rear shock absorbers and front and rear springs	E	E	E
Tire—Spare: conventional	NA	E	E
Tire—Spare: T125/70D15 compact limited service	S	S	S
Tires—P205/75R15 steel-belted radial all-season white sidewall (set of four)	S	S	S
Undercoating	NA	P	S
Wheel Covers—Deluxe (four)	S	S	NA
Wheel Covers—Premium: 15-inch (four)	NA	P	S
Wheel Covers—Wire: 15-inch (four)	NA	NA	E
Windows—Power (outside remote control power mirror required on Salon and Salon Special; power door locks required on all models)	E	E	E
Windshield Wipers—Deluxe: with intermittent wipe feature	S	S	S

S—Standard. E—Extra cost. NA—Not available. P—in package only.
¹There are special engine cooling requirements for field-installed air conditioning. Failure to follow these requirements may invalidate warranty. See your dealer for details. ²Some AM stereo broadcasting may not be compatible with this radio. ³Dynamic Noise Reduction is a trademark of National Semiconductor Corporation. ⁴Popular Equipment Discount Package required. ⁵SE Luxury Equipment Discount Package required.

Optional Packages

Certain models, packages, and options are subject to specific restrictions, requirements, and late availability. Consult your dealer for current ordering information.

POPULAR EQUIPMENT DISCOUNT PACKAGE

(Available on Salon only)

- Air conditioning—automatic temperature control
- Automatic speed control*
- Electric rear window defroster¹
- Outside dual power rearview mirrors: chrome
- Premium wheel covers*
- Tilt steering column

*Available in package only. ¹Required on all passenger vehicles registered in New York state.

LIGHT PACKAGE

(Standard on Salon Special)

- Alternator, low fuel level and engine coolant temperature warning lights*
- Ash receiver light*
- Dome map/reading lights*
- Door-ajar warning light*
- Glove box light*
- Headlight switch illuminated symbol with time delay feature*
- Ignition switch light with time delay (standard on SE)*
- Trunk light*
- Windshield washer low fluid level warning light*

PROTECTION PACKAGE

(Standard on SE, not available on Salon Special)

- Color-keyed vinyl body-side molding*
- Cut-pile carpeted floor mats, front and rear*
- Rear bumper guards: black*
- Undercoating*

SE LUXURY EQUIPMENT DISCOUNT PACKAGE

(Available on SE only)

- Illuminated vanity mirrors, right and left*
- Light Package
- Luxury leather-wrapped steering wheel*
- Power deck lid release*
- Power door locks
- Power left seat*
- Power windows
- Wire wheel covers with locks (set of four) *Available in package only.

Standard Safety Features

- Antitheft ignition and steering column lock
- Antitheft labeling on fourteen major components
- Backup lights
- Brake fluid pressure loss warning light
- Combination lap-shoulder belts for the driver and right front passenger; lap belts for all other passengers
- Double ball-joint rearview mirror mount
- Dual braking system with separate brake fluid reservoirs in the master cylinder
- Electric windshield washers and wipers
- Electronic ignition
- Energy-absorbing front seatbacks
- Energy-absorbing instrument panel and sun visors
- Energy-absorbing steering wheel
- Fade-resistant front disc brakes
- Front seat head restraints
- Hazard warning flasher system
- Headlight and wiper circuit breakers with automatic reset
- High-mounted supplemental center stoplight
- Inside and outside

- Rearview mirrors
- Interlocking door latches
- Key left in ignition warning
- Non-overide door locks (except driver's door)
- Recessed inside door release handles
- Reinforced windshield header and roof
- Resilient window crank knobs
- Safety-Rim wheels
- Seat belt reminder system
- Seatback latches on folding seats
- Side marker lights and reflectors
- Turn signals with lane-change feature

Diplomat Engine and Transmission Chart¹

TYPE: 8-cylinder V-8: standard on all models			
DISPLACEMENT: 5.2-liter (318 CID)			
BORE & STROKE	COMPRESSION RATIO	HORSEPOWER	TORQUE
SAE NET @ RPM			
3.91" x 3.31"	9.1:1	140 hp @ 3,600	265 ft-lb @ 2,000
TRANSMISSION AVAILABILITY			
Three-speed automatic ² : standard			

¹Emissions controls and testing required at extra cost in California; not available otherwise. ²Rear axle ratio will vary with region. See your dealer for details.

Dimensions, Weight, and Capacity

Diplomat Salon Special, Salon and SE: Length (in.), 204.6; Width (in.), 72.4; Height (in.), 55.1; Wheelbase (in.), 112.6; Turning Diameter (ft), 40.7; Estimated Curb Weight (lb): Salon Special 3,584; Salon 3,572; SE 3,731; Cargo Capacity (cu ft), 15.6; Passenger Capacity, 6; Fuel Capacity (gall), 18.0.

Interior Trim

Standard on Diplomat SE four-door sedan.

All-cloth 60/40 individually adjustable seats with folding center armrest, adjustable head restraints, and dual seatback recliners. Available in Twilight Blue, Crimson Red, Silver, Taupe.



Standard on Diplomat Salon and Diplomat Salon Special four-door sedan.

Cloth with vinyl trim split-back bench seat with folding center armrest and adjustable head restraints. Available in Twilight Blue, Crimson Red, Silver, Taupe.



7/70 Power Train Limited Warranty

Upon expiration of the basic 12-month or 12,000-mile limited warranty, coverage is extended on power train components to seven years or 70,000 miles, whichever comes first. A deductible applies. See your dealer for a copy of the warranty. Government, law enforcement, limousine, taxi and export vehicles excluded.

7/100 Anti-Corrosion Limited Warranty

Your dealer will repair or replace at no charge outer body sheet metal panels found to have developed perforation (rust-through) in normal use up to seven years or 100,000 miles, whichever comes first. See your dealer for a copy of the warranty.

Optional Service Contract Coverage

Chrysler Service Contracts provide you with additional peace of mind protection for your new vehicle. Chrysler Motors offers a variety of plans to meet your needs. Plan coverage begins after your vehicle's basic warranty expires. A deductible applies. Allowances for car rental and towing also included.

Consider Leasing

Many of today's new car prospects are wisely considering leasing as an alternative to buying. Leasing a new Dodge Diplomat usually involves a small security deposit and a first month's lease payment. Monthly payments are usually less than financing a new car purchase. Ask your dealer for details.

Buckle up for safety.

