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You'll find more than a few surprises in this brochure. You'll find out what makes Meteor so space efficient that it carries 5 adults in comfort – yet it handles like a small car. You'll discover the technology that gives Meteor its surprising performance and economy. And you'll read of the improvements that make this Meteor even better-equipped, more efficient and more reliable than its predecessor.

It's one great surprise after another!

Surprisingly Spacious

Meteor was conceived to be one of the most space-efficient cars available. It is a front-wheel drive car. As such, its engine is mounted sideways, which leaves a lot more room for people and luggage. The need for a bulky conventional drive train tunnel in the floor of the cabin, and the big, heavy rear-axle transfer assembly found in rear-wheel drive cars is eliminated. So, while Meteor's exterior dimensions are small enough to fit easily into tight city parking spaces, there's plenty of room for five adults inside.

Now, European-style front seats, with improved cushions and backrests give you better support to keep you more comfortable even on long drives. With 314° of visibility from the driver's seat, you'll enjoy a truly panoramic view and the extra safety that goes with it.

Surprisingly Versatile

Meteor has .366m³ (12.6 cu.ft.) of bootspace. The rear seat backrest has split-folding capability. This "60/40" split-fold arrangement means you can extend the bootspace into the cabin. With the narrower section folded, you can accommodate long, narrow objects. And you can still seat two passengers in the rear. Or, you can fold the

wider portion of the backrest down for wider long objects and you'll still have room for one rear seat passenger. Both sections can be folded for even more luggage room.

And there's more versatility: The spare wheel can be stored either upright or laid flat. So you can choose boot space for a narrow, deep load or space for wider, more shallow loads. With so much space and so many ways to use it, you'll be surprised what can be done with your Meteor.



Surprisingly Responsive

Meteor's 1.5 litre engine incorporates multispherical combustion chambers in an alloy head with a single overhead camshaft. So it's surprisingly powerful. Electronic ignition is standard equipment, which means Meteor delivers good fuel economy longer between tune-ups.

To harness Meteor's power, three different transmissions are available depending upon your choice of model – 4-speed manual, 5-speed manual or 3-speed automatic.

Twin Carburettor, high performance engine option

The driver who wants a higher level of performance from his Meteor can specify the optional Twin Carb engine.

This 1.5 litre engine has been engineered to produce a very healthy 58.8kW (78.9 hp)

of power. The major differences over the standard engine are:

- *Two Hitachi twin venturi downdraft carburettors
- *High capacity air cleaner assembly
- *High lift camshaft
- *High compression pistons
- *Heavy duty connecting rods
- *Heavy duty main bearings
- *Double valve springs.

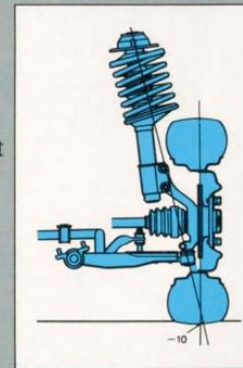
When this Twin Carb engine is ordered a 5-speed manual transmission is included. On GL models, comprehensive instrumentation, sporty gear shift knob and 70 Series radial ply tyres are also fitted. The 70 Series tyres are fitted to the Ghia model when ordered with the Twin Carb engine.

The exciting performance of Meteor with the Twin Carb engine is likely to surprise some owners of so-called sports cars.

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Surprisingly Surefooted

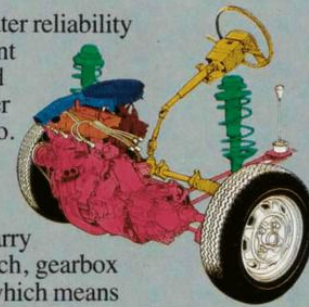
For positive, precise control and a smooth, easy ride, Meteor has rack and pinion steering and 4-wheel independent suspension. Front-wheel drive delivers excellent control when cornering. And negative scrub steering geometry designed into the suspension exerts a self-correcting force helpful under normal and unusual driving conditions.



Surprisingly Sophisticated

In Meteor, 'sophisticated' doesn't mean 'complicated'. In fact, every effort has been made to make the car work as simply and efficiently as possible. So, the major mechanicals – engine, transmission and final drive – form one neat unit in Meteor.

This allows greater reliability and more efficient use of power and space. And easier maintenance, too. For example, in most cases the engine needn't be removed to carry out work on clutch, gearbox or final drive – which means you'll find Meteor surprisingly inexpensive in the years to come.



Surprisingly Economical

Because Meteor is a compact car, it doesn't require a huge engine to deliver the kind of performance today's driving demands. For the same reason, Meteor also delivers the kind of economy today's fuel prices necessitate.

Fuel Economy Data

This data is based upon AS2077 – 1979 tests.

1.5 litre 4-speed manual	CITY CYCLE	8.5 l/100km	33.2mpg
	HIGHWAY CYCLE	6.2 l/100km	45.6mpg
1.5 litre 5-speed manual	CITY CYCLE	8.5 l/100km	33.2mpg
	HIGHWAY CYCLE	5.8 l/100km	48.7mpg
1.5 litre 3-speed auto.	CITY CYCLE	9.0 l/100km	31.4mpg
	HIGHWAY CYCLE	7.0 l/100km	40.5mpg
1.5 litre Twin Carb 5-speed	CITY CYCLE	8.0 l/100km	35.3mpg
	HIGHWAY CYCLE	5.8 l/100km	48.7mpg



1.5 litre 5-speed manual

These figures are provided to assist you in comparing the fuel consumption of Meteor with other vehicles. The actual fuel consumption you achieve will depend, however, on many factors, including your driving habits, the prevailing conditions and your vehicle's equipment, condition and use.

Meteor Ghia



Surprisingly Opulent



1. Transverse mounted engine.
2. Front wheel drive.
3. Negative scrub geometry.

4. European-style front seats.

5. "60/40" split-folding rear seat backrest.

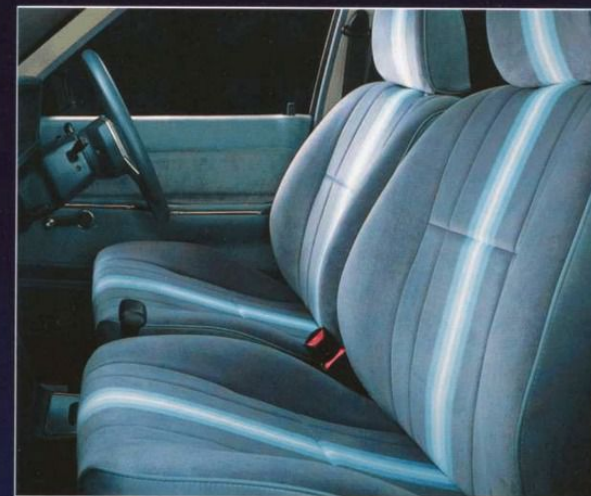
6. Surprising boot space.
7. Fully independent suspension.



Ghia is the most luxurious Meteor. Now it's even more luxurious, to give you even better value. Step inside now and you'll immediately appreciate the body-hugging comfort of European-style front seats faced in soft velour cloth. For even more comfort, lumbar support adjustment has been made an additional feature of the driver's seat. You can also adjust the driver's seat cushion, back-rest angle and seat-travel. And you can adjust the steering wheel height to tailor the driving position to your requirements.

In Ghia the exterior rear view mirrors adjust from the inside. A remote control releases the boot latch. There's now a remote release for the fuel cap cover as well.

To entertain you as you drive, Ghia has a stereo system with AM/FM radio and a cassette player. And now it has 4 speakers to surround you with sound.



The comprehensive instrument panel now glows in subtle green. It's easier to read, because the graphics have been re-designed. For added convenience, the minor switch panel and ash tray are now illuminated.

On Ghia, the designers have also included an illuminated entry system. Lift the driver's front door handle and the lights around door lock cylinder and ignition key area are activated.

For delightfully easy handling, power steering can now be ordered as an extra-cost option on any Ghia specified with automatic transmission.

To fully appreciate the space, luxury, economy and performance of Ghia, you'll have to experience it first-hand. When you do, you'll be more than mildly surprised.

Meteor GL

Surprisingly Practical



Meteor GL incorporates some of the latest technology available. So its performance, economy, handling and interior room and comfort are bound to surprise you.

Inside, you'll find carpets, cloth seat facings, "childproof" rear door lock settings, a remote boot-latch release and a remote control for the driver's side exterior rear view mirror. For your comfort the cabin is equipped with a heater/demister ventilator system. And now European-style front seats have been included to give you better support. The driver's seat has lumbar support adjustment in addition to cushion angle, backrest angle and seat travel adjustments.

For your entertainment, an AM/FM radio with 2 speakers is now standard equipment.

The GL instrument panel has re-designed graphics,

so it looks better and can be read more easily.

Like every Meteor, GL has the extra space efficiency of front-wheel drive technology. And because it has "60/40" split-folding rear seat backrests, you can tailor this extra space to your needs.

Front-wheel drive means that GL handles with ease, to make driving it a real pleasure. And, like every Meteor, GL now has mechanical and styling improvements that make it even better: re-styled tail-lights, electronic ignition and a coolant recovery bottle in the cooling system.

To give you the kind of performance you want the GL is equipped with a zesty 1.5 litre engine and 4-speed manual transmission. What a car the GL is - practical, versatile and full of pleasant surprises!

Meteor 'S' Pack

Surprisingly Sporty



To add a touch of individuality to its sleek lines and luxurious interior, your Meteor GL can be ordered with the exciting 'S' pack option: outside, stunning 'clover leaf' alloy wheels with ZR70 series steel belt radials, distinctive body striping, special blackout treatment, fog lamps and a right hand side colour-keyed remote control

rear view mirror. Inside, the great looks of 'Stuttgart' cloth seat facings with matching interior trims, and lumbar support adjustment on the driver's seat.

The 'S' pack transforms Meteor GL into a sporty saloon. And, if you're ready for action, Meteor with the 'S' pack option is ready for you.

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