

Vanden Plas 1-5/1-7



...that look of distinction

The phrase 'good quality' has a distinctly old-fashioned ring—but there is a place for such a traditional expression in today's phrenetic, cost-conscious world. The quiet popularity enjoyed by the Vanden Plas is ample proof of that, and now that it is available with a twin carburetter 1.5 litre engine and manual transmission or a fully automatic 1.7 litre single carburetter

engine and automatic transmission, this unique motor car will attract even more of the world's most discerning motorists.

Totally international in concept, it looks equally at home in Rome, Paris or Vienna—yet its distinctive Vanden Plas air of good breeding is unmistakably British.

A combination of front wheel drive and steel-braced radial-ply tyres provides remarkable road-holding and cornering abilities. Moreover, because the weight of the power unit is over

the driving wheels, front wheel drive inspires confident, safe handling, especially on wet or snow covered roads.

That remarkably compact exterior makes for supremely simple handling in city traffic, yet the interior is spacious enough to make touring a really relaxing affair.

Luxurious yet unostentatious, powerful yet economical, the Vanden Plas 1.5 and 1.7 are truly cars for discriminating people.







... that thoughtful luxury



The interior of the Vanden Plas saloons is a triumph of good design—and naturally, it's totally luxurious. You'll find deep-pile wall-to-wall carpet underfoot—there to provide extra sound-proofing as much as for its sumptuous good looks. Those fully reclining front seats are adjustable fore-and-aft, and all the seats are upholstered in knit-backed expanded vinyl with fluted hide panels for the wearing surfaces. There are, of course, dual armrests for everyone. And the Vanden Plas standard specification now includes a push-button radio and tinted glass windows all round.

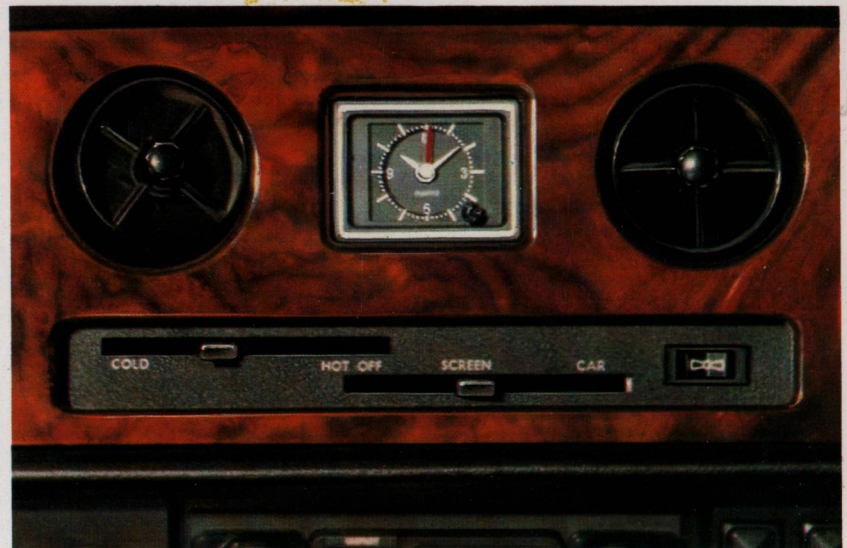
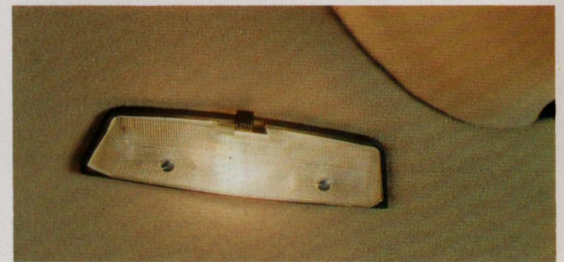
You'll find a full luxury specification on the technical side, too. That renowned *Hydragas suspension will cushion you comfortably, even over indifferent roads. And, whether you choose the powerful twin-carburettor 1.5, with its five-speed gearbox, or the smooth and relaxing fully-automatic 1.7, you'll enjoy effortless acceleration and refreshingly economical cruising.

Luxury must include safety and in that respect the Vanden Plas is extremely well endowed. Just consider a few of the most desirable features; rack and pinion steering, safety steering-column, dual-line servo-assisted brakes, hazard warning lamps, rectangular sealed beam headlamps supplemented by twin fog-lamps, matt black windscreen wipers and exterior mirror and a powerful rear fog-guard lamp.

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The Vanden Plas is so comprehensively equipped that there is little scope for optional extras. Your principal choice, of course, lies in the car itself. The 1.5 offers you sparkling performance, with twin carburetters and a five-speed gearbox making the most of the lively 1.5 litre engine. Or, for greater relaxation, you may decide upon the Vanden Plas 1.7, with its

large and silky smooth single-carburetter engine and perfectly matched automatic gearbox. Virtually all the other Vanden Plas refinements and appointments are—like those surprisingly useful rear seat picnic tables—standard fittings on either car, combining to present a remarkable value-for-money package.



Specifications

Engine (1.5 model): Four cylinder, transverse overhead valve with single overhead camshaft. Bore 3.0 in (76.2 mm); stroke 3.2 in (81.28 mm); capacity 1485 cc (91 in³); b.h.p. †77 at 5,750 rev/min; maximum torque †13.42 kgf m at 3,250 rev/min; compression ratio 9.0 : 1.

Engine (1.7 model): Four cylinder, transverse, overhead valve with single overhead camshaft. Bore 3.0 in (76.2 mm); stroke 3.77 in (95.76 mm); capacity 1748 cc (107 in³); b.h.p. †72 at 4,900 rev/min; maximum torque †13.42 kgf m at 2,600 rev/min; compression ratio 8.75 : 1

Fuel System: Mechanical fuel pump. Tank capacity 10.5 gallons (47.7 litres). Twin S.U. Type HIF4 carburettors (1.5 model); single S.U. Type HS6 carburettor (1.7 model).

Cooling System: Closed pressurized system with expansion tank and thermostatically controlled, electrically operated fan. Capacity 11.5 pints (6.5 litres) including heater.

Clutch (1.5 model): Diaphragm spring 7.75 in (0.20 m) diameter.

Gearbox (1.5 model): Five speed, synchromesh on forward gears. remote control gear-lever. Ratios: First 3.202 : 1; second 2.004 : 1; third 1.372 : 1; fourth 1.000 : 1; fifth 0.869 : 1; reverse 3.467 : 1.

Gearbox (1.7 model): Automatic with hydraulic torque converter coupling. Ratios: first 2.612 : 1; second 1.807 : 1; third 1.446 : 1; fourth 1.000 : 1; reverse 3.467 : 1.

Final Drive: Front-wheel drive, open shafts with constant velocity joints. Ratio: 3.647 : 1 (1.5 model); 3.8 : 1 (1.7 model).

Steering: Rack and pinion. Safety steering-column. Turning circle 33 ft 3 in (10.13 m) approximately.

Suspension: Independent with *Hydragas suspension units interconnected front to rear.

Brakes: Dual-line diagonal split, hydraulically operated with servo-assistance. 9.68 in (0.25 m) diameter discs at front, 8 in (0.20 m) diameter drums with leading/trailing shoes at rear.

Wheels and Tyres: Pressed steel disc wheels with 155—13 radial-ply tyres.

Electrical: 12 volt. Alternator. Multi-purpose lever on right-hand of steering-column controls horn, headlamp flasher, dipswitch, and self-cancelling direction indicators. Lever on left-hand of steering-column controls electric windscreen washer and two-speed windscreen wipers with flick-wipe facility. Twin horns. Side repeater flashers. Hazard warning lamps. Twin fog-lamps. Reversing lamps. Electrically heated rear window. Fresh air heater/demister with air blend and two-speed blower controls. Combined ignition/starter switch incorporates steering-column lock. Three courtesy lights, one on windscreen header rail and one on each rear quarter panel. Cigar lighter. Boot lamp. Radio. Rear fog-guard lamp.

Instruments: Speedometer with distance recorder. Fuel, water temperature and battery condition gauges. Warning lamps to indicate low oil pressure, headlamp high beam, flashers working, no charge and hazard warning lamps working. Clock.

Coachwork: Four-door saloon of all-steel unitary construction with underbody protection and wax-injected body sills. Sill protectors. Trimmed rear parcel shelf. Full-width veneered walnut fascia board with instruments and face-level fresh air vents. Twin sun visors with vanity mirror on passenger's visor. Laminated tinted windscreen. Tinted window glass. Carpet over felt floor covering. Anti-burst door locks (incorporating child safety catch on rear doors) operated by recessed handles and door sill locking buttons on the inside; flush fitting handles on the outside. Arm-rests incorporating pulls on all doors. Ashtrays front and rear. Coat hooks. Seats trimmed in knit-backed expanded vinyl with fluted hide panels for seat wearing surfaces. Interior rear-view mirror, twin exterior door mounted mirrors. Interior bonnet release. Boot carpet. Front reclining seats with centre arm-rest. Head restraints. Rear bench-type seat with pull-down centre arm-rest. Picnic tables in rear of front seats. Crash pad surrounding fascia. Nylon cloth head lining. Stitched handbrake gaiter. Companion compartment mounted on each front door. Door trim pad in unique Vanden Plas style with sewn feature line, black padded cappings and walnut strip inserts. Lockable glovebox with veneered walnut lid. Additional sound deadening. Grab handles above rear windows. Hinged fuel filler lid with lockable cap. Full-width chromium plated bumpers with plastic facings. Factory fitted inertia reel front seat belts are supplied; anchorages are provided for the fitting of rear seat belts. Provision is made for the fitting of two child safety seats.

Optional Extra: Metallic paint finish.

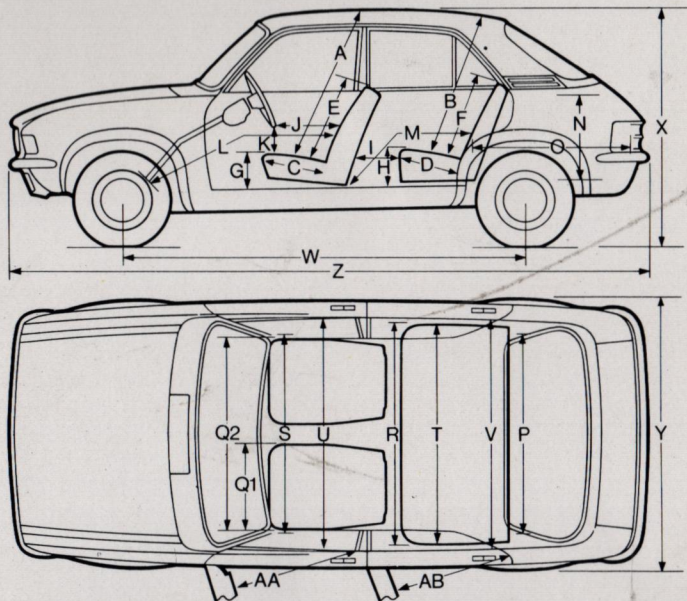
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Dimensions

	cm	in	
Front seat headroom (uncompressed)	A	90.35	35.58
Rear seat headroom (uncompressed)	B	78.30	30.84
Front seat cushion depth	C	45.50	17.92
Rear seat cushion depth	D	46.40	18.26
Front seat squab height	E	54.80	21.58
Rear seat squab height	F	53.60	21.10
Front seat cushion height	G	33.25	13.10
Rear seat cushion height	H	36.00	14.18
Distance between seats max.	I	48.75	19.18
Distance between seats min.	I	24.85	9.78
Steering wheel to squab max.	J	42.75	16.84
Steering wheel to squab min	J	20.35	8.01
Steering wheel to cushion	K	15.85	6.25
Front seat leg reach max.	L	120.50	47.47
Front seat leg reach min.	L	100.55	39.59
Rear seat leg reach max.	M	138.60	54.57
Rear seat leg reach min.	M	114.15	44.94
Luggage boot height	N	55.88	22.00
Luggage boot depth	O	80.64	31.75
Luggage boot width with spare wheel	P	92.71	36.50
Front seat cushion width	Q ¹	52.70	20.75
Front cushions overall width	Q ²	115.00	45.27
Rear cushions overall width	R	130.80	51.50
Width between front doors	S	130.90	51.54
Width across rear seat	T	130.80	51.50
Shoulder width over front seat	U	130.80	51.50
Shoulder width over rear seat	V	129.40	50.94
Wheelbase	W	244.20	96.14
Overall height at kerb laden	X	139.05	54.75
Overall width	Y	161.30	63.52
Overall length	Z	391.80	154.25
Front door entry width	AA	71.25	28.03
Rear door entry width	AB	69.25	27.24
Track front		138.00	54.33
Track rear		138.20	54.41

All dimensions given are approximate and therefore may vary between models.



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Model	Urban Driving		Constant Speed			
			56 mph (90 kph)		75 mph (120 kph)	
	L/100 mpg	L/100 km	L/100 mpg	L/100 km	L/100 mpg	L/100 km
Vanden Plas 1.5 Saloon Man.	28.1	10.1	41.5	6.8	31.2	9.1
Vanden Plas 1.7 Saloon Auto.	28.0	10.1	32.9	8.6	24.0	11.8

Fuel Consumption Tests

The results of the officially approved tests for this range of models in miles per gallon and litres per 100 kilometres are as shown in the table.

Important Note

The results given here do not express or imply any guarantee of the fuel consumption of any particular car. Tests are not made on each car and there are inevitable differences between individual cars of the same model. Furthermore fuel consumption will be affected by particular modifications, by the driver's style and road and traffic conditions and by the extent to which a particular car has been driven and its standard of maintenance.

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