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You'll find more than a few surprises in this brochure. You'll find out what makes Meteor so space efficient that it carries 5 adults in comfort – yet it handles like a small car. You'll discover the technology that gives Meteor its surprising performance and economy. And you'll read of the many features that make Meteor so reliable and mechanically efficient, so right for life in the eighties.

It's one great surprise after another!

Surprisingly Spacious

Meteor's design gives you a surprising amount of usable space. It is a front-wheel drive car and as such, its engine is mounted sideways so there's no need for a bulky conventional drive train tunnel in the cabin floor. And the big, heavy rear-axle transfer assembly found in rear-wheel drive cars is eliminated. So, while Meteor is small enough to fit easily into tight city parking spaces, there's ample room inside for five adults and plenty of luggage.

Meteor is as well-suited to long-distance touring as it is to city driving. Its European-style front seats are superbly comfortable, designed to support you in style, mile after mile. 314° of visibility from the driver's seat means you'll enjoy a truly panoramic view – and the extra safety that goes with it.

Surprisingly Versatile

Meteor has .366m³ (12.6 cu. ft.) of boot space and the rear seat backrests can be folded down individually. This "60/40" split-fold arrangement means you can extend the boot space into the cabin. With the narrower seat back folded you can accommodate long, narrow objects. And you can still seat two passengers in the rear. Or you can fold the wider portion of

the backrest down for wider, long objects and you'll still have room for one rear seat passenger.

But Meteor's versatility doesn't stop there. Meteor's spare wheel can be stored either upright or laid flat. So you can choose boot space for a narrow, deep load or for wider, shallower loads.

With so much space and so many ways to use it, you'll be surprised what can be done with your Meteor.



Surprisingly Responsive

Meteor's modern 1.5 litre engine incorporates single overhead camshaft design and an alloy head with multi-spherical combustion chambers. So it's surprisingly powerful. Electronic ignition is standard equipment, which helps Meteor maintain good fuel economy between tune-ups.

To harness Meteor's power, three different transmissions are available depending upon your choice of model – 4-speed manual, 5-speed manual or 3-speed automatic.

Twin Carburettor, high performance engine option

The driver who wants a higher level of performance from his Meteor Ghia can specify the optional Twin Carb engine.

This 1.5 litre engine has been engineered to produce a very healthy 58.8kW (78.9hp) of power. The major differences over the standard engine are:

- * Two Hitachi twin venturi downdraft carburettors
- * High capacity air cleaner assembly
- * High lift camshaft
- * High compression pistons
- * Heavy duty connecting rods
- * Heavy duty main bearings
- * Double valve springs.

When this option is specified, 70 Series steel-belt radial tyres are also fitted.

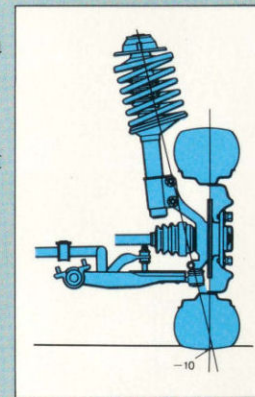
With a Twin-Carb engine and its 5-speed transmission, the performance of Meteor Ghia may surprise some owners of so-called sports cars.



Surprisingly Surefooted

For positive, precise control and a smooth easy ride, Meteor has rack and pinion steering and 4-wheel independent suspension.

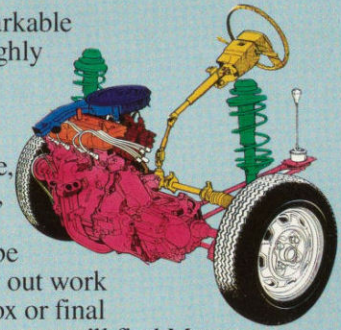
Front-wheel drive helps provide excellent control when cornering. And the negative scrub steering geometry designed into the suspension exerts a self-correcting force helpful under normal and unusual driving conditions.



Surprisingly Sophisticated

In Meteor, 'sophisticated' doesn't mean 'complicated'. In fact, every effort has been made to make the car work as simply and efficiently as possible. So the major mechanicals – engine, transmission and final drive – form one neat unit in Meteor.

This allows remarkable reliability and highly efficient use of power and space. And remarkably easy maintenance, too. For example, in most cases the engine need not be removed to carry out work on clutch, gearbox or final drive – which means you'll find Meteor surprisingly inexpensive in the years to come.



Surprisingly Economical

Because Meteor is a compact car, it doesn't require a huge engine to deliver the kind of performance today's driving demands. For the same reason, Meteor also delivers the kind of economy today's fuel prices necessitate.

Fuel Economy Data

This data is based upon AS2077 – 1979 tests.

1.5 litre 4-speed manual	CITY CYCLE	8.5l/100km	33.2mpg
	HIGHWAY CYCLE	6.0l/100km	47.1mpg
1.5 litre 5-speed manual	CITY CYCLE	8.5l/100km	33.2mpg
	HIGHWAY CYCLE	5.6l/100km	50.4mpg
1.5 litre 3-speed automatic	CITY CYCLE	9.0l/100km	31.4mpg
	HIGHWAY CYCLE	6.8l/100km	48.1mpg
1.5 litre Twin Carb 5-speed	CITY CYCLE	8.0l/100km	35.3mpg
	HIGHWAY CYCLE	5.8l/100km	48.7mpg



1.5 litre 5-speed manual

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Meteor Ghia



Surprisingly Opulent



1. Transverse mounted engine.
2. Front wheel drive.
3. Negative scrub geometry.

4. European-style front seats.

5. "60/40" split-folding rear seat backrest.

6. Surprising boot space.
7. Fully independent suspension.



Ghia is the most luxurious Meteor. Step inside and you'll immediately appreciate the body-hugging comfort of European-style front seats faced in soft velour cloth. For extra comfort, lumbar support adjustment is a feature of the driver's seat. You can also adjust the driver's seat-travel and the angle of the cushion and backrest. And you can adjust the steering wheel height to tailor the driving position to your requirements.

Ghia's exterior rear view mirrors are adjustable from inside the car. A remote control releases the boot latch. And there's a remote release for the fuel cap cover as well.

To entertain you as you drive, Ghia has a stereo system with AM/FM radio, cassette player and 4 speakers to surround you with sound.



The comprehensive instrument panel features subtle green illumination and easy-to-read graphics. For convenience, the minor switch panel and ash tray are also illuminated.

For further ease, Meteor Ghia also features an illuminated entry system: lift either front door handle and the lights around the door lock cylinder and ignition key area are activated.

And for delightfully easy handling, power steering can be ordered as an extra-cost option on any Ghia specified with automatic transmission.

To fully appreciate the space, luxury, economy and performance of Meteor Ghia, you'll have to experience it first-hand. When you do, you'll be more than mildly surprised.

Meteor GL

Surprisingly Practical



Meteor GL incorporates some of the latest technology available. So its performance, economy, handling and interior room and comfort are bound to surprise you.

European-style front seats help provide good support for comfortable driving. The driver's seat has lumbar support adjustment in addition to cushion angle, backrest angle and seat travel adjustments.

The other features you'll find inside Meteor GL provide for practical comfort too. Carpets, cloth seat facings, "childproof" rear door lock settings, a remote boot-latch release and a remote control for the driver's side exterior rear view mirror are all standard equipment. And an efficient heater/demister and ventilation system is in easy reach of the front seat occupants.

For your entertainment, an AM/FM radio with 2 speakers is standard equipment.

Meteor GL has the space efficiency of front-wheel drive technology. And because it has "60/40" split-folding rear seat backrests, you can tailor this space to your needs.

Front-wheel drive also means that Meteor GL handles with ease, for real driving pleasure. And, to give you the right blend of performance and economy, there's a zesty 1.5 litre engine with four-speed manual transmission. Electronic ignition adds to the efficiency of this engine and the coolant recovery bottle fitted to the cooling system helps reduce routine maintenance requirements.

What a car the GL is - practical, versatile and full of pleasant surprises!

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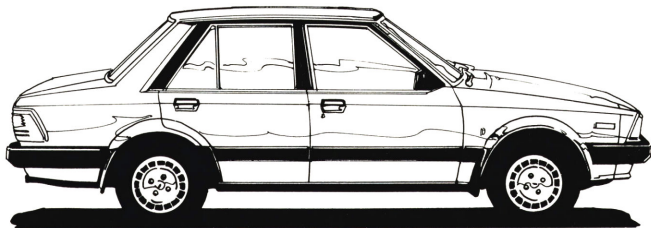


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Ford Meteor Standard Equipment



Illustrated: Ford Meteor Ghia

Meteor GL 4 Door Sedan Standard Equipment Highlights

- 1.5 litre alloy head engine
- Electronic ignition
- 4-speed manual floor shift transmission
- Coolant recovery bottle
- Fully independent suspension
- Tinted band laminated windscreen
- Power assisted front disc brakes
- Bonnet sound insulation
- ZR78S13 steel belt radials
- Rack and pinion steering
- Rear stabilizer bar
- Black polypropylene wrap-around bumpers
- Rectangular quartz headlights
- Front mud flaps
- Bodyside protection mouldings
- Lockable fuel filler cover
- Stoneguards (front of rear wheel arches)
- Right hand exterior rear view mirror with interior remote control
- Two-speed windscreen wipers
- Tool kit
- 4-spoke soft-feel steering wheel
- Rear door locks with 'childproof' settings
- Interior courtesy light (operated by front and rear doors)
- Interior day/night prismatic rear view mirror
- Carpeted passenger compartment floor
- Melded carpet on load compartment floor
- Fold forward split (60/40) rear seat backrest
- Cloth seat facings
- Front inertia reel seat belts
- Illuminated cigarette lighter
- Heater with side glass demist facility
- Brake system warning light
- Park brake 'on' warning light
- Choke 'on' warning light
- Full wheel covers
- Manual choke
- Rear window demister
- Outboard passenger grab handles
- Load compartment light
- Driver's seat cushion tilt adjustment
- AM/FM push button radio with 2 speakers
- Analogue quartz clock
- Bodyside pinstripe
- Hazard flashers

Meteor Ghia 4 Door Sedan Standard Equipment Highlights: As for Meteor GL, but with these different, upgraded or additional features:

- 5-speed manual transmission
- Wide bodyside protection mouldings
- Two-speed windscreen wipers with 'intermittent' setting
- Luxury 2-spoke soft-feel steering wheel
- Illumination of driver's door keyhole and ignition lock
- Interior courtesy light with spot lamps
- Velour cloth seat facings
- Alloy road wheels
- Dual horns
- Stereo cassette player with 4 speakers
- Quartz digital clock
- Remote fuel filler door release
- Left hand exterior rear view mirror with interior remote control
- Adjustable steering column
- Tripmeter
- Tachometer with easy to read green graphics
- Brake lamps 'out' warning light
- Tinted side and rear glass
- Rear mudflaps
- Moulded door trims



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Specifications

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Engine	1.5 litre	1.5 litre Twin Carb
Bore & Stroke mm (inch)	77 x 80 (3.03 x 3.15)	77 x 80 (3.03 x 3.15)
Cylinder Head	Aluminium alloy	Aluminium alloy
Engine Block	Cast iron	Cast iron
Displacement cc	1490	1490
Compression Ratio	9:1	10:1
Fuel (Octane Rating)	91	96
Max. Power Output (kW/rpm (hp))	54.1/5500 (73.5)	58.5/5500 (79.4)
Max. Torque (Nm/rpm (lb ft))	109.8/3000 (81.0)	114.7/3500 (84.6)

Suspension

Front	• MacPherson strut • Telescopic shock absorbers • Inclined variable rate coil springs • Negative offset geometry	Rear	• Independent struts • Telescopic shock absorbers • Parallel coil springs • Stabiliser bar • Self stabilising geometry
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Dimensions

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General		
Curb Weight (GL) (Gha)	885 kg 908 kg	1949 lbs 2000 lbs
Luggage capacity	0.366m ³	12.9 ft ³
Tyre size	ZP78S13	
Fuel tank capacity	42.0 litres	9.25 gallons
Min. turning diameter	9.2m	30.0 ft
Exterior		
Overall length	4155mm 163.60"	
Rear overhang	800mm 31.50"	
Wheelbase	2355mm 93.11"	
Rear overhang	990mm 39.00"	
Overall height	1375mm 54.13"	
Overall width	1635mm 64.37"	
Front track	1390mm 54.72"	
Rear track	1395mm 54.92"	
Ground clearance	150mm 5.91"	
Interior		
Front hoodroom	963mm 37.91"	
Front legroom	1054mm 41.50"	
Front shoulder-room	1320mm 51.97"	
Front hiproom	1321mm 51.97"	
Rear hoodroom	940mm 37.00"	
Rear legroom	876mm 34.49"	
Rear shoulder-room	1320mm 51.97"	
Rear hiproom	1200mm 47.17"	

Transmissions and Ratios

	1.5 litre 4-speed Manual	1.5 litre Auto 5-speed Manual	1.5 litre Auto 3-speed automatic	1.5 litre Twin Carb 5-speed Manual
1st Gear Ratio	3.416	3.416	2.84	3.416
2nd Gear Ratio	1.842	1.842	1.54	1.842
3rd Gear Ratio	1.290	1.290	1.000	1.290
4th Gear Ratio	0.918	0.918	-	0.918
5th Gear Ratio	0.775	0.775	-	0.775
Reverse Ratio	3.214	3.214	2.400	3.214
Final Drive Ratio	3.850	3.850	-	3.850
Manual Transmission	-	-	3.631	-
Auto Transmission	-	-	-	3.631

Fuel Economy Data

This data is based upon AS2077—1982 tests

1.5 litre 4-speed manual	Highway Cycle	1.5 litre 3-speed Automatic	Highway Cycle
City Cycle	47.1 mpg	City Cycle	41.5 mpg
33.2 mpg	6.0 litres/100 km	31.4 mpg	6.8 litres/100 km
8.5 litres/100 km		9.0 litres/100 km	
1.5 litre 3-speed manual	Highway Cycle	1.5 litre Twin Carb 5-speed manual	Highway Cycle
City Cycle	80.4 mpg	City Cycle	48.7 mpg
33.2 mpg	5.6 litres/100 km	35.3 mpg	8.0 litres/100 km
8.5 litres/100 km		8.0 litres/100 km	5.8 litres/100 km

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Options

Optional Equipment (Options are at extra cost unless otherwise stated).

Convenience	Notes	GL	Ghia
Power steering	(a)	N/A	OPT
Integrated air conditioning	(b)	OPT	OPT
Tinted side and rear glass	(b)	OPT	STD
Metallic paint	(c)	OPT	NCO
ZP70S13 Steel bell radials		OPT	OPT

Engine/Transmission Combinations

1.5 litre with

4-speed manual	STD	N/A
5-speed manual	OPT	STD
3-speed automatic	OPT	OPT

1.5 litre Twin Carb with

5-speed manual	(d)	N/A	OPT
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STD Standard equipment. OPT Optional at extra cost.

NCO No cost option. N/A Not available.

Notes

- Available only with automatic transmission.
- Integrated air conditioning includes tinted side and rear glass. Tinted side and rear glass is a standard feature on Meteor Ghia.
- Not all colours are available in metallic paints. Consult the Ford Colour Selector or your Authorised Ford Dealer to determine which colours are available in metallic paint.
- The 1.5 litre Twin Carb engine option consists of:
 - 1.5 litre High Performance Twin Carb engine
 - ZP70S13 Steel bell radial ply tyres
 - Twin Carb engine badge

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