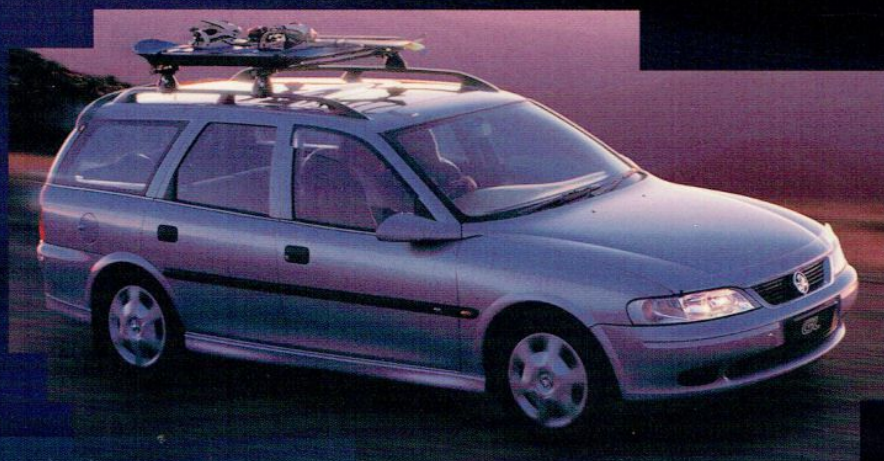


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THE STYLISH JS SERIES II HOLDEN VECTRA

**Fine-tuned good looks,
new Getrag manual transmission**

Holden's successful and stylish Vectra range has further benefited from a number of refinements that accentuate its classy good looks and deliver even more responsive performance and handling.

Design elements that distinguish the JS Series II versions of the Holden Vectra sedan, wagon and hatch include a chrome grille surround, new body colour bumpers front and rear, sporty new door sills and jewelled finish headlamps and indicators.

Holden engineers have improved low to mid-range torque availability in the 2.2 litre engine that powers Vectra sedans and wagons, increasing its responsiveness in everyday traffic conditions and overtaking manoeuvres. There is an all-new 5-speed Getrag manual transmission, and suspension refinements further improve Vectra's handling and dynamic safety characteristics.

Holden Director of Sales and Marketing, Ross McKenzie, says the new edition Vectra will build on the success of its award-winning predecessor and take an even larger slice of the medium-size market.

"Just two years after its introduction, Vectra has managed to capture 20 per cent of this category in the face of stiff competition, which is quite an achievement – and testament to a great car. It is encouraging to see Vectra bringing new customers into Holden dealerships.

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About 70 per cent of Vectra buyers have not owned a Holden before – and over 50 per cent of those purchases are private registrations,” he said.

“The improvements we’ve made to the Series II Vectra range can only enhance its reputation as a very smart mid-sized choice at superior value for money,” Ross McKenzie said.

Style and Practicality

Styling changes to the '99 Vectra serve to highlight its trademark good looks and to emphasise an impression of strength and agility. More than merely decorative, Vectra's **halogen, jewelled finish headlamps** deliver a 20 per cent increase in light intensity – a contribution to safer driving. Reversing lamps now sport distinctive **smoked indicator lenses**, and all models are now fitted with a new, **rapid-response centre mounted LED technology stop light** at the upper edge of the rear window. Designers have extended the surface area on exterior mirrors, enlarging the driver's rear field of vision by 12 per cent, and there's a revised decklid and tailgate locking system. Body coloured door sills and a deeper rear bumper provide a stronger presence and complement the performance orientation of the new Vectra.

All models feature sporty new wheel designs, and sedan and wagon models offer three new colour finishes: Cinnabar (rich, deep orange), Tiger (highly chromatic orange/gold) and Phantom (neutral black with high sparkle). Vectra hatch models also offer three new colours: Star (Silver), Marseille (Red) and Classic (Green).

Interior trims, in subtly-patterned grey tones and specific to each model level, are all-new. Newly sculpted backrests on front seats allow rear seat passengers 30mm of additional legroom. Ergonomics specialists have revised the centre console instrument layout and controls. A new **roof console**, located behind the reading lights, provides handy storage for sunglasses, garage remote controls and other small items. CD models now feature chrome door handles.

Performance and Handling Further Refined for Australian Conditions

The 2.2 litre 16 valve DOHC that powers Vectra GL sedans and wagons and CD sedans now offers a three per cent increase in low to mid-range torque availability, achieved through the adoption of a specially developed long branch front exhaust pipe and corresponding engine calibration adjustments.

Vectra sedan, wagon and four-cylinder hatch offer an all-new, five speed, close ratio Getrag manual transmission. More refined, quieter and smoother, it features cable-shift, increased torque carrying capacity, synchromesh on reverse gear, hydraulic clutch actuation and revised gear ratios. The benefits include improved acceleration for overtaking in 4th and 5th gears; a sportier driving 'feel'; more precise gear-change; easier selection of reverse gear.

Holden chassis engineers continue to fine-tune Vectra ride and handling characteristics to suit Australian driving conditions. Suspension improvements include stabiliser bar refinements. The changes reduce body roll, improve steering response and improve cornering ability. Power steering refinements, which include a revised hydraulic control valve, deliver better on-centre feel. Drivers and passengers will appreciate the noticeable reduction in road

noise resulting from new bushings in the rear lower control arms together with newly developed tyres on locally manufactured sedans and wagons.

Colours

Vectra GL and CD sedans and wagons are available in the following colours:

Heron White; Orion Frost; Cinnabar*; Tiger*; Phantom*; Capricorn; Granada ; Bermuda.

Vectra GL and CD hatch are available in the following colours:

Casablanca White; Star* ; Marseille* ; Classic* ; Polar Sea .

* denotes new colours

Vectra Recommended Retail Pricing:

GL Sedan	\$24,990
GL Wagon	\$26,500
GL Hatch	\$26,990
CD Sedan	\$30,990
CD Hatch	\$36,700

Options:

Air conditioning	\$2,000
Automatic transmission	\$1,800
Air conditioning, ABS and Traction Control (GL sedan & wagon)	\$2,990

Air conditioning, ABS, Traction Control and Passenger Airbag (GL sedan & wagon)	\$3,500
Air conditioning and Passenger Airbag (GL Hatch)	\$2,510
Sunroof (GL/CD sedans, GL wagon; delete roof storage console)	\$1,650
Cruise Control (GL Sedan and Wagon)	\$ 400
Metallic Paint	\$ 222

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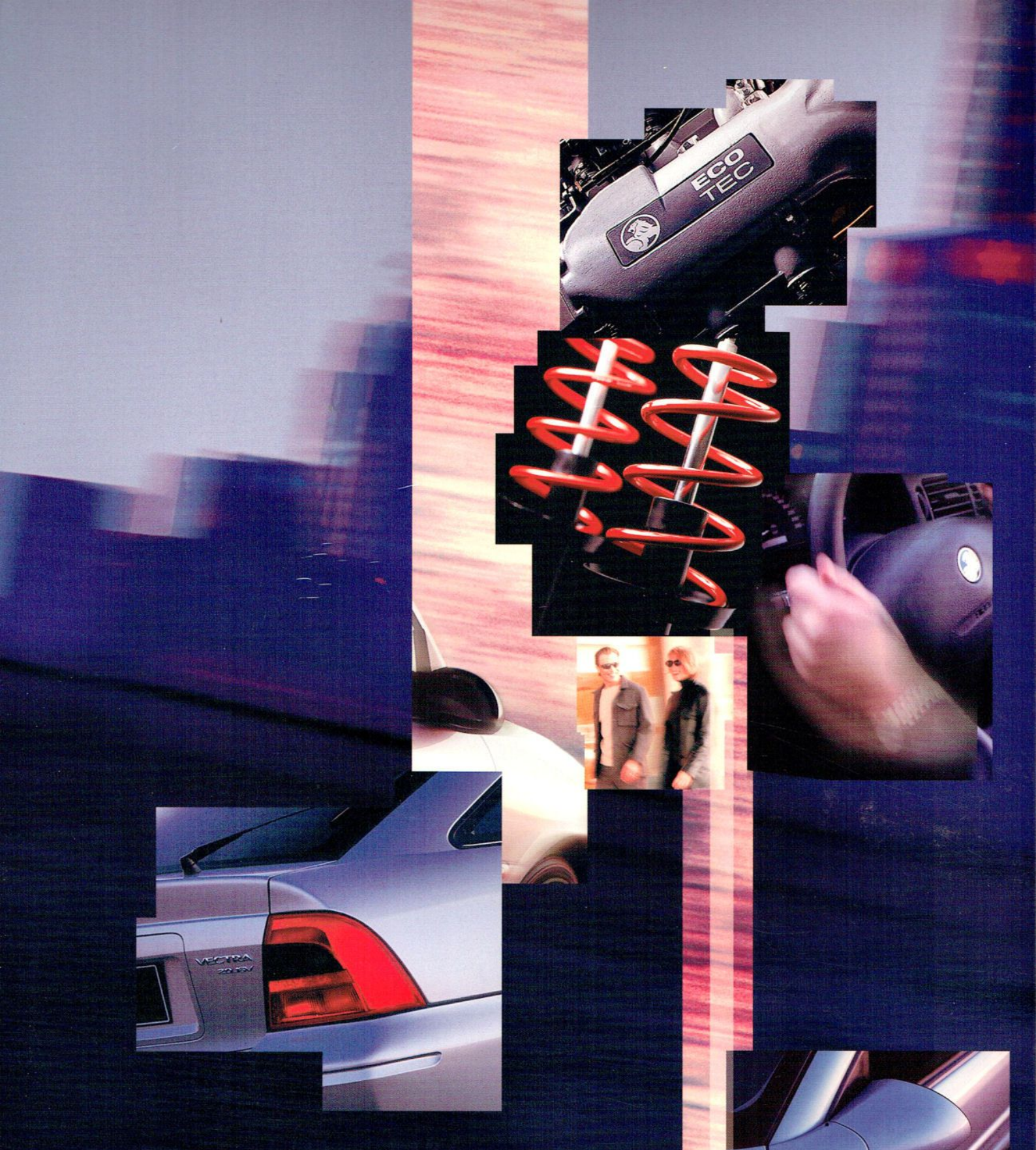
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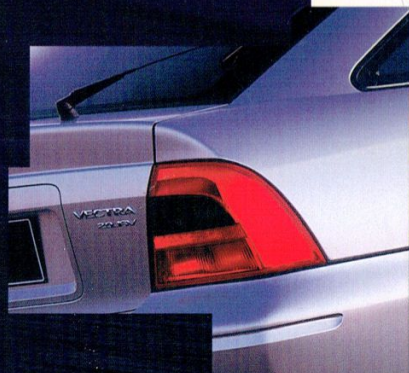
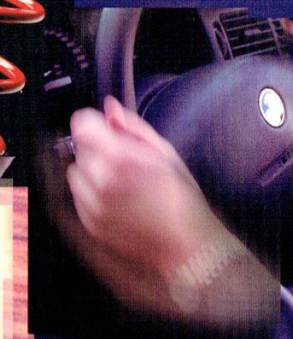
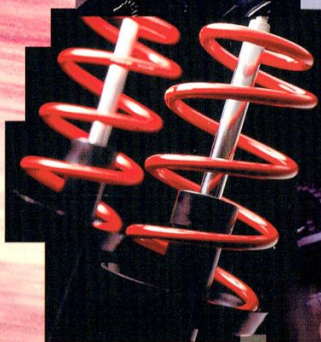
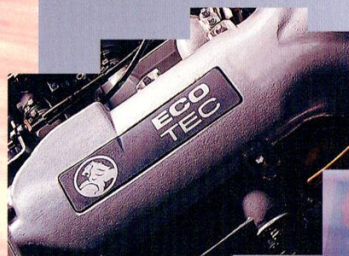
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Holden Vectra JS Series II GL models feature striking jewelled headlamps, chrome grille, new bumper treatments and a 5-speed Getrag manual transmission.



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Improved ride and handling and fine-tuned good looks characterise the stylish Vectra JS Series II GL wagon.

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The stylish Holden Vectra JS Series II CD sedan features new bumpers, sporty side mouldings, distinctive alloy wheels and even more responsive performance and handling.



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