

CHEVETTE

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Chevy Chevette.

One tough small car that's really going strong. That's Chevette.

And no wonder. America's best-selling small car has proved itself. From one coast to the other, Chevette's exhibited solid durability in real-life use for over five years.

Traditional Chevrolet quality is designed into this car. Chevette takes it from there with a host of specifics: Full Coil suspension. Extensive anti-corrosion treatments. Double-panel door, hood and deck lid

construction. We could go on and on.

Yes, every hard-working Chevette starts from pretty sturdy stock. But it doesn't rest on its laurels. New refinements in Chevette for 1981 make this tough performer even better.

Take the new Computer Command Control system for example. This new on-board computer helps monitor engine functions to reduce exhaust emissions and provide the kind of fuel

economy* that Chevette's known for.

For style, Chevette looks even better with its new contemporary flush-mounted windshield. Extra glamor comes standard with new sporty styled wheels and a bright-accented black grille† on both Coupe and Sedan models.

Inside 1981 Chevette Coupe and Sedan get the added appeal of a sport shifter.† And it's housed in a handy and handsome floor console.

These fea-

tures join the long list of traditional Chevette standards that continue to make it a lot of car for the money.

It all adds up. To a hefty sum of sporty good looks, long-lasting quality and dependability—without a hefty price tag.

That's 1981 Chevy Chevette. That's one tough son of a gun.

*For Chevette EPA estimated mileage, check the wall poster displayed at your Chevrolet dealer's showroom, or ask for an EPA mileage sheet to take home with you.

†Except Scooter.



A word about this catalog. We have tried to make this catalog as comprehensive and factual as possible and we hope you find it helpful. However, since the time of

printing, some of the information you will find here may have been updated. Also, some of the equipment shown or described throughout this catalog is

available at extra cost. Your dealer has details and, before ordering, you should ask him to bring you up to date.

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time, without notice, in prices, colors, materials, equipment, specifications and models. Check with your Chevrolet dealer for complete information.

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Chevette 2-Door Hatchback Coupe.

3 Chevette models. Over 1 million strong.

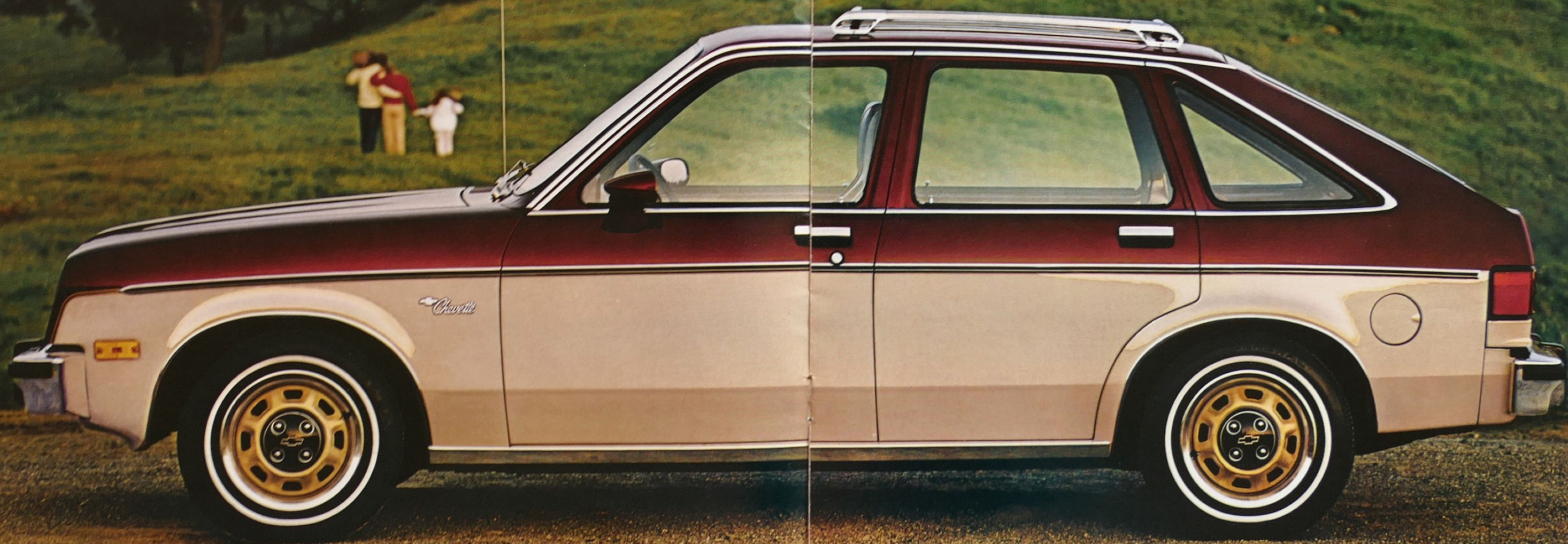
Chevette's small but it packs a big punch! Since introduction just five years ago, more than a million Chevettes have been sold in America.

Is it due to Chevette's many standard

features? Its hatchback versatility? Its kind-to-the-pocket price? Or because it's a whole lot of fun to drive?

For these and more reasons, America's sold on three versions of the

spirited Chevette: 4-Door Hatchback Sedan with that added leg room in the rear; handy 2-door Hatchback Coupe; and for the especially budget-conscious, Scooter Hatchback Coupe.



Chevette 4-Door Hatchback Sedan.



An inside view.

Behind the wheel. That's where you'll spend most of your time enjoying Chevette. As you will see, we've updated the look and packed 1981 Chevette with even more appealing features inside for your added enjoyment, comfort and convenience.

For starters, settle down into one of the molded front bucket seats. Seats are full foam for comfort front and rear. And in Coupe and Sedan models front seats even recline to let you pick your own angle of driving ease. For greater flair, choose the new high-contour

front bucket seats with the Custom Interior option.

Now wrap your hand around the new sport shifter of the standard four-speed manual transmission. Note that it's housed in a handsome mini-console that serves you well. And the racy sport steering wheel is

another exciting touch. All these are standard on every Chevette model, except Scooter.

Chevette's fully coordinated interior melds essentials beautifully with the design. Note hidden seat belt retractors, lush cut-pile carpeting, color-keyed instrument panel in

Hatchback Coupe and Sedan, and much more.

A seat inside Chevette can certainly brighten up your outlook. For a glance at the colorful array of Chevette interior colors and fabrics, see the next page.

Now sit back and enjoy.



Chevette Custom Interior* shown with maroon cloth seating.

Standard Interior features front bucket seats, shown here in optional blue cloth.

Color-keyed instrument panel is just one attractive facet of Chevette's interior.*

*Except Scooter

INTERIOR COLORS

CHEVETTE CUSTOM INTERIOR†	Black	Camel	Dk. Blue	Maroon	Beige	Cham-pagne
Custom Vinyl Bucket	•		•	•	•	•
Custom Cloth Bucket	•		•	•	•	•
STANDARD INTERIOR						
Vinyl Bucket	•	•	•	•		
Cloth Bucket†		•	•	•		
SCOOTER INTERIOR						
Vinyl Bucket	•	•				
Cloth Bucket†		•				

EXTERIOR COLORS (Coordinate with interior colors above)

Beige		•	•	•	•	•
Black		•	•		•	•
Blue, Dark (Metallic)			•		•	
Blue, Light (Metallic)		•	•			
Brown, Medium (Metallic)			•		•	
Brown, Light (Metallic)			•		•	
Champagne (Metallic)		•	•			•
Maroon (Metallic)		•	•		•	
Green, Dark (Metallic)			•		•	
Red		•	•		•	
Orange, Burnt (Metallic)		•	•			
Silver (Metallic)		•		•		
White		•	•	•	•	•
Yellow, Bright		•	•			

CUSTOM TWO-TONE COLORS (OPTIONAL)*

	Black	Camel	Dk. Blue	Maroon	Beige	Cham-pagne
Black/Brown, Light (Metallic)		•			•	
Black/Silver (Metallic)		•				
Blue, Dark/Blue, Light (Metallics)			•			
Brown, Medium/Brown, Lt. (Metallics)		•			•	
Maroon (Metallic)/Beige				•		
Orange, Burnt (Metallic)/Beige		•			•	

*Except Scooter.

†Available at extra cost.



Column-mounted "Smart Switch"



Delco AM radio*



New styled steel wheels



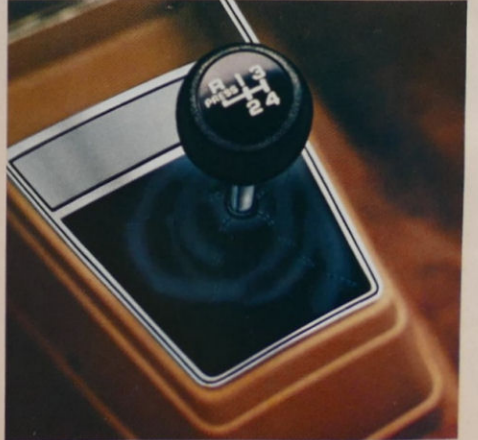
Chevette Scooter



Glass-belted radial ply white-stripe tires*



Reclining front bucket seats*



New sport shifter with center floor console*

*Except Scooter

Note Chevette's long list of standards.



Every 1981 gasoline-engined Chevrolet passenger car includes a sophisticated, thoroughly tested on-board computer as standard equipment. It gives you the cleanest-burning gasoline engines in Chevrolet's history. And points the way to impressive fuel economy.

That's just the beginning of the benefits. By continuously monitoring your engine's functions, Computer Command Control adjusts the performance of your car under all operating conditions—continuously—as you drive. Air-fuel mixtures are constantly adjusted to driving conditions, and the system compensates for altitude, barometric pressure and temperature changes. And, when compared to last year, the system actually reduces the number of recommended maintenance operations.

We believe that the Computer Command Control will enable the Chevrolet Motor Division to achieve the highest average fuel economy in its history* and, at the same time, reduce exhaust emissions to the lowest level in Chevrolet history.

Computer Command Control is also self-diagnostic. In fact, should a malfunction occur, the system will help diagnose it

and pinpoint the problem for your Chevrolet service technician. Another benefit of Computer Command Control is that it is covered by the 5-year/50,000-mile emission system warranty. Ask your dealer for details.

*This is a measure of Chevrolet Motor Division's fuel economy based on a projected sales-weighted average of the EPA combined mileage estimates for all Chevrolet passenger cars produced during this model year.

Inside

- ☐ Fold-down rear seat
- ☐ Molded full foam seat construction
- ☐ Hidden seat belt retractors
- ☐ Cut-pile carpeting
- ☐ Vinyl-coated headlining
- ☐ Front bucket seats
- ☐ Day/night inside rearview mirror
- ☐ All-vinyl trim
- ☐ Easily accessible instrument panel
- ☐ Removable load floor carpet
- ☐ Courtesy dome light

Standard all models except Scooter

- ☐ Delco AM radio
- ☐ Sport steering wheel
- ☐ Deluxe color-keyed instrument panel
- ☐ Sport shifter with four-speed transmission
- ☐ Reclining front bucket seats
- ☐ Center console
- ☐ Glove box lock
- ☐ Cigarette lighter
- ☐ Deluxe color-keyed seat and shoulder belts

- ☐ Brushed aluminum instrument panel moldings

Body

- ☐ Flush-mounted windshield with black outline molding
- ☐ Bolt-on front fenders with plastic inner shields for road splash protection
- ☐ Body side moldings*
- ☐ Unitized body construction
- ☐ Swing-out rear side windows on Coupe*
- ☐ Door weather strip seals
- ☐ Double-panel door, hood and deck lid construction
- ☐ Extensive anti-corrosion treatments, including Plastisol® film on lower body
- ☐ Flow-through ventilation system
- ☐ Bright-accented black grille*
- ☐ Single exhaust system
- ☐ Front disc/rear drum brakes, self-adjusting system
- ☐ Visible ball joint wear indicators on front suspension lower control arms
- ☐ Coolant recovery system
- ☐ Front stabilizer bar
- ☐ 12.5-gallon fuel tank
- ☐ Advanced torque-tube drive design contributes to isolation of road shock and noise from passenger compartment

Engine/Chassis

- ☐ Built-in diagnostic connector to facilitate servicing engine's electrical system
- ☐ Full Coil suspension system
- ☐ Disc brake audible wear sensors
- ☐ Tuned absorber (damper) on all transmissions to help improve smoothness*
- ☐ Fully synchronized four-speed manual transmission
- ☐ Long recommended service intervals under most conditions as specified in Owner's Manual for oil change,

oil filter, spark plugs, chassis lubrication and automatic transmission fluid

- ☐ High Energy Ignition system
- ☐ Delcotron generator with built-in solid-state regulator
- ☐ 50,000-mile replaceable element air filter under most conditions
- ☐ Maintenance-free Delco Freedom II battery
- ☐ Rack-and-pinion steering
- ☐ Compact 30.2-foot turning circle, Coupe; 30.8-foot, Sedan
- ☐ Double-wall construction provides two layers of steel in doors, hood and hatch lid

Tires/Wheels

- ☐ GM-Specification glass-belted radial ply tires
- ☐ White-stripe tires*
- ☐ Styled steel wheels
- ☐ High-pressure compact spare tire

*Except Scooter

CHEVETTE POWER TEAMS

Standard 1.6 Liter 4-cylinder overhead-cam engine with four-speed manual transmission provides good horsepower and peppy acceleration. Also available with optional automatic transmission. See chart below.

Power teams for all states

Engine: 1.6 Liter 2-Bbl. L4 Std. (A)

Ordering Code	Displacement (cubic inches)	Transmissions	
		4-Speed Manual (1) Std.	Automatic (2) EC
L17	98		

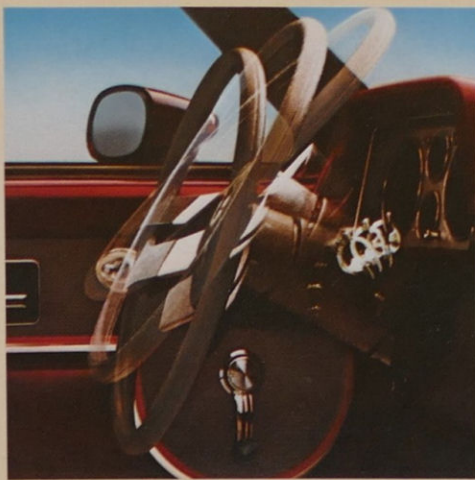
Std. — Standard. EC — Available at Extra Cost.
(1) With floor-mounted shift control. Mini-console-mounted except on Scooter. (2) With mini-console.
(A) Produced by GM—Chevrolet Motor Division.

DIMENSIONS (in inches)

	4-Door Hatchback	Hatchback	
EXTERIOR	Sedan	Coupe	Scooter
Wheelbase	97.3	94.3	94.3
Length (overall)	164.9	161.9	161.9
Width (overall)	61.8	61.8	61.8
Height (loaded)	52.9	52.9	52.9
Tread—Front	51.2	51.2	51.2
Tread—Rear	51.2	51.2	51.2
INTERIOR			
Head Room—Front	38.3	38.1	38.1
Head Room—Rear	37.4	37.3	37.3
Leg Room—Front	41.6	41.6	41.6
Leg Room—Rear	33.9	30.9	30.3
Hip Room—Front	49.4	49.9	49.9
Hip Room—Rear	40.8	40.8	40.8
Shoulder Room—Front	49.8	50.1	50.1
Shoulder Room—Rear	49.4	49.4	49.4
CARGO/LUGGAGE COMPARTMENT			
Liftover Height	29.6	29.6	29.6
Interior Length (max.)	60.9	57.9	57.9
Usable Luggage Capacity (cu. ft. with rear seat folded)	28.6	27.0	27.0



Sport mirror option features remote control left hand; manual right hand.



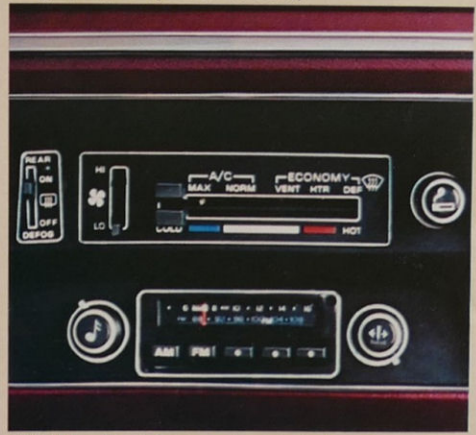
Comfortilt steering wheel adjusts to six positions.



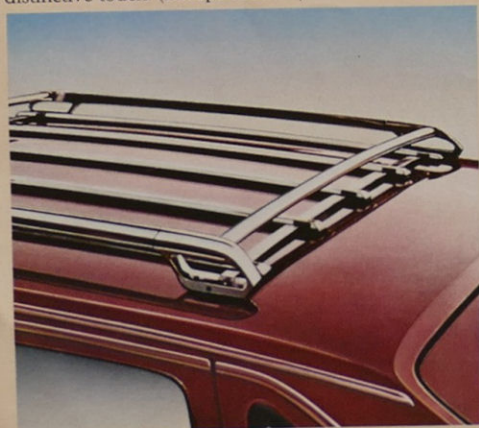
Automatic transmission with three speed ranges; may be operated manually.



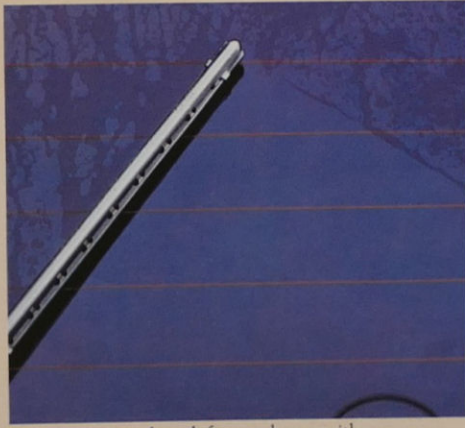
Custom Two-Tone paint adds a distinctive touch. (Except Scooter.)



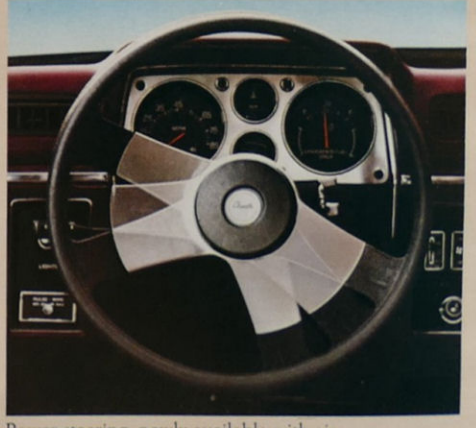
AM-FM radio with convenient push-button tuning.



Roof carrier adds sporty appeal and carrying capacity.



Electric rear window defogger shown with wiper/washer.



Power steering, newly available with air conditioning and automatic transmission.

Options add to Chevette enjoyment.

Make Chevette your own. It's easy. Start with the basic Chevette you want. It's already packed with a host of sporty standard features. Now pick and choose from the many options listed below.

Chevette Options

- ☐ Air conditioning
- ☐ Automatic transmission
- ☐ Intermittent windshield wiper system
- ☐ Power brakes
- ☐ Power steering (Optional only with air conditioning and automatic transmission)
- ☐ Heavy-duty battery
- ☐ Heavy-duty cooling*
- ☐ Sport striping* (Not available with Custom Two-Tone paint)
- ☐ Roof carrier
- ☐ Electric rear window defogger
- ☐ Rear window wiper/washer
- ☐ Tinted glass
- ☐ Deluxe Exterior* (Includes wheel opening, side window reveal, and specific rocker panel moldings.)
- ☐ Color-keyed front and rear floor mats
- ☐ Halogen Headlamps
- ☐ Auxiliary lighting (Includes underhood, glove compartment* and courtesy lights, right

- front door dome light switch on Scooter, rear compartment light and switch and headlamp warning buzzer.)
- ☐ Rear seat deletion (Scooter only)
- ☐ Comfortilt steering wheel
- ☐ Custom Interior* (Includes high-contour front bucket seats with deluxe cloth or vinyl seat trim, deluxe door and quarter trim panel design, color-keyed and bright instrument panel and door moldings, added acoustical insulation, deluxe load floor carpet and rear quarter panel ashtrays.) (Coupe)
- ☐ Quiet Sound Group*
- ☐ Tachometer*
- ☐ Cigarette lighter (option on Scooter only)
- ☐ Sport mirror; left-hand remote*
- ☐ Sport mirrors; left-hand remote and right-hand manual*
- ☐ Electric clock
- ☐ Sport suspension (Includes larger diameter front stabilizer, added rear stabilizer, heavier duty suspension, bushings and linkage.) (Available with steel-belted radial ply tires only)
- ☐ Custom Two-Tone paint*

Moldings

- ☐ Body side moldings (Option on Scooter only)

- ☐ Door edge guard
- ☐ Side window reveal moldings* (Included with Deluxe Exterior)

Delco Sound Equipment

- ☐ AM radio (Option on Scooter only)
- ☐ AM/FM radio
- ☐ AM/FM stereo radio*
- ☐ Rear seat speaker* (Not available with AM/FM stereo radio)

Tires/Wheel Trim

- ☐ P175/70-R13 steel-belted radial ply blackwall
- ☐ P175/70-R13 steel-belted radial ply white-stripe
- ☐ P175/70-R13 steel-belted radial ply white-lettered
- ☐ Rally Wheel Trim (Includes argent or gold tone wheel with bright trim rings and larger black hub cover)

Not all options are available on all models.

See your dealer for up-to-date ordering

information and specific model/option availability.

*Not available on Scooter



The GM Continuous Protection Plan.

It offers service protection in addition to that provided by GM's new vehicle limited warranty. Ask your dealer about it. Coverage is limited to U.S.A. and Canada for 1981 model year.

Safety Features

Occupant Protection

Manual lap belts with push-button buckles for the rear and center front (when applicable) passenger positions • Manual lap/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 • Laminated windshield/tempered side and rear glass • Safety armrests

• Identification symbols for controls and displays.

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 • Vinyl-edged inside mirror • 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.

A word about engines

Chevetttes are equipped with GM-built engines produced by the Chevrolet Motor Division. Please refer to the Chevette power team information on page 9 of this catalog or see your dealer for details.

A word about assembly, components and optional equipment in these Chevetttes.

The Chevetttes described in this catalog are assembled at facilities of General Motors Corporation operated by the GM Assembly Division. These vehicles incorporate thousands of different components produced by various divisions of General Motors and by various suppliers to General Motors. 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 emissions, safety and fuel economy requirements, or for other reasons, to produce Chevrolet products with different components or differently sourced components than initially

scheduled. All such components have been approved for use in Chevrolet products and will provide the quality performance associated with the Chevrolet 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 that 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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