

Malibu



1979



Chevy Malibu. A fresh new slice of apple pie.

Dig in, America.
Dig it deep.
Because the deeper you dig, the more you're going to love this color-new mid-size Malibu of ours.
Shuffled beneath those scrumptious Malibu lines is a great big helping of something we call "solid Chevy value."
We're talking about double-panel

doors, a sturdy full-perimeter frame, big coil springs at all four wheels, a Durac Freedom battery that never needs refilling, extensive corrosion-resisting treatments, and a Body-by-Fisher.
We're talking about a trunk with more usable space than there was in the '77 Malibu it replaced. And an interior with more head room and leg

room, too.
We're talking about a car that's so right in so many ways for so many people right now, you're going to think we've been reading your mind.
A lot of folks are finding Malibu to be just the right size—with just the right look, the right look, the right feel, the right ingredients, the right name.
If you're partial to Chevy, if you

want a nice cozy mid-size car you can be proud of, if you want to really enjoy all the driving you do, if you want a car that's in step with the times, if you want good value for your hard-earned bucks...
You've come to the right car: Chevy Malibu for 1979.
A fresh new slice of apple pie from Chevrolet to you.

A word about this catalog:
We have tried to make this catalog as comprehensive and factual as possible. And we hope you find it helpful. However, since the time of printing, some of the information you'll find here may have been updated. Also, some of the equipment shown or described throughout this brochure is available at

extra cost. Your dealer has details and, before ordering, you should ask him to bring you up to date.

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Malibu Classic Models.

By now your appetite for a fresh new slice of apple pie has probably got you looking for the best. Well, help yourself to four new Malibu Classic models.

First, take a look at the Malibu Classic Sedan. Its clean, uncluttered and distinctive lines are just a little breathtaking. Go ahead: Get it, sit back and relax in spacious comfort.

If you like a large slice of apple pie, the Malibu Classic Wagon should whet your appetite. Ask your Chevrolet dealer for a Chevy Station Wagon catalog.

Sedans and Wagons feature fixed rear door picture windows with swing-out vents behind them to provide rear seat passengers with draft-free ventilation.

But then, perhaps you're the sporty type. What's made your heart jump is the Malibu Classic Sport Coupe (shown on cover). Don't let its cool, sporty appearance fool you, though. Inside, it's as cozy and pleasurable as it is delightful to look at.

If you say there's a formal streak in your personality. Personally, we think the Malibu Classic Landau Coupe should be right up your driveway. It proudly wears a vinyl cover over the rear half-section of the roof. And the Landau roof is accented with glistering bright moldings plus bright edging framing the shiny black center pillar. Sport wheel covers and body side moldings add just the right touch.

And remember, every Malibu Classic has some very fine touches that will ensure it's its owners. Like wheel sound insulation. Like athletic glove compartment and courtesy lights. Like wheel opening moldings, bright taillight accents and bright body air moldings. Like good old-fashioned deep-drawn Chevy value.



Malibu Classic Sedan shown in dark blue metallic with available sport wheels, deluxe body side moldings, bumper rub strip and guards, sport wheel covers and white stripe trim.



Malibu Classic Wagon shown in white with available 7 spoke wheels, roof carrier, rear window air deflector, tinted glass, bumper rub strip and guards, sport wheel covers and white stripe trim.



Malibu Classic Landau Coupe shown in available Custom Two-Tone beige and dark brown metallic with available sport wheels, deluxe body side moldings, tinted glass, bumper rub strip and guards and white stripe trim.

Malibu Models.

The 1979 Malibu is built around you. You're the main ingredient. Your size, your needs and desires, your pocketbook. And any way you slice it, it's more than a comfortable fit all around.

It starts with a Body by Fisher with a rear seat built for adults, not just kids. That means adult-sized head room, leg room and knee room. On Sedans and Wagons, there are big, fixed rear door picture windows. And behind the rear windows are swing-out vents to provide rear seat passengers with draft-free ventilation. And for all those things you like to take along, there's a spacious luggage compartment. It's 12 cubic feet on a flat, easy-loaded floor.

On the outside, trim, clear proportions make your new Malibu easy to maneuver in tight quarters, easy to park. A full set of computer-selected coil springs give you a cushioned ride.

And to help keep your Malibu looking good, it's protected with extensive corrosion-resistant treatments.

Chevy Malibu. It's a lot of car to have around you, our mid-size value in both coupes and sedans. Or wagons. Because a Malibu Wagon packs over 12 cubic feet of cargo space with the rear seat folded down. For full details ask your dealer for a Station Wagon catalog.



Malibu Sport Coupe shown in silver with available black vinyl roof, deluxe body side moldings, wheel opening moldings, bumper rub strips and guards, full wheel covers and white stripe tires.



Malibu Wagon shown in dark camo with available roof carrier, deluxe body side moldings and white stripe tires.



Malibu Sedan shown in a variety of colors. Two-tone light blue and medium blue models with available deluxe body side moldings, black plastic wheel opening moldings, wire wheel covers and white stripe tires.



Malibu Class: standard with cloth interior shown in garnish with available 50/50 split front seat, deluxe vinyl bucket seat and shoulder belts, remote control sport mirror, power windows, AM/FM stereo radio, automatic transmission and air conditioning.

**Inside, comfort and quiet with lots of head
and leg room for you and your friends.**

Interiors.

We make sure the Malibu interior is as easy to live with as look at. The detatched steering wheel gives you a good view of the instruments. It also looks smart and is color-coordinated with the steering column and padded instrument panel. The heater, lighter and available air conditioning and radio controls are mounted on an attractive module which is also conveniently centered for easy

reach by both driver and passenger.

There's more. A one-piece, form-backed cloth headliner over you, one-piece, cut-pile, color-coordinated carpeting underfoot. And all that room.

Any way you look at it, the Malibu interior is a smart place to be. Now, use the chart below to select the interior that's your personal preference.



Malibu Classic instrument panel with available air conditioning, AM/FM radio, independent windshield wiper system, rear window defogger control, automatic transmission and ComfortSteering wheel.

INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR COLOR COMBINATIONS

INTERIOR COLORS		BLACK	BLUE	CAMEL	CARNAGE	GREEN	OYSTER
MALIBU CLASSIC COUPES AND SEDANS							
Standard Bench Seat	Kit Cloth (Std)		X	X	X	X	X
	Vinyl (Std)	X					
Available 80/20 Split Front Seat	Kit Cloth		X	X	X	X	X
	Vinyl	X					
Available Bucket Seats (Coupes only)	Vinyl	X	X	X	X		
MALIBU COUPES AND SEDANS							
Standard Bench Seat	Split Cloth (Std)		X	X	X		
	Vinyl (Std)	X	X	X		X	
EXTERIOR COLORS							
BEIGE		X		X	X		
BLACK		X	X	X	X	X	X
BLUE, DARK METALLIC		X	X	X			X
BLUE, LIGHT METALLIC		X	X				X
BLUE, PEARL		X	X				X
BROWN, DARK (METALLIC)		X		X			X
CAMEL, METALLIC		X		X			X
CARNAGE, METALLIC		X		X	X		X
CARNAGE, DARK METALLIC		X		X	X		X
GREEN, LIGHT		X		X		X	
GREEN, MEDIUM METALLIC		X		X		X	
SILVER		X			X		X
WHITE		X	X	X	X	X	X
YELLOW, LIGHT		X		X			X

Custom Two-Tone colors available:

Beige/Black	Light Blue/Red Blue	Dark Carnage/Dark Carnage	Black/Black	Light Green/Red Green	Blue/Gray
Light Green/Black	Light Green/Black	Light Green/Black	Light Green/Black	Light Green/Black	Light Green/Black

Vinyl roof colors available:

Black, light blue, light green, white, beige, dark carnage and silver. Check your dealer for complete information on vinyl roof color availability.

None



Malibu Classic standard vinyl cloth interior shown in green with available deluxe color vinyl seat and shoulder belts, vehicle control rearview mirror and power door locks.



Malibu Classic available 80/20 front seat with dual front door armrests shown in carnage, with available deluxe color vinyl seat and shoulder belts, vehicle control rearview mirror, power windows, AM/FM stereo, radio, automatic transmission and air conditioning.



Malibu standard vinyl cloth interior shown in camel with available deluxe color vinyl seat and shoulder belts, vehicle control rearview mirror, AM/FM radio, automatic transmission and air conditioning.

Standard Features.

1. High Energy Igniter. A solid-state system that eliminates points and ignition condensers, yet delivers a high voltage spark that helps extend time between recommended tune-ups.

2. Early Fuel Evaporation. Variable engine induction system warm-up to help provide smooth performance after starting.

3. Carburetor outside air intake. Draws cooler outside air through the air cleaner into the carburetor to help secure a denser fuel-air mixture for added engine performance after warm-up.

4. Defro-Freezest battery. Never needs refilling. Sealed case terminals help resist corrosion.

5. Coolant recovery system. Helps prevent loss of coolant.

6. Catalytic converter. Handles most emission control functions so engine can be initially tuned at the factory for smooth, responsive performance.

7. Full Coil suspension system. Fits a coil spring at each wheel that's been computer selected for specific model and equipment weight.

8. Fiberglass-reinforced radial ply tires. Have less rolling resistance than conventional bias ply tires and offer impressive traction.

9. Front stabilizer bar. Helps reduce body lean during sharp turns.

10. Front disc rear drum brakes. A self-adjusting system. Fade-resistant front disc brakes have audible wear sensors to let you know when to replace pads.

11. Dual-mode ventilation system with picture windows. On Malibu Sedans and Wagons this system allows the use of a rear door design with large, fixed picture windows. This door/window design also allows for easy entry and exit and gives you recessed rear door interiors. Behind the rear windows are beehive-style vents to give rear-seat passengers draft-free ventilation.

12. Customized body-mounting system. Helps isolate passenger area from road noise and vibration.

13. Inner fenders, front & rear. Help protect outer surfaces from salt and road debris for added corrosion protection.

14. Foam-backed, one-piece cloth headliner. For custom appearance and sound insulation.

15. Full carpeting. One-piece, water-resistant carpeting covers even under the front seats.

16. Compact spare tire. Provides more usable room in the trunk compartment. Lighter weight makes for easier handling.

17. Large trunk space. Gives you 16.9 wet-packed cubic feet of usable luggage capacity.

18. Body by Fisher. Beautiful on the outside. Rugged underneath. Double-panel doors, hood and deck lid, low-section roofline and pillars, heavily ribbed and formed underbody.

MORE STANDARDS
Extensive corrosion-resisting treatments include use of zinc-rich primed metal, special primers and waxes in strategic areas and/or zinc coatings on the frame and lower body.

• Full-weatherstrips and wheel opening moldings standard on all Malibu Classic models and Malibu Wagon
• Full-perimeter frame • stress ball

joint wear indicators on front suspension lower control arms • Delco-Remy generator with acid-state regulator

DIMENSIONS (IN INCHES)

Exterior	Sedan	Wagon
Wheelbase	108.1	108.1
Length (overall)	192.7	192.7
Width (overall)	71.9	71.9
Height (overall)	54.2	55.8

Interior	Sedan	Wagon
Head Room - Front	38.7	37.9
Leg Room - Front	41.8	41.8
Shoulder Room - Front	57.2	56.8
Hip Room - Front	52.2	51.7
Head Room - Rear	37.7	37.8
Leg Room - Rear	38.8	38.7
Shoulder Room - Rear	57.7	57.8
Hip Room - Rear	53.8	54.5
Usable Luggage Capacity (Vol. V.I.)	16.9	16.9

LONG RECOMMENDED SERVICE INTERVALS

Engine Oil	12 months or 1,000 miles
Oil Filter	12 months or 1,000 miles, plus 10,000-mile intervals
Spark Plugs	30,000 miles
Timing (Automatic)	12 months or 1,000 miles
Automatic Transmission	Every 100,000 miles

A WORD ABOUT ENGINES

The Chevrolets shown in this catalog are equipped with GM-built engines produced by various divisions. Please refer to the Malibu Power Teams chart shown on this page and ask your dealer for details.

ENGINE SELECTIONS

Selection includes both V6s and V8s. Choose the one that's just right for your kind of driving. Please refer to Power Teams chart at right for availability.

3.3 LITRE OR 3.8 LITRE V6 ENGINES

These engines represent a blend of six-cylinder and V8 design characteristics. The engine blocks and heads are cast iron. The 3.3 Litre V6 has a crankshaft with slightly offset rod journals to help assure a firing interval with a high degree of smoothness and good dynamic balance. Practical engines for most owner applications. The 3.3 Litre engine is standard in 49 states, not available in California.

4.4 LITRE V8 ENGINE

New for '78, this available short-stroke valve-in-head design V8 features a

MALIBU POWER TEAMS

Engine	High Altitude				Low Altitude				
	States	DC	PR	VI	States	DC	PR	VI	
ALL STATES EXCEPT CALIFORNIA									
3.3 Litre V6	49	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0
4.4 Litre V8	49	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0
3.8 Litre V6	49	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0
ALL STATES EXCEPT CALIFORNIA (with High Altitude Emission Equipment)									
3.3 Litre V6	49	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0
4.4 Litre V8	49	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0
3.8 Litre V6	49	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0
CALIFORNIA ONLY (with California Emission Requirements)									
3.3 Litre V6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4.4 Litre V8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

00 - Special 01 - No battery 02 - Outside of the U.S.
 03 - Not for sale in this state 04 - Fuel saving air pump (only on 4.4 Litre V8)
 05 - Fuel saving air pump (only on 4.4 Litre V8)
 06 - Fuel saving air pump (only on 4.4 Litre V8)
 07 - Fuel saving air pump (only on 4.4 Litre V8)
 08 - Fuel saving air pump (only on 4.4 Litre V8)
 09 - Fuel saving air pump (only on 4.4 Litre V8)
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 17 - Fuel saving air pump (only on 4.4 Litre V8)
 18 - Fuel saving air pump (only on 4.4 Litre V8)

cast iron cylinder block with full jacket cylinder cooling; a precision-balanced cast nodular iron crankshaft; hydraulic valve lifters; exhaust valve lifters; plus Quiet carburetor. Also includes

new improved Exhaust Gas Recirculation (EGR) and trapped vacuum spark control systems that contribute to improved drivability especially during engine warm-up.

5.0 LITRE V8 ENGINE

In addition to many of the features of the 4.4 Litre V8, the 5.0 Litre V8 offers larger displacement with 4-barrel carburetion for greater low-speed torque and ground-town cruising. This rugged available powerplant is impressive on the highway and well suited for hilly driving or towing. Ask your Chevy dealer for trailer towing information.



Available Options.

1. Vinyl roof cover. Covers entire roof, color-matched to your Malibu's exterior color. On Landau, vinyl covers rear portion of roof.

2. Special instrumentation. Adds tachometer, voltmeter, water temperature and oil pressure gauges, and an electric clock to your Malibu instrument panel.

4. Power door locks & windows. Convenience and security at the touch of a button.

6. Electric rear window defogger. Electric heating elements help keep rear window free of fog or frost, evenly and without drafts.

9. Power Sky Roof. Closes at the touch of a button, shades the sun and the sky or the moon and the stars a part of your interior decor. (Reduces front seat head-room slightly.)

11. Power radio antenna. Antenna automatically extends to its full height above fender when radio is turned on. Automatically lowers when radio is turned off.

12. Air conditioning. Provides cooling and ventilating functions with easy-to-operate controls.



3. Automatic Speed Control. Holds a steady speed without pressure on the accelerator. Disengages automatically when brake pedal is depressed. Available with automatic transmission and power brakes only.

5. Console. Includes storage compartment with padded armrest. Available on bucket-seat-equipped Malibu Classic Coupe and Landau Coupe.

7. Comfort steering wheel. Adjusts to six different positions for most comfortable driving angle and for easy entry and exiting.

8. Auxiliary lighting. Includes entry, courtesy and glove compartment lights (all standard on Malibu Classic) plus luggage compartment, under-hood lights, a time-delay dome light and headlight reminder buzzer.

10. Power vent windows. Both rear vent windows can be individually controlled in the rear or from the driver's seat position to enhance upper-level ventilation. Included with available power windows on Deluxe and Wagons.

13. Two remote sport mirrors. Right- and left-hand mirrors are adjustable from inside.

14. GM Delta radio. Choose from AM radios with or without stereo base system, AM/FM radio, AM/FM stereo radio, or AM/FM stereo with 5-track stereo tape, stereo cassette

tape, or Citizens Band radio with power antenna. Newly available is an AM/FM radio with digital-clock display. Stereo systems include auxiliary speakers. Windshield antenna included with factory-installed radio (except with Citizens Band radio).

For a more complete list of available options, see back cover.

A word about assembly, components and optional equipment in these Chevrolets.

The Chevrolets described in this brochure are assembled at facilities of General Motors Corporation operated by the GM Assembly Division or GM of Canada. These vehicles incorporate thousands of different components produced by various divisions of General Motors and by various suppliers to General Motors. From time to time during the manufacturing process, it may be necessary, in order to meet public demand for particular vehicles or equipment, or to meet federally mandated emissions, safety and fuel economy requirements, or for other reasons, to produce Chevrolet products with different components or differently sourced components than initially scheduled. All such components have been approved for use in Chevrolet products and will provide the quality performance associated with the Chevrolet name.

With respect to extra cost optional equipment, make certain you specify the type of equipment you desire on your vehicle when ordering it from your dealer. Some options may be unavailable when your car is built. Your dealer receives advice regarding current availability of options. You may ask the dealer for this information. GM also requests the dealer to advise you if an option you ordered is unavailable. We suggest you verify that your car includes the optional equipment you ordered as, if there are changes, that they are acceptable to you.

SAFETY FEATURES

OCCUPANT PROTECTION

- Seat belts with push-button buckles for all passenger positions • Two front combination seat and inertia reel shoulder belts for driver (with reminder light and buzzer) and right front passenger • Energy-absorbing steering column • Passenger guard door locks

- Safety door latches and stamped steel hinges • Folding seat back latches • Energy-absorbing padded instrument panel and front seat back tops • Contoured windshield header • Thick laminate windshield • Safety armrests • Safety steering wheel

ACCIDENT AVOIDANCE

- Side marker lights and reflectors • Parking lamps that illuminate with headlights • Four-way hazard warning flasher • Backup lights • Lane change feature in direction signal control • Windshield defrosters, wipers and

- dual speed wipers • Wide view inside mirror (vinyl-edged, shatter resistant glass and deflecting supports) • Outside rearview mirror • Dual master cylinder brake system with steering light • Starter safety switch • Dual action safety foot latch

ANTI-THEFT

- Anti-theft ignition key-reminder buzzer • Anti-theft steering column lock

Reasons to buy Malibu.

- Distinctive design concept that combines styling innovation with good interior roominess.
- Impressive interior roominess, comfort and convenience.
 - More head room, front and rear.*
 - More leg room, front and rear.*
 - More usable trunk room.*
- Smooth, quiet ride with good roadability.
- Quality engineered and designed for value.
 - Full-frame construction with 14 isolating body mounts.
 - More anti-corrosion treatments.*
 - Double-panel construction in doors, hood & deck lid.

*All comparisons relate to 1977 Malibu Coupes and Sedans.

BUILD YOUR OWN MALIBU.

(See your Chevrolet dealer for current ordering information and specific model/option availability.)

MODELS (Wagon models covered in separate catalog.)

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Malibu Classic Sport Coupe | <input type="checkbox"/> Malibu Sport Coupe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Malibu Classic Sedan | <input type="checkbox"/> Malibu Sedan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Malibu Classic Landau Coupe | |

COLORS (See chart on page 10 for color availabilities and combinations.)

Exterior color _____ Second color (if Custom Two-Tone paint) _____
Interior color _____ Vinyl roof color _____

ENGINES (See chart on page 13 for availability.)

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3.3 Liter 2-Std. V6 (200 Cu. In.)—Std† | <input type="checkbox"/> 4.4 Liter 2-Std. V8 (267 Cu. In.)—Avail* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3.8 Liter 2-Std. V6 (231 Cu. In.)—Avail | <input type="checkbox"/> 5.0 Liter 4-Std. V8 (305 Cu. In.)—Avail. |

TRANSMISSIONS (See chart on page 13 for availability.)

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Three-Speed Manual (Std.†) | <input type="checkbox"/> Four-Speed manual (Avail.†) | <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic (Avail.) |
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AVAILABLE OPTIONS

- Air conditioning
- Vinyl roof 1†
- Deluxe color-keyed seat and shoulder belts
- Power brakes
- Power steering
- Power windows
- Electric lock
- Comfortit steering wheel
- Console
- Automatic speed control
- Power door lock system
- Electric rear window defogger
- Rear window defogger, blower type
- Tinted glass
- Bumper rub-strap
- Bumper guards
- Auxiliary lighting
- Deluxe luggage compartment bin
- Dome reading light
- Special instrumentation (Includes electric clock, tachometer, voltmeter, temperature and oil pressure gauges.)
- Quiet Sound Group†
- Intermittent windshield wiper system
- Color-keyed floor mats, front and rear
- Body side pin striping††

MOLDINGS

- Deluxe body side moldings
- Door edge guards
- Wheel opening moldings†

SOUND EQUIPMENT

- AM radio
- AM/FM radio
- AM/FM Citizens Band radio with power antenna
- AM/FM stereo Citizens Band radio with power antenna
- AM/FM stereo radio
- AM/FM stereo radio with 8-track stereo tape
- AM/FM stereo radio with stereo cassette tape
- AM/FM stereo radio with digital clock display
- AM radio with 8-track stereo tape
- Dual front speakers
- Rear seat speaker
- Power antenna

SEATING

- 50/50 split front seat
- Bucket seats
- Six-way power seat

WHEELS AND WHEEL COVERS

- Full wheel cover††
- Color-keyed Rally wheels
- Sport wheel covers (silver and gold)††
- Wire wheel covers

SPECIAL SUSPENSIONS

- F41 Sport suspension
- Heavy-duty front and rear suspension

TIRES

- P185/75R-14 fiberglass-belted radial ply white stripe
- P185/75R-14 steel-belted radial ply wide white stripe
- P205/70R-14 steel-belted radial ply white stripe or white lettered (F41 Sport suspension required.)

MIRRORS

- Remote control outside rearview mirror—LH
- Twin remote sport mirrors
- Sport mirrors—LH remote and RH manual
- RH visor mirror
- Illuminated RH visor mirror

MISCELLANEOUS

- Performance axle ratio
- Limited slip differential
- Heavy-duty battery
- Litter container
- Sage Package (Includes temperature, voltmeter and oil pressure gauges.)
- 63-amp Delcotron generator
- Dual horn†
- Heavy-duty radiator
- Power sky roof
- Power trunk opener

*Not available in California.
†Standard on Malibu Classic models.
††Standard on Malibu Classic Landau.

