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THE SPORTY LITTLE 4-SEATER FROM OLDSMOBILE

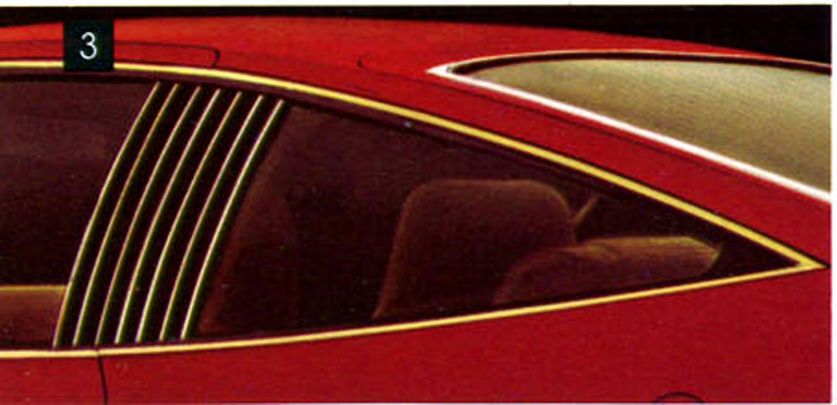
Starfire, the Oldsmobile you didn't expect: A Supercoupe. It's not your typical Olds—it's a brand new kind of car. A Supercoupe, as defined by Olds, is smaller than a compact in size, and easy on gasoline. But it's also a bonafide sports coupe in looks, features and spirit on the road. So it meets the practical needs of today—while it preserves the joys and sport of driving as you like it. And while Starfire is a new kind of Olds, it shows the same engineering savvy that's made Olds a respected name in larger cars. Only now it's all concentrated into a 97-inch Supercoupe wheelbase.

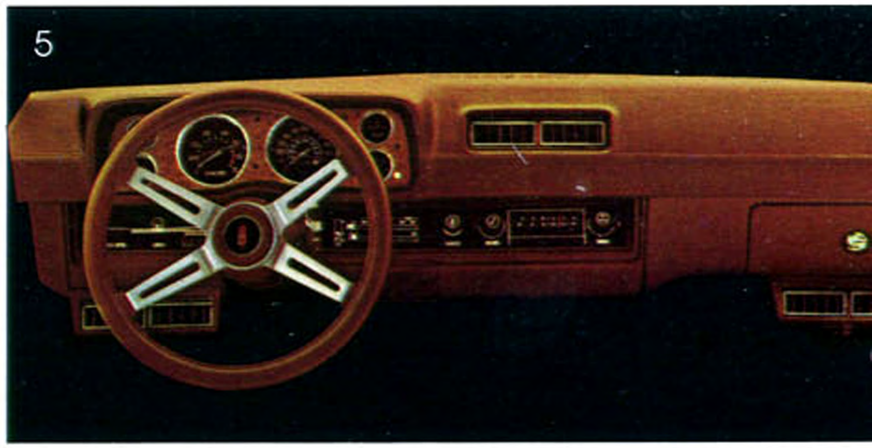
A delicate balance of guts and gas economy. Gas economy, you know about. It comes in many shades of gray. But guts are different. They're there, or not—no in-between. That's why Starfire has a new 3.8-liter V6. Fully-synched, short-throw 4-speed gearbox, and a console. A high-rise tunnel between the seats that gives the driveline a chance to go straight. A new, torque-arm rear suspension that handles drive forces—and roads—with authority. GM-spec steel-belted radial tires. Add looks and luxuries to all that, and it's a good feeling to have a true Supercoupe around you.

Close-up on some neat things about Olds Starfire: (1) Steel-belted radials on 6-inch rims, standard. Raised-letter radials, Super Stock sport wheels, and bright-edged paint stripes also are available. (2) Open the big hatchback, flip down the rear seatback, and you've got a carpeted deck over 5 feet long. A space-saver spare is custom-fitted into a well in the corner; the carpeted cover is standard. (3) Those louvers on the pillar aren't for show, they're for real—part of a very efficient power ventilation system.

(4) Who said sporty cars have to be spartan? These cushy, high-backed bucket seats are anything but; you can even splurge a little and order them in genuine leather, in black, cranberry or saddle! And standard trims give you a choice of lush velour or perforated-vinyl with grained-vinyl trim. The velour is offered in cranberry or blue; vinyls in black, blue, saddle or white. Another nice touch is that white vinyl seats also are available (no extra cost) with interiors of blue, cranberry or saddle. Ask for the Compaticolor option.

(5) A very businesslike layout for the business of driving. That deluxe sports-type steering wheel with steel spokes and vinyl-clad softgrip rim is standard. You could really feel right at home here, right? (6) Instrumentation provides needles and gauges, the way you like it. That includes the temperature, ammeter, fuel—and a tachometer that's standard equipment. (7) If you're a purist, you'll love the standard 4-speed gearbox; if not, there's a 3-speed automatic transmission you can order, with a shifter on the console—like this.





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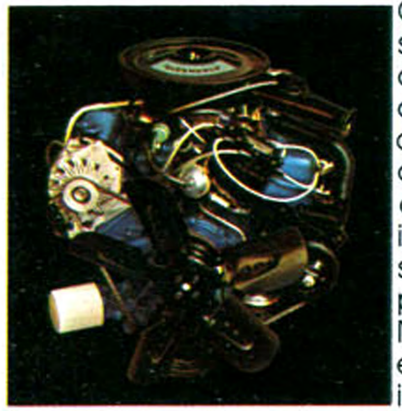
THE ANATOMY OF A SUPERCOUPE:

Dimensions: Wheelbase, 97 in. Overall length, 179.3 in. Height, 50 in. Width, 65.4 in. Tread: front, 61.3 in.; rear 59.0 in. Curbweight, 2865 lbs.

Engine: V6 design, 90°-V cast iron-alloy block. Displacement, 231 cu. in. (3.8 liters). Bore, 3.8 in.; stroke, 3.4 in.



Carburetor: Semi-hemispherical combustion chamber design and dished pistons. Two barrel carburetor with large throat diameter for good fuel-air distribution. High-energy ignition system for hotter spark, eliminates distributor points and condenser. New catalytic converter emission control, located in the exhaust system. Extended interval maintenance service schedule. See owners manual for details.

Fuel: 91 octane no-lead gasoline. Tank capacity: 18-1/2 gal. Filler pipe is restrictor-equipped to admit only smaller-diameter "no-lead" pump nozzles.

Transmission: Full-synchromesh 4-speed manual gearbox; short-throw shifter mounted on the tunnel. Ratios: 3.11 (1st), 2.20 (2nd), 1.47 (3rd), 1.00 (4th), 3.11 (Rev.). 3-stage Turbo Hydra-matic also available.

Driveline: Straight-line drive from transmission to differential helps to minimize vibration. Rear-axle ratio, 2.56.

Suspension: Front, coil springs, shock absorbers mounted within. Ball-joint suspension; lower ball joints have built-in wear indicators. Front—stabilizer bar. Rear—new torque-arm suspension design utilizes lower control arms, a lateral control bar and a torque arm to handle driving and braking forces, plus lateral movement; the rear coil springs, shock absorbers and stabilizer bar are used exclusively to control the ride. This creates exceptional ride characteristics and isolation from road shock.

Brakes: Power-assisted and self-adjusting. Disc-type, front; drum-type, rear. Dual master cylinder system with warning light.

Tires & wheels: BR 78 x 13 steel-belted radial blackwall tires on 13 x 6 wheels. Space saver spare in a stowaway well, with carpeting wheel cover, standard. Bumper jack and handle stored in hideaway compartment.

Body features—inside: 2 + 2 passenger seating arrangement. High-rise front bucket seats with integral head restraints; folding rear seatback with latches. Energy-absorbent padded front seatback tops and instrument panel. Simulated wood-grain instrument panel includes gauges for speedometer, temperature, fuel, ammeter and tachometer, standard, and a lockable glove-box. Center console houses gear-shifter parking brake, change tray and rear-seat ashtray. Combination seat/shoulder belts for front seat occupants, with starter interlock; seat belts for rear passengers. Deluxe sport steering wheel with steel spokes and padded softgrip rim; energy-absorbing steering wheel and column design. Anti-theft steering column lock and ignition key warning buzzer. Safety starter switch. Padded sun visors. Passenger-guard door locks located in the safety armrests. Lane change feature in direction signal control.

Interior color schemes: Cranberry, Blue, Saddle, Black, White. (See inside pages for additional detail.) Color-coordinated plush-pile carpeting on floors, rear seatback and luggage deck. Windshield defroster, electric washers and dual speed wipers. Map pockets on doors.

Interior dimensions (Front/Rear in inches): Headroom 37.7/36.3. Legroom, 42.9/35.6. Front shoulder room, 51.0.

Body features—outside: Aerodynamic design 4-passenger hatchback sport coupe. Body by Fisher. Integrated body-chassis construction. High-level power ventilation with functional air louvers in side pillars. Double-panel doors with steel side-guard beams; safety door latches and hinges. Double panel roof with contoured inner panel, contoured windshield header. Self-cleaning rocker panels. Dual rectangular headlamps. Large, amber parking lights that illuminate with headlights. Pliable nose and rear surfaces; lower front bumper flange extends down to improve air flow to the radiator. Impact-absorbing bumper systems, front and rear; aluminum impact bars and lower bumper extensions, heavy vinyl impact strips. Side marker lights that flash with direction signal; four-way hazard warning flasher; back-up lights. Thick-laminate windshield; fixed rear-quarter and hatch windows. Outside rearview mirror. Dual-action safety hood latch. Body-color door-handle accents.

Colors: Magic-Mirror acrylic lacquer finish in Rallye Red, Sunfire Orange, Colonial Cream, Cameo White and Sebring Yellow; also in Shadow Gray, Glacier Blue, Spectre Blue, Forest Green and Burgundy Metallics.

Available equipment includes: Leather upholstery. Driver's seatback adjuster. Turbo Hydra-matic transmission. Power steering. Tilt steering wheel. Air conditioning. Raised-letter or whitewall steel-belted radial tires. Super Stock sport wheels. Brightmetal-edged side paint striping. Tinted glass. Electric rear window defogger. Sport mirrors. Conventional spare steel-belted radial tire. Wheel trim rings. AM/FM Stereo radio, rear seat speakers. Anti-spin differential. Accessory lighting group. Day/night mirror. And more.

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