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Sunbeam Rapier

NOW WITH LARGER 1.6 LITER ENGINE



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This is the car that has gained such fame in international
have *proved* the performance, stamina and reliability
(fully proved in the Sunbeam Alpine), the Sunbeam Rapier has
response than ever before. Other features include in
Every time you drive the Sunbeam Rapier, you
handling a rally-bred car. Here you have ample power for
over 90 m.p.h. – yet giving a docile performance in city traffic
with front disc brakes, give confidence and great safety.
one of the finest cars on the road, beautifully designed
quality-finished throughout. A car that

“It pays to buy a winner”, says JACK BR

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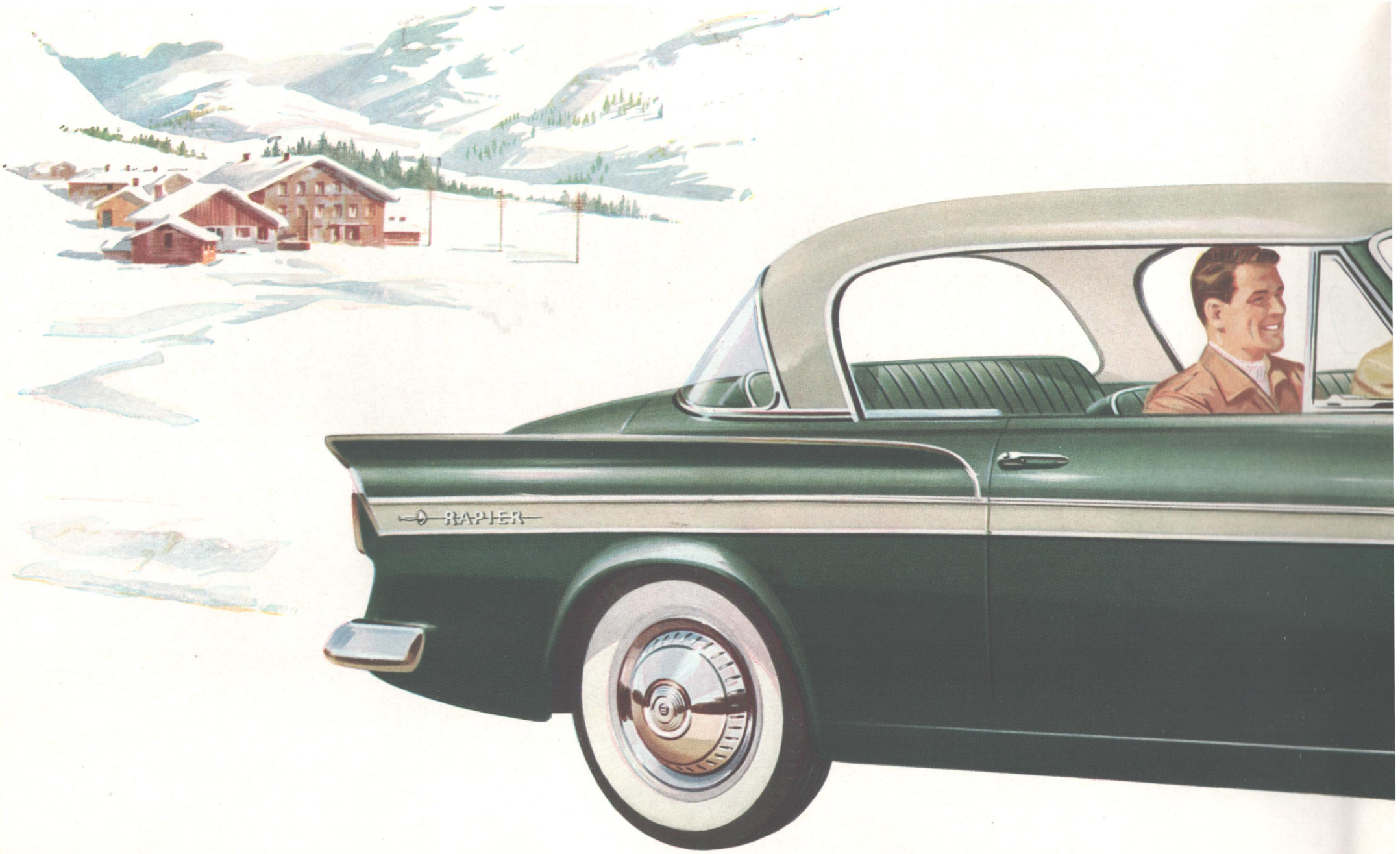
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-now powered by a 1.6 liter engine

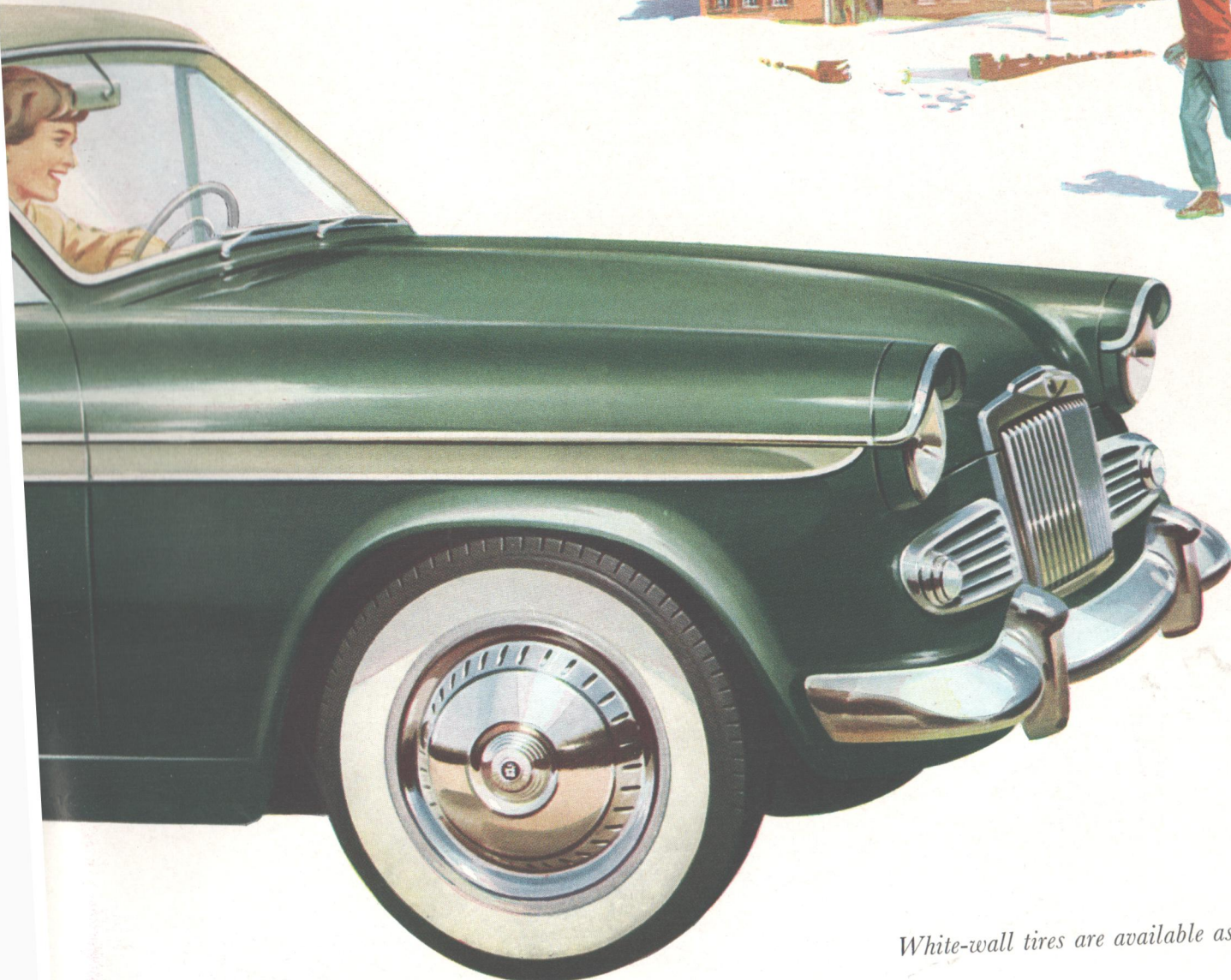
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of the Sunbeam Rapier. Now, with a 1.6 liter engine,
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BHAM World Champion Racing Driver, 1959 and 1960



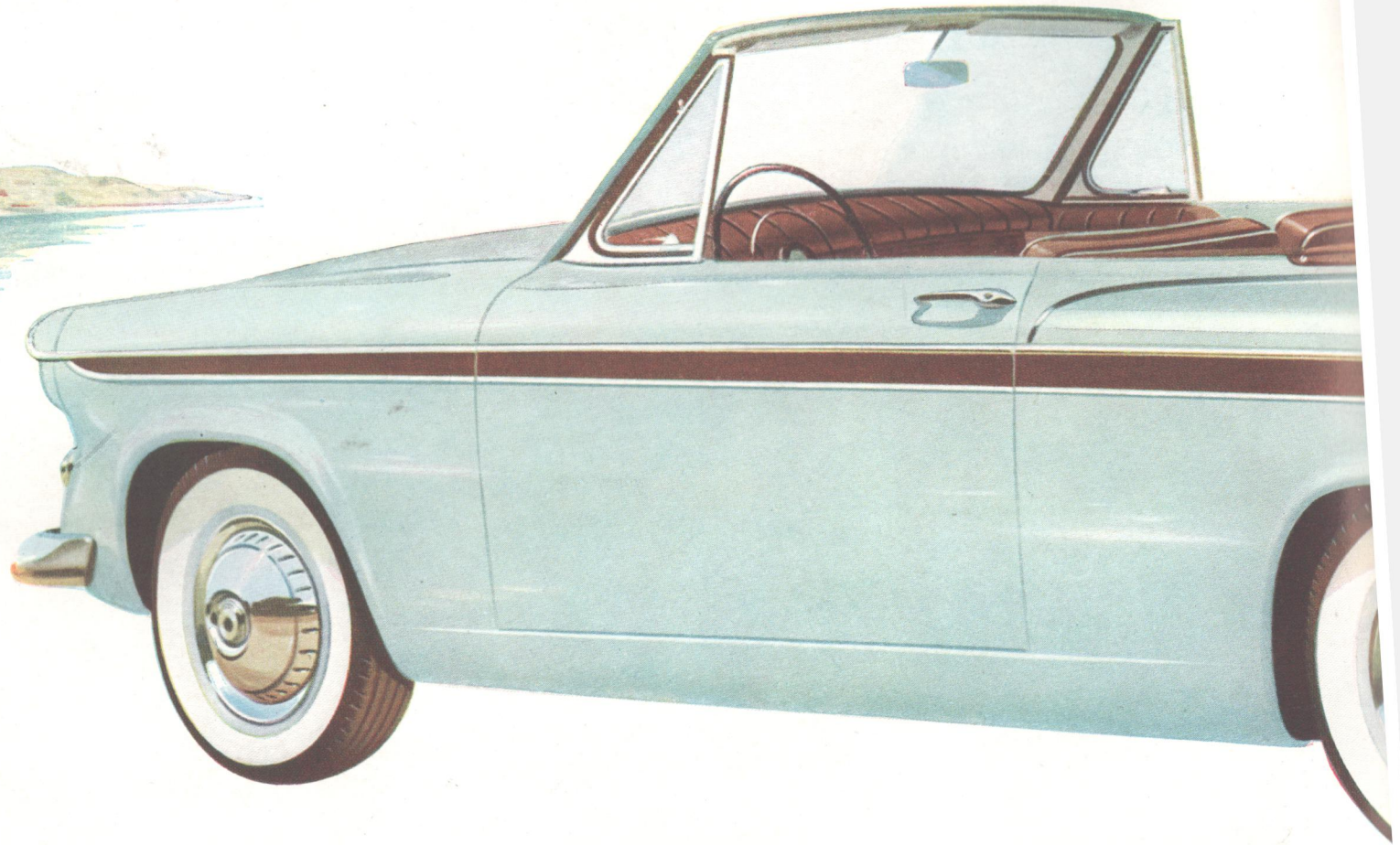
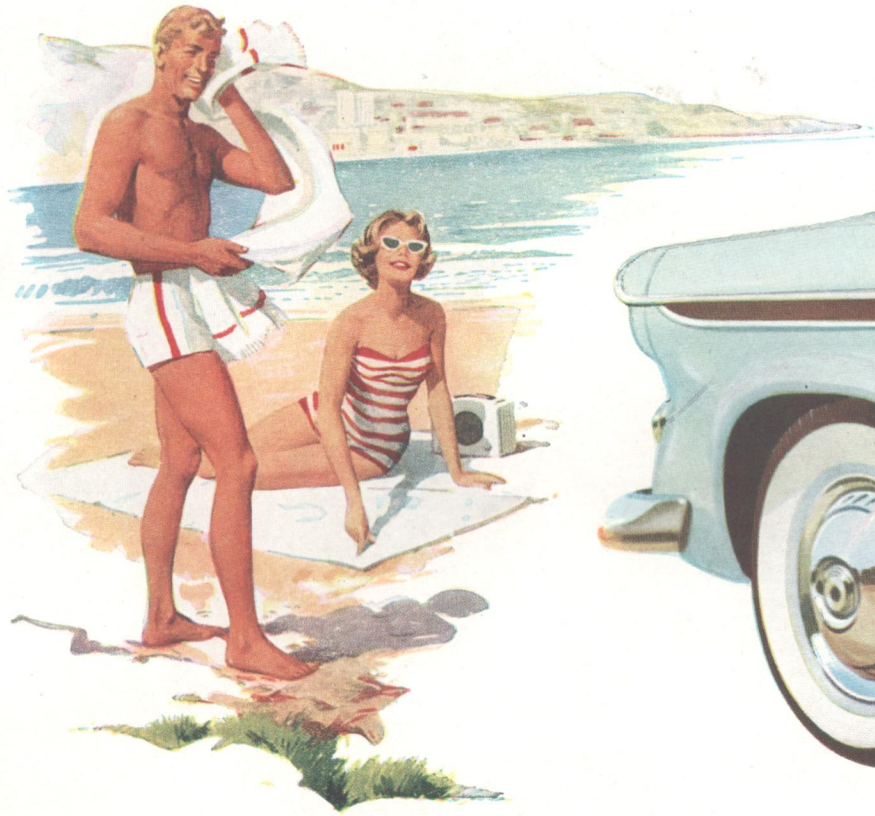
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White-wall tires are available as an extra

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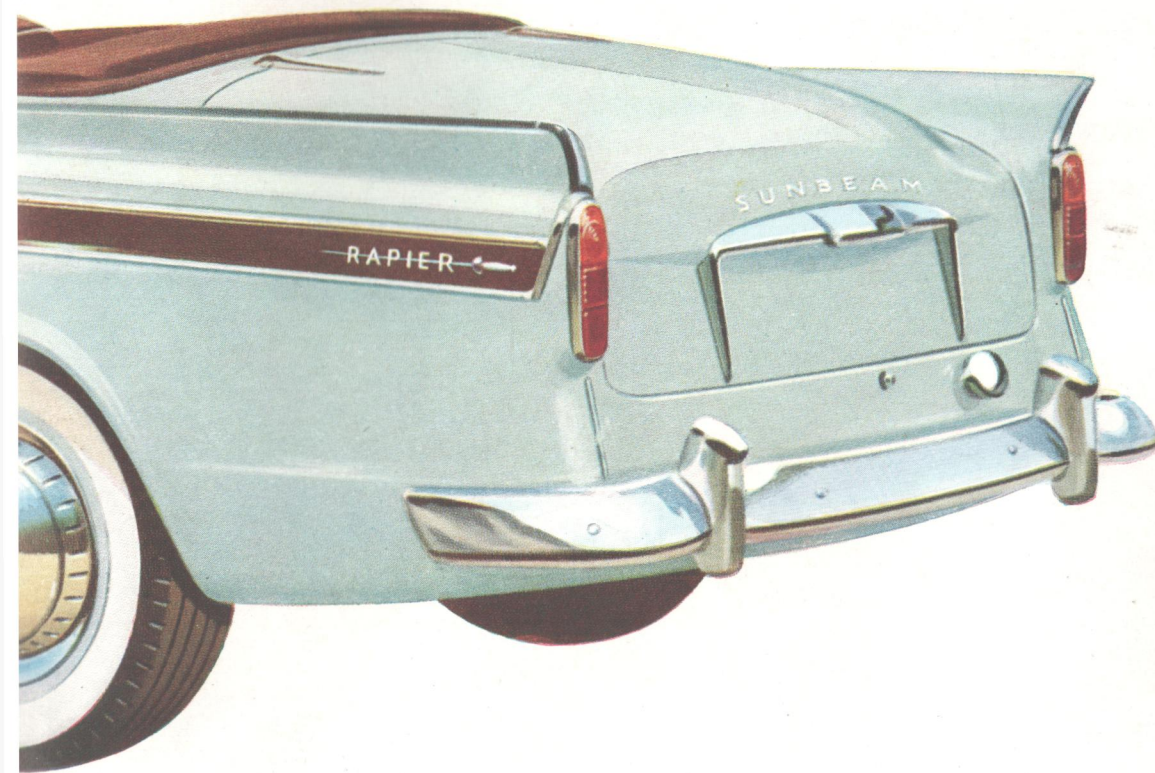


More spirited performance—quiet, effortless... ec

with a great reputation for Rally achievement

Sunbeam flair in modern styling is brilliantly displayed in this exciting, rally-bred car. Swift, low-swept lines tell of speed and sparkling performance. Fine craftsmanship and high quality finish are evident in every detail.

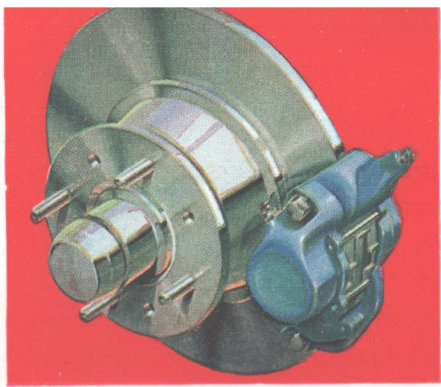
A deep, wide windshield enhances appearance and increases driving safety. Note the smart radiator side-grilles, the neatly-styled headlamp cowlings, the over-riders on front and rear bumpers. Side flashes add elegance with contrasting color.



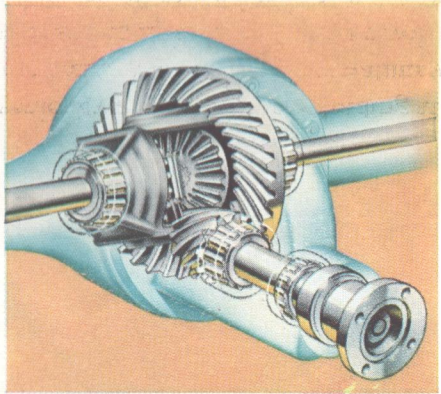
There are two exciting Sunbeam Rapier models to choose from . . . a Sports Sedan and a smart Convertible. The Sports Sedan is luxurious and offers exceptional comfort. Wide-opening doors and a 'step-down' floor give easy access to all seats. The fully wrapped-round rear window and the slender window pillars ensure excellent all-round visibility. The Sunbeam Rapier Convertible has all the luxury features of the Sedan model. The smartly tailored 'top' can be quickly adjusted to any of three positions. Fully closed, you have a draught-proof, cosy sedan. Half open, a chic coupé-de-ville. Fully open, an open car of sporting appearance. Whatever your choice, an exhilarating motoring experience awaits you – the joy of travel in a rally-built car that is powerful in performance with a smoothness and quietness of running unparalleled in its class.

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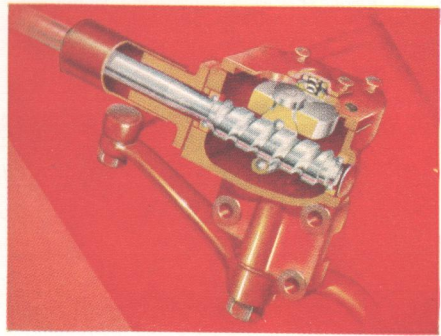
Front wheels have fade-resistant disc brakes; rear wheels, large-area drum brakes. This combination provides an extremely efficient braking system, with safe, progressive braking at all speeds.



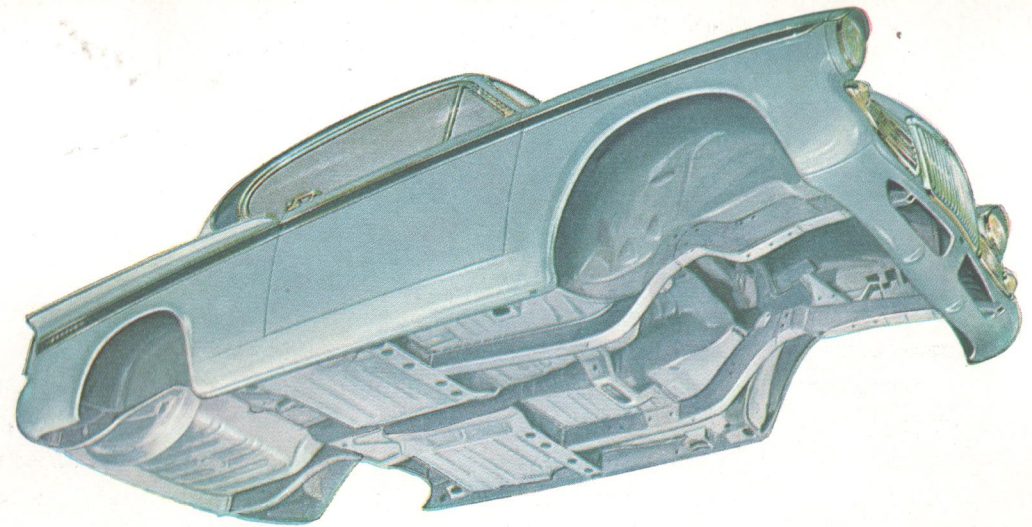
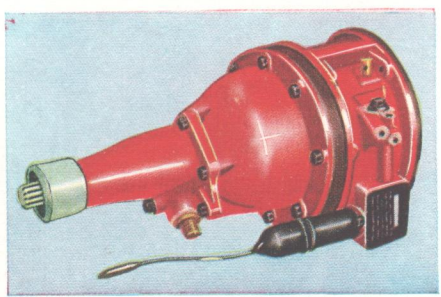
A robust, precision-built rear axle unit, with semi-floating hubs, incorporates a hypoid final drive with a ratio of 4.22:1 (4.86:1 with overdrive). Thick rubber cushions insulate the axle from the suspension. High torque capacity and built-in rigidity ensure quiet operation at all speeds.



A high-efficiency steering unit, of recirculating ball design, gives precision control – makes handling easy under all road conditions.

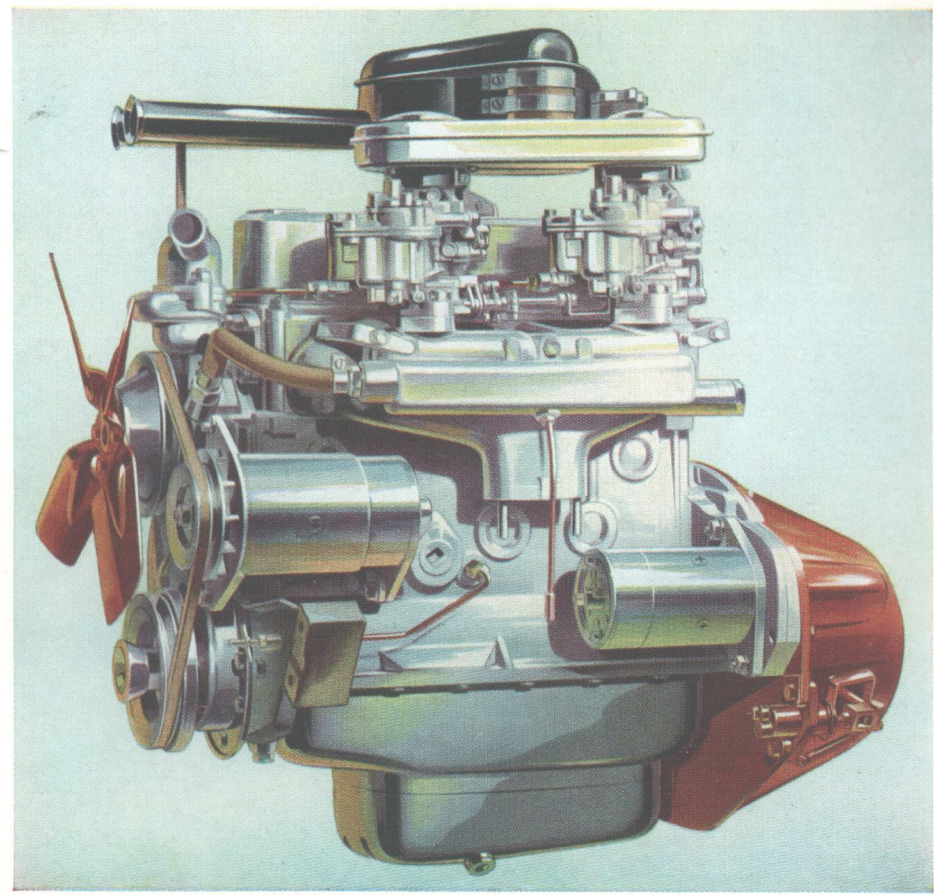


Laycock-de Normanville Overdrive, available as an extra, operates on high and third gears, improves still further the Rapier's excellent performance and economises on fuel. Overdrive is operated simply by flicking a switch conveniently positioned on the steering column.



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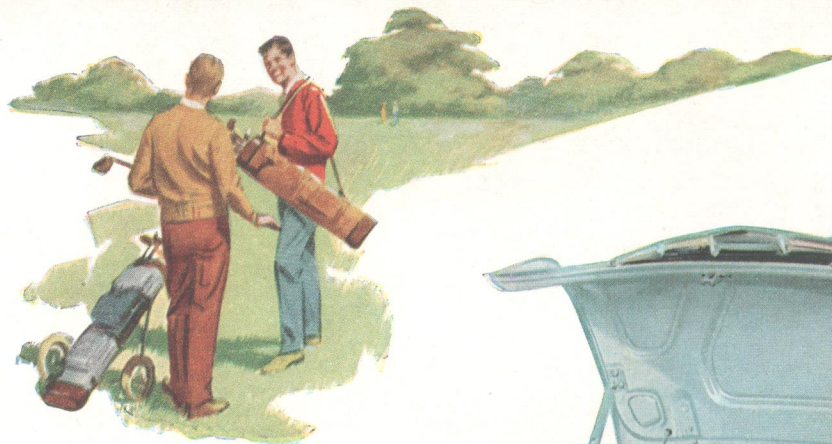
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Unitary construction is the strongest and safest form of body-chassis structure. Rapier design utilises a unique combination of longitudinal and transverse members such a way that stresses are more evenly distributed. Torsional strength is very high. 'Down' floor incorporated in the chassis gives a low center of gravity – with stability and interior roominess. The body is protected against rust and corrosion – deadening material has been extensively applied.

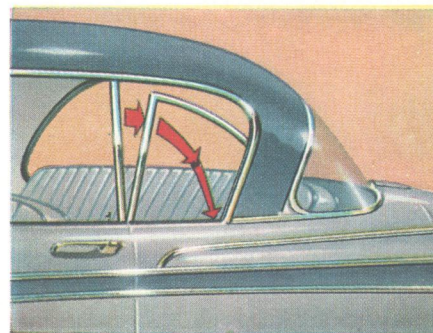
·6 liter Rapier power unit

A precision-built engine of higher capacity has been developed to give power and acceleration, with livelier performance in all gears, whilst saving fuel economy. It is fitted with twin carburetors that ensure smooth operation. Improved features include pistons of new design, a dry filter, and self-adjusting clutch. The engine has a capacity of 1592 c.c., compression ratio of 9·1:1 and develops 80·25 h.p. at 5,100 r.p.m. Other notable features are: an aluminum cylinder head for maximum thermal efficiency, inclined valves-in-head with a new arrangement of inlet and outlet porting for efficient heat distribution, a special water heated inlet manifold of advanced design, a high tensile steel crank-shaft fitted with a vibration damper for smoother running, plus an unusually rigid crank block for longer engine life.

Improved handling and road-holding, a larger anti-roll bar is now incorporated in the Sunbeam Rapier's excellent suspension system.

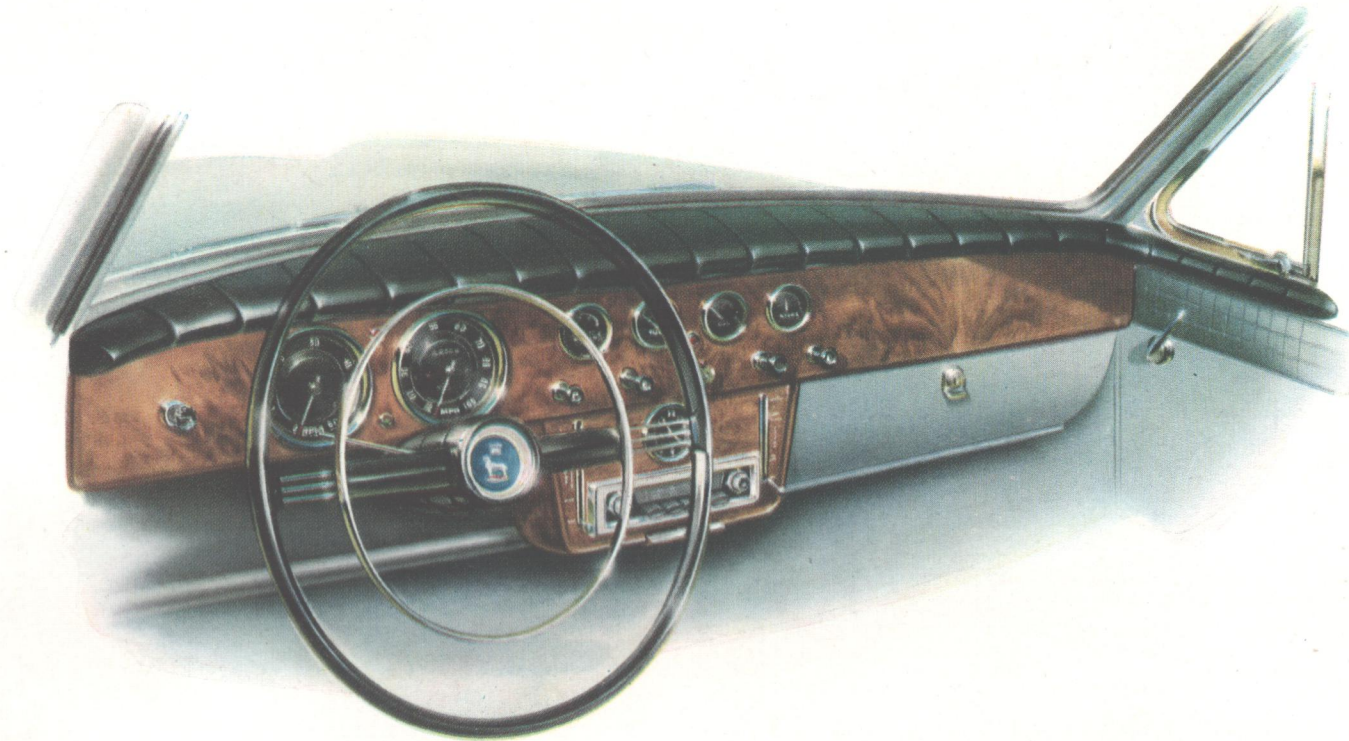


The spacious trunk has weather-sealed protection. Lid is spring-assisted and stays open when loading or unloading. Stylish rearlamp clusters enclose flashing turn signals, reflectors and stop/tail lamp.



The rear quarter-lights can be fully opened and closed. Both models have adjustable front and quarter-lights and a very efficient, easily regulated ventilating system.

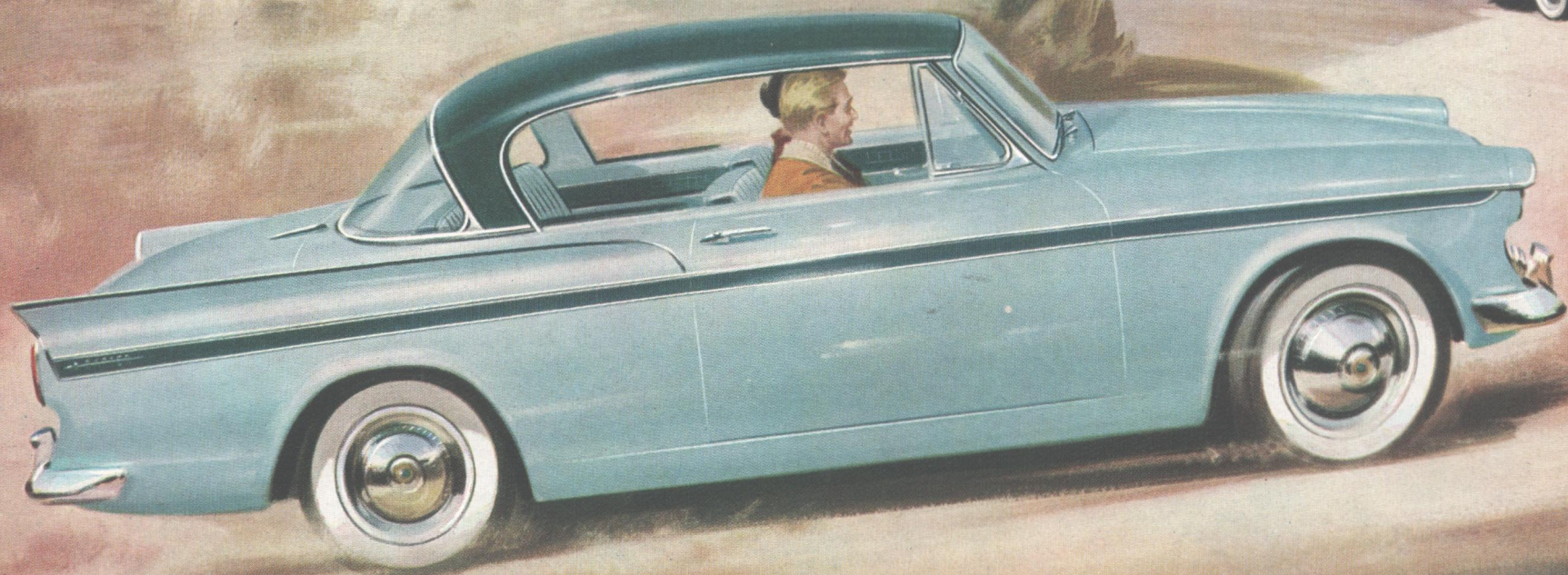
Interior elegance combining luxury and comfort



Instruments are conveniently grouped for easy reading at speed – all controls immediately to hand. Above the dash of walnut veneer is a padded safety roll. Standard equipment includes a revolution counter, coolant temperature, fuel and oil gauges, ammeter, two-speed windshield wipers, panel floodlight, choke control and cigar lighter. There is provision for overdrive, radio, heater and clock as extras. A lockable glove-box and parcels tray are provided. The short center-floor gear shift has been developed to provide more rapid, positive changes and is positioned for easy operation. Certainly you will agree that the Sunbeam Rapier is outstanding from every viewpoint – a car of style and stamina plus a world-wide reputation for reliability.

See the exceptional elegance and luxury of this spacious, planned-to-perfection interior . . . its delightful trim and its quality appointments. Feel the comfort of the beautifully upholstered seats, cradled within the wheelbase, and specially designed to eliminate fatigue. Deep and wide, cushioned in foam rubber, they offer the maximum of comfort. In the rear, smartly contoured side arm-rests enhance passenger well being. The front seats are fully adjustable for legroom, and tilt forward for access to the rear compartment. Yes . . . for mile upon mile you ride relaxed – free to enjoy a new motoring pleasure which comes with Sunbeam ownership.





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