

STATESMAN



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Statesman Caprice has gained, in only a few years, an enviable position among world class cars. With nearly every luxury feature built in, including many not available at any price on other luxury cars.

Statesman engineers had a mandate to design a car of true world class quality. And because we strive for perfection, Caprice is carefully built on a special Statesman production line, where time is specifically allocated for every step to be conscientiously monitored, inspected and refined. Even if it means setting your car aside from the line for special attention to detail.

As a result, Statesman Caprice is designed to equal or excel other world luxury cars, with fully comprehensive personal appointments like genuine leather seat facings. Integrated air conditioning. Stereo cassette player. The braking system — four wheel power disc brakes. The efficient power of its 5 litre V8 powerplant. And the smooth responsiveness of its Turbo-Hydramatic transmission, computer-designed to integrate with the engine's power curves. However, we still pressed for further improvement. Our new challenge to our engineers: Make Statesman equal or superior to any other world class car in road holding, evasive responsiveness, and controlled smooth ride even on the worst roads and weather in Australia.

The story of Statesman's remarkable new Radial Tuned Suspension is told in this catalogue. Along with all other comprehensive appointments which have made Statesman Caprice the only car considered by an increasing number of discriminating luxury car drivers.

Welcome. We believe that no matter what qualities you seek in a luxury car, you will find them in the newest Statesman Caprice.





The luxury of genuine leather seat facings distinguishes the Caprice passenger area.

In addition to the features described on the first page, Caprice includes the features shown here, and the following: Fully reclining front bucket seats, moulded of full foam to hold you comfortably mile after mile. Full length centre console with storage compartment topped by a padded armrest. Deep pile carpeting throughout, including luggage compartment. Variable ratio power steering. Pushbutton AM radio. Automatic power antenna. Trip odometer. Intermittent windshield wipers with pause adjustment. Electrically heated rear window demister. Tinted glass all around. Laminated windscreen. Electric central door locking system. Exclusive Caprice bonnet crest. Vinyl roof covering. Exterior colour choice includes six exclusive Caprice colours. Four quartz halogen headlights with in-board driving-type "pencil beams." Courtesy and warning lights in all four doors. Rear seat legroom further increased by recessed areas in front seatbacks. Net magazine pockets on backs of front seats. Retracting front and rear outboard seat belts. Rear seat speakers for stereo cassette player. Rear seat speaker for AM radio. Rear seat cigarette lighter.

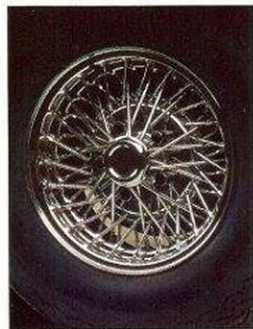


Burl walnut finish instrument facia and exclusive Caprice steering wheel.



Remote control rear view mirror.

Optional wire spoke road wheels. Fold-down rear seat centre armrest. Quartz-accurate digital clock. Multi-function control panel. Stereo cassette player. 4 speakers. Fully integrated air conditioning. Turbo-Hydramatic transmission. Four individual rear seat heaters. Console-mounted master control for electric windows. Optional Repose Velour cloth upholstery.



Optional wire spoke road wheels.



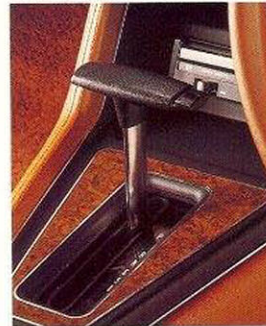
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Stereo cassette player. 4 speakers.



Turbo-Hydramatic transmission.



Multi-function control panel.



Fully integrated air conditioning.



Optional Repose Velour cloth upholstery.



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STATESMAN DE VILLE

There are many good reasons so many people choose Statesman de Ville. Some move to de Ville as the best luxury car in its class. And there's good reason for it, with full interior appointments like those shown on these pages.

Others choose de Ville for the matchless performance of its 5-litre V8 engine and Turbo-Hydramatic transmission. Its responsive overtaking and easy cruising in any terrain. The extra reserves of power for

towing a caravan, camper or boat. And there's also the quiet and effortless motoring on long drives and city streets. Now we add one more reason to choose de Ville. Radial Tuned Suspension.

All of de Ville's suspension components are matched to the steel-belted radial tyres. For safer, more predictable handling on any road, any weather, to maximum design load. (The whole of the RTS system is detailed on the following pages.) Whatever your reasons for choosing de Ville, you'll enjoy the pleasure of driving a superb luxury car — one that assures you excellent value as well.

De Ville Standard Features:

Radial Tuned Suspension for superb road performance and smooth ride. 5-litre V8 engine. Turbo-Hydramatic transmission. Console-mounted T-bar automatic

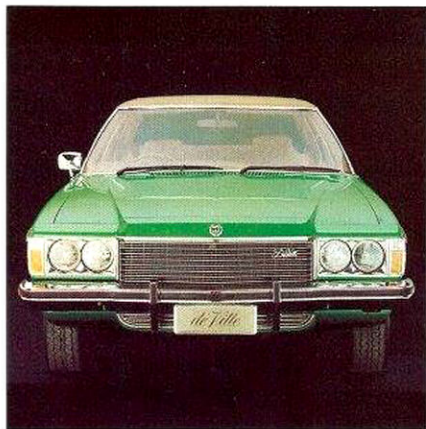
transmission control. Steel-belted radial tyres. Four wheel power disc brakes. Variable ratio power steering. Two-speed power ventilation with dash-level vents and integral heater/demister.

Pushbutton AM radio. Automatic power antenna. Burl walnut dash facia. Quartz accurate electric clock. Trip odometer. Fingertip control stalk for windshield wipers, washers, headlight dimming and flashing. Intermittent windshield wipers

with pause adjustment. Remote control exterior mirror. Electrically heated rear window. demister.

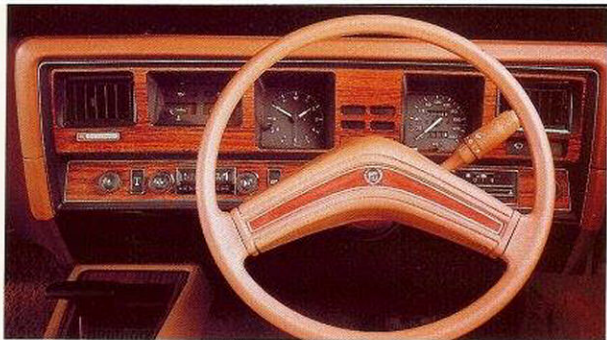
Fully reclining front bucket seats, moulded of full foam. Full length centre console with storage compartment topped by a padded armrest. Padded door armrests. Retracting front and rear outboard

seat belts. Deep pile carpeting throughout, including luggage compartment. Vinyl roof covering. Wide style body side mouldings. Rubber impact strips on bumpers and over-riders. Four quartz halogen headlights with in-board driving-type "pencil beams." Lighted glove compartment with vanity mirror. Rear seat legroom further increased by recessed areas in front seatbacks. Magazine pockets on backs of front seats. Fold down rear seat centre armrest.





Quilted seat backs and map pockets.



Control centre featuring rosewood finish fascia.



Remote control exterior mirror.



Own rear seat centre armrest.



Four quartz halogen headlights.



Spacious luggage compartment.



Rubber protection mouldings all around.



Statesman Radial Tuned Suspension.



Your new Statesman's Radial Tuned Suspension

is a hallmark in the development of automotive safety and road performance. Radial Tuned Suspension matches all suspension components to Statesman's steel-belted radial tyres. It means your new Statesman belongs to the finest handling family of cars we've ever built.

Some drivers will choose the car for its exceptional riding qualities. Others may appreciate Statesman's spirited road performance. Or its easy driving characteristics that result from confident stability on the highway.

But at GMH we take greatest pride in the new dimension of safety we can now offer the Statesman driver. Safe and predictable handling. The ability to avoid an accident. And that ability is the result of Radial Tuned Suspension.

Statesman's evasive capability is superb. In situations where a collision was previously



inevitable, the driver can call upon exceptionally quick steering response, tremendous tyre adhesion to the road, predictable cornering with a minimum of body lean, reduced chance of skidding or spinning.

And Statesman has the same predictable handling fully laden to design load with five passengers and luggage. (If you've ever had to make an emergency manoeuvre with a fully-laden car, you'll appreciate what an important benefit this is.)

Or take your Statesman to the outback. The rougher the road, the more you'll notice the improvement. With deeper coil springs, larger shock absorbers, and all the other improvements of RTS, Statesman is ready to take on any road in Australia.

Towing stability is also excellent with RTS. And when the weather turns bad, Statesman shines. The steel-belted radial tyres give the best wet-weather traction you can get. And the rest of the RTS system keeps them glued to the road, to get the best out of them. If the wind comes up or a truck passes you, RTS keeps you going straight ahead with no drama.

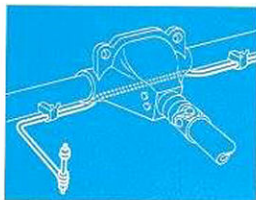
Nice to know if you get caught out. And even nicer to know when your wife's out with the family and you're waiting at home.



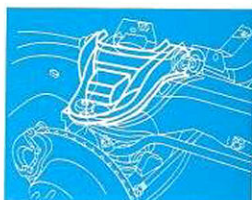
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RTS ENGINEERING LIST

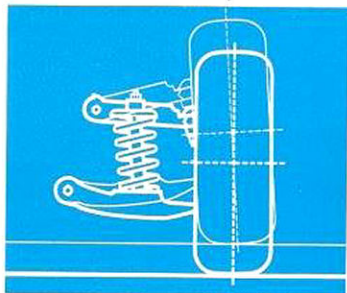
Steel-belted radial ply tyres. Six inch wide wheel rims. Front stabiliser bar. Decoupled rear stabiliser bar. Deeper coil springs. Larger shock absorbers. Re-designed shock absorber mountings. Negative front camber. Positive front castor. Re-designed and re-located upper control arm brackets. Re-designed suspension bushings (radially hard, longitudinally soft). Re-designed larger front suspension compression bumper. Re-designed rear axle lower control arm bushings. Re-designed body mounting system for reduced body flex. Stiffer steering connecting rod insulators. More rigid steering column attachments. Variable ratio power steering re-designed for improved on-centre feel, straight ahead stability and effortless control.



Decoupled rear stabiliser bar for less body roll.



Re-designed front upper control arm bracket for improved straight-ahead stability.



Front suspension is computer-designed to keep optimum tyre tread on the road while cornering.

(Another point well worth considering. Statesman has a distinct advantage over most other world class cars because Statesman service and parts are readily available at over 500 GMH Dealers throughout the country.)



CAPRICE

ENGINE

5044 cm³ (307.83 cu. in.) V8. Bore and stroke 4.000 x 3.062 in. (101.6 mm x 77.7 mm). Comp. ratio 9.7:1. RAC rating 51.2. OHV design with crossflow cylinder head. Rochester Quadrajet 4-barrel carburettor. Full pressure lubrication.

TRANSMISSION

Turbo-Hydramatic 3-speed automatic. T-bar floor shift in central console.

REAR AXLE RATIOS

Standard 3.08:1. Economy option 2.60:1. Performance option 3.36:1.

WHEELS

6.00 JJ x 14, with full wheel covers.

TYRES

FR78S 14, steel-belted radial ply. A wide range of optional wheels and tyres is available.

BRAKES

Power assisted 4-wheel disc brakes.

SUSPENSION

Radial Tuned Suspension. Front: Independent with short and long arms, coil springs, stabiliser bar. Rear: 4-link system with coil springs, decoupled stabiliser bar.

ELECTRICAL

12-volt 61 amp. battery. 55 amp. alternator.

VINYL ROOF

Black is standard, but eight optional colours co-ordinated to body colour are available at no extra charge.

FUEL SYSTEM

Capacity 16.5 imp. gallons (75 litres).

STEERING

Forward mounted steering system. Power assistance is integral with the variable ratio steering box. Power steering is specially tuned for RTS, to give you effortless control.

INSTRUMENTATION

Kilometre speedometer/odometer/trip meter. Gauges — fuel, oil pressure, temperature, voltmeter. Digital clock. Warning lights — brake failure, parking brake, generator.

AIR-CONDITIONING

Fully integrated air-conditioning is standard. Includes high ambient condition, thermostatically controlled, electric fan for the engine cooling system.

OPTIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Wire spoke road wheels. Repose velour cloth upholstery (no extra charge). Superlift rear shock absorbers. Limited slip differential. Outback equipment package. Rear wheel anti-lock braking system.

CONFIDENTIAL FINANCE

General Motors Acceptance Corporation provides low-cost finance or leasing facilities through most General Motors-Holden's Dealers.

STATESMAN SAFETY FEATURES

Split circuit braking . . . if one hydraulic circuit should lose its pressure, the other remains fully operational, while the brake warning light glows on the dash. GMH energy-absorbing steering column is designed to collapse under impact. Safety-padded dashboard. Thin-section front windshield pillars for safer forward vision. 2-speed wipers with articulated wiper arm on driver's side. 4-jet electric windshield washers. Integrated front-seat head restraints. Seat belts for all occupants. Flow-through ventilation. (In Caprice this is supplanted by fully integrated air-conditioning.) 2-speed heater/demister. Shatter-resistant knock-out interior mirror. Glare reducing interiors. Glare-reduced exterior rear vision mirror. Reversing lights. Power assisted brake system. Fusible-link wiring system virtually eliminates risk of electrical fires. Safety cargo barrier to prevent luggage entering car from boot under impact. Isolated underslung fuel tank and external fuel lines. Safety rims on all wheels.

DIMENSIONS

Overall length:	203.1" (5159 mm)
Wheelbase:	114" (2895 mm)
Track:	
Front	59.5" (1511 mm)
Rear	60.2" (1529 mm)
Overall width:	74.3" (1887 mm)
Overall height:	54.6" (1387 mm)
Estimated kerb weight:	
Caprice	3737 lbs. (1695 kg)
de Ville	3523 lbs. (1598 kg)

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GMH WARRANTY

The GMH Warranty protects your Statesman for the first 12 months or 20,000 kilometres, whichever is first completed. Recommended service intervals have now been extended to every 10,000 kms. or 6 months.

