

# Ford Meteor



Room *and* Zoom



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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 many features that make Meteor so reliable and mechanically efficient, so right for life in the eighties.

It's one great surprise after another!

## Surprisingly Spacious

Meteor's design gives you a surprising amount of usable space. It is a front-wheel drive car and as such, its engine is mounted sideways so there's no need for a bulky conventional drive train tunnel in the cabin floor. And the big, heavy rear-axle transfer assembly found in rear-wheel drive cars is eliminated. So, while Meteor is small enough to fit easily into tight city parking spaces, there's ample room inside for five adults and plenty of luggage.

Meteor is as well-suited to long-distance touring as it is to city driving. Its European-style front seats are superbly comfortable, designed to support you in style, mile after mile. 314° of visibility from the driver's seat means you'll enjoy a truly panoramic view – and the extra safety that goes with it.

## Surprisingly Versatile

Meteor has .366m<sup>3</sup> (12.6 cu. ft.) of boot space and the rear seat backrests can be folded down individually. This "60/40" split-fold arrangement means you can extend the boot space into the cabin. With the narrower seat back 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.

But Meteor's versatility doesn't stop there. Meteor's spare wheel can be stored either upright or laid flat. So you can choose boot space for a narrow, deep load or for wider, shallower 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 modern 1.5 litre engine incorporates single overhead camshaft design and an alloy head with multi-spherical combustion chambers. So it's surprisingly powerful. Electronic ignition is standard equipment, which helps Meteor maintain good fuel economy 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.

## Surprisingly Quiet

Its engine powers Meteor along with ease, but Meteor is also remarkably relaxing to be in – because Meteor is designed for long distance driving as well as zipping around town.

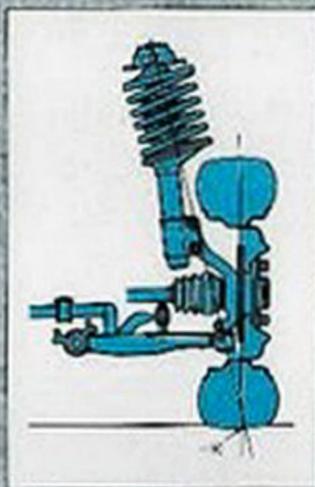
A 3-point engine mounting system employing rubber bushings at engine/mount contact points helps to isolate vibration from the passenger compartment for a quiet, smooth ride. Underbonnet sound insulation also reduces engine noise intrusion into the cabin, as does Meteor's 'Flexhaust' exhaust coupling.

And Meteor's smooth shape isn't just for good looks. The low, sloping nose helps make Meteor an aerodynamically efficient car to reduce wind drag and further enhance the quiet ride.

Meteor is quiet to ride in. It is also a pleasure to drive...

## Surprisingly Surefooted

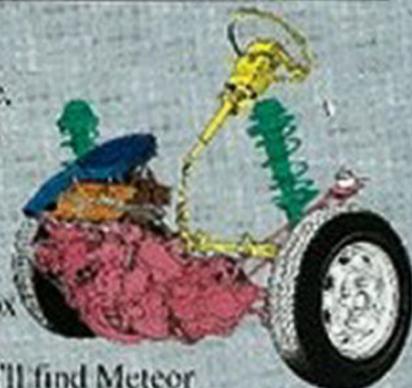
For positive, precise control and a smooth easy ride, Meteor has rack and pinion steering and 4-wheel independent suspension. Front-wheel drive helps provide excellent control when cornering. And the negative scrub steering geometry designed into the suspension exerts a self-correcting force helpful 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 remarkable reliability and highly efficient use of power and space.

And remarkably easy maintenance, too. For example, in most cases the engine need not 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	8.5l/100km/33.2mpg
	HIGHWAY CYCLE	6.0l/100km/45.1mpg
1.5 litre 5-speed manual	CITY CYCLE	8.5l/100km/33.2mpg
	HIGHWAY CYCLE	5.6l/100km/50.4mpg
1.5 litre 3-speed automatic	CITY CYCLE	9.0l/100km/31.4mpg
	HIGHWAY CYCLE	6.8l/100km/48.1mpg



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 backrests.

6. Surprising boot space.

7. Fully independent suspension.



Ghia is the most luxurious Meteor. Step inside and you'll immediately appreciate the body-hugging comfort of European-style front seats faced in soft velour cloth. For extra comfort, lumbar support adjustment is a feature of the driver's seat. You can also adjust the driver's seat-travel and the angle of the cushion and backrest. And you can adjust the steering wheel height to tailor the driving position to your requirements.

Ghia's exterior rear view mirrors are adjustable from inside the car. A remote control releases the boot latch. And there's 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, cassette player and 4 speakers to surround you with sound.



The comprehensive instrument panel features subtle green illumination and easy-to-read graphics. For convenience, the minor switch panel and ash tray are also illuminated.

For further ease, Meteor Ghia also features an illuminated entry system: lift either front door handle and the lights around the door lock cylinder and ignition key area are activated.

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

To fully appreciate the space, luxury, economy and performance of Meteor 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.

European-style front seats help provide good support for comfortable driving. The driver's seat has lumbar support adjustment in addition to cushion angle, backrest angle and seat travel adjustments.

The other features you'll find inside Meteor GL provide for practical comfort too. 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 are all standard equipment. And an efficient heater/demister and ventilation system is in easy reach of the front seat occupants.

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

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

Front-wheel drive also means that Meteor GL handles with ease, for real driving pleasure. And, to give you the right blend of performance and economy, there's a zesty 1.5 litre engine with four-speed manual transmission. Electronic ignition adds to the efficiency of this engine and the coolant recovery bottle fitted to the cooling system helps reduce routine maintenance requirements.

What a car the GL is — practical, versatile and full of pleasant surprises!



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