



Renault believes a modern automobile should be more than just a means of transportation. It should be highly space-efficient to make every inch of its body room count. It should be extremely economical to buy and drive, saving every bit of energy it can. But perhaps most important of all, it should be more than just a metal box on wheels. It should be a lively, gracious partner in the adventure of driving.

Le Car was built to meet these goals. Less than twelve feet long, it can seat four adults in comfort and still dart through crowded city traffic with ease. Its low suggested list price, excellent fuel economy and front wheel drive make it easy to buy and drive. And personality? You only have to see Le Car to sense its spirit.

In Europe, where driving is a passion, over one and a half million people have driven Le Car home. They've already found the fun a fresh new small-car idea brings. Now it's your turn. Step into your local Renault dealer's showroom, he's got the most stylish mini around.

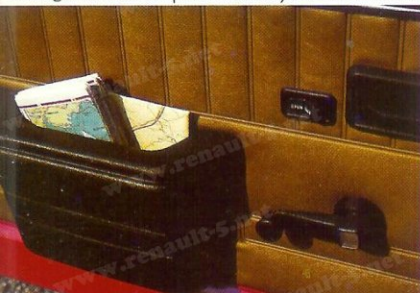
Le Car by Renault



Le Car of the Year. Friendly, Fun and



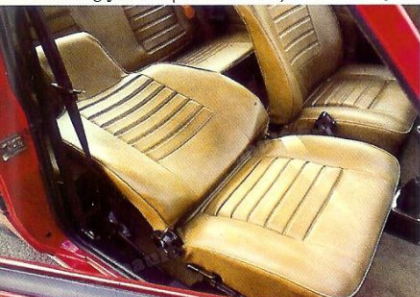
Swing-out window (GTL Deluxe) aids ventilation



Combination arm rest/storage bin (GTL Deluxe)



Front seat action assures easy access to rear . . . Reclining feature (GTL Deluxe) allows comfort.



With the rear seat folded, Le Car holds 31.5 cu. ft.



You don't need to be an expert to tell that Le Car is different from other small cars.

First of all, its styling is unique. In a world full of look alike automobiles, Le Car stands out. Its graceful, natural curves could have been sculpted by Nature herself. In the best tradition of French art, Renault's stylists made Le Car an appealing, fashionable shape at home in any driveway. But they didn't stop with aesthetics. In order to make Le Car as practical as possible, they put Le Car's wheels at its very corners to provide an amazing amount of interior room. (With the rear seat folded, Le Car has a 31.5 cubic foot trunk!)

Inside, comfort was the goal for Le Car, and we think a test ride will convince you that the engineers managed to place Le Car in a small-car league of its own. In addition to the special available seats which both recline (on GTL Deluxe) and move forward for easy rear-seat access, they designed a long-travel independent suspension system that allows each of Le Car's wheels to take bumps and dips without disturbing the rest of the car. Together, the plush

* GTL Deluxe only.

** Optional all models.

seats and suspension give Le Car a ride so good you have to feel it to believe it.

While they were at it, the engineers gave Le Car a lively 1.3-liter engine with an iron block for quietness and an aluminum cylinder head for optimum performance. Drawing its air and fuel through one of Eduardo Weber's famous carburetors, it can take Le Car to 90 mph and still deliver 26 mpg in the city or 41 on the highway; 31 mpg combined. In California: city 25 mpg; highway 37 mpg; 29 mpg combined. (These are official EPA estimates. Your actual mileage may vary according to your driving habits, car condition or other factors.) They didn't forget steering or stopping either: Le Car has rack-and-pinion steering and front disc brakes for safety.

And of course Le Car has front wheel drive. Which means better traction in bad weather and less interior space taken up with intruding driveline components like the drive shaft or transmission. Le Car's is a four-speed manual transmission with ratios chosen to give excellent acceleration in cut-and-thrust city driving,

† Standard GTL Deluxe, optional GTL base.



Fashionable

as well as a final drive ratio allowing good high-way cruising speed.

Complementing this ingenious design are a host of standard and optional features that can tailor Le Car even more fashionably. Features like a giant sun roof* that you open not with a cumbersome mechanical winder, but with a simple fold — just like a baby carriage. It gives Le Car a window on the sky so big you'll think of it as a combination sedan and convertible. There's more too: thickly padded dashboard, steering wheel* and sun visors. Rear-window defogger† and wiper / washer.* Custom sport wheels,** air conditioning,** and even wood-grain ski and luggage racks!**

But the best feature of Le Car is its go-anywhere personality, produced by the sum of all the above plus the special atmosphere that has come with virtually every Renault built since the first one (which was back in 1898!). You can even race Le Car in the Sports Car Club of America's Showroom Stock series, with the help of Renault's racing program.

Even though Le Car fits a smaller parking space than Toyota, Honda or Rabbit, it rides like a luxury car and steers like a sports car.



In the middle, a jumbo sun roof and 31.5 cubic feet of carrying capacity. And at both ends, sturdy polyurethane-covered bumpers that can take a 5-mph impact with no damage to the car.



Les Specifications

ENGINE DESIGN

Cast iron block, Aluminum head
Type: Overhead valve, 4-cylinder in-line
Displacement: 78.66 cu. in. (1289 cc)
Compression ratio: USA / 9.5:1
California / 8.5:1

Maximum horsepower: USA / 60 @ 6000
California / 58 @ 6000
Maximum torque: USA / 70 @ 3500
California / 69.6 @ 3500

Fuel requirement:
USA / premium (94 Avg. octane)
California / unleaded (87 Avg. octane)

DRIVE TRAIN

Type: Front wheel drive
Transmission: Fully-synchronized 4-speed
manual transaxle
Clutch: Single dry disc
Final drive ratio: 3.625

CHASSIS AND SUSPENSION

Body: Unitized monocoque with undercoating
Front suspension: Independent, unequal-length
control arms, torsion bars, double-acting
hydraulic telescopic shock absorbers,
stabilizer bar

Rear suspension: Independent, trailing arms,
torsion bars, double-acting hydraulic
telescopic shock absorbers, stabilizer bar
Brakes: Dual hydraulic, Bendix vacuum power
booster (GTL Deluxe only); Front self-
adjusting disc brakes; Rear, drum brakes,
load sensitive pressure limiting valve
Tires: Steel-belted Michelin ZX radials
size / 145 x 13

STEERING

Rack-and-pinion
Ratio: 20.0:1
Steering turns: lock-to-lock / 3.75
Turning circle: curb to curb / 32.0 ft.
(9.74 m)

DIMENSIONS AND CAPACITIES

Wheelbase: 95.2 in. (2419 mm)
Overall length: 142 in. (3609 mm)
Overall width: 60 in. (1525 mm)
Overall height (empty): 55.0 in. (1402 mm)
Ground clearance (loaded): 5.5 in. (147 mm)
Curb weight: 1819 lbs. (825 kg)
Fuel tank: 10 gal. (38 liters)

Luggage compartment (total): 9.5 cu. ft.
(270 Dm³)
Luggage compartment (rear seat folded):
31.5 cu. ft. (900 Dm³)

BODY COLORS

Glen yellow
Chipper orange
Rally red
Moonlight black
Metallic gold
Metallic silver
Metallic brown
Metallic blue

Check your Renault Dealer for interior and
exterior color availability according to model.

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