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EVERYTHING IS STANDARD EXCEPT THE PAINT JOB



If you're looking for a passport to a good time, read on. Sandman is the freedom machine with GTS poise and RTS pounce. Holden Sandman Van and Ute are good, healthy show and go packages... the way you'd design them yourself. Ready to head out of the showroom and into the horizon with the growl and go of a 4.2 litre V8. The sure-footed stop of power front disc brakes.

Plus the fantastic handling of Radial Tuned Suspension. Built-in tach, gauges, reclining buckets, 4-speed manual shift, carpet, full-length headlining trim in Van model, fan-boosted vents, the lot. Ready to roll on steel-belted radial ply tyres and sports styled steel wheels.

Inside Sandman Van, room behind the buckets measures 2111 mm (83.1") x 1224 mm (48.2") between the wheelhouses. What it all adds up to is one huge 105-cubic-foot party room.

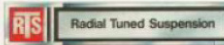
Outside, you're on the prowl with four (count 'em) four quartz halogen headlights. The inboard pair are long-distance driving-type "pencil beams". Sandman decals are standard. But if you wish they may be deleted when ordering. Under the bold black grille is a body-coloured front air dam. Both racing type mirrors are body-coloured, too.

(When you drive Sandman, you can make your own scene. The special paint job we've created here is just one example.)

Of course, you can choose options like the 5.0 litre V8. Three-speed automatic transmission. Power steering. Laminated windshield. Limited slip differential. Metallic exterior paint. All the way up to full air conditioning.

Sandman started it all. And RTS makes sure you'll stay years ahead of whatever's in second place. Sandman's the greatest way to make your great escape.

SANDMAN WITH RTS



Sandman's always been a real goer. Now it's also a real grabber. That's because every Holden Sandman rolls on Radial Tuned Suspension.

RTS is designed from the road up around steel-belted radial ply tyres mounted on 6.00JJ x 14 rims. This combination of higher lateral tyre stiffness and wide track gives you greatly improved handling and greatly increased tyre mileage. But that's just the beginning. The front and rear



stabiliser bars have been beefed up for less body roll, optimum roll couple distribution and improved handling. The decoupled rear stabiliser bar reduces impact harshness, transmission noise, and compliance steer. At the same time, stabiliser efficiency is improved with a minimum weight penalty.

RTS also features specially rated front and rear springs with "tuned" shockers to improve road holding and road comfort, while reducing fade.



Special shock absorber attachments have been added to improve road holding, and reduce noise transmittance. There's a larger front suspension compression bumper to improve dynamic ground clearance and prevent metal to metal bump through.

The front upper control arm bracket has been relocated for more constant roll steer, reduction of understeer, and

a small castor, camber and toe change. Additional benefits are improved handling, improved on-centre feel and improved straight ahead stability.

The front suspension rubber bushes have revised characteristics for the lower control arm. This modification gives longitudinal load compliance up to a pre-determined level before progressively hardening. The result is

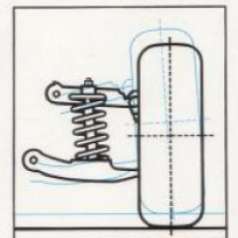


better general road shock dampening in the suspension without affecting handling and vehicle response. The steering connecting-rod insulators are stiffer to improve the ride and bump through, while increasing ground clearance. A steering column attachment has been added to the dash cover for precise steering response and predictability.

The optional variable-ratio power steering has also been revised to improve steering ease during parking and to improve the on-centre feel, the dynamic effort and durability. In fact, Radial Tuned Suspension is so effective, it's completely eliminated the need for special suspension modifications.

No doubt about it, the Sandman Van and Ute with Radial Tuned Suspension really bring out the driver in you.

One quick test drive and you'll be convinced.



Front suspension is computer-designed to keep optimum tyre tread on the road while cornering.



Flap up, tailgate up, ready for takeoff.

Bird's-eye view of Sandman's inner space.



Instant feedback at a glance.

Welcome to the club! Full-foam, fully reclining buckets, hi-rise armrest/console/storage compartment. Optional T-bar automatic.



HOLDEN PACKED HOLDEN BACKED

Specifications — standard models

Engine: 4.2 litre V8.
Bore: 3.625" (92.0 mm) x Stroke
3.062" (77.7 mm).
Cubic Capacity: 252.81 cu. ins.
(4142 cm³).
Compression Ratio: 9.4:1.
RAC rating: 42.0.
Transmission: 4-speed manual,
all synchromesh. Floor console.
Ratios: 1st 3.05:1, 2nd 2.19:1, 3rd
1.51:1, 4th Direct. Rev. 3.05:1.
Rear Axle: Type — Salisbury.
Standard Ratio: 3.55:1.
Radial Tuned Suspension:

Front — independent with coil
springs.
Rear — semi elliptic leaf springs
Brakes: Front — power assisted
discs.
Rear — duo servo drums.

Standard Tyres: Max. GVM rating
models — FR78S14 (4 P/R steel
belted radials) Optional 500 kg.
payload rating models —
ER70H14 (6 P/R steel belted
radials).

Fuel Tank Capacity: 15.5 gals
(70.4 litres).

Wheelbase: 114.0" (2895 mm).
Track: Front 60.4" (1535 mm).
Rear 61.2" (1554 mm).

Estimated kerb weights: Max.
GVM rating models — Ute
1481 kg. Van 1544 kg. Optional
500 kg. payload rating models
— Ute 1478 kg. Van 1541 kg.



Safety Features.

Radial Tuned Suspension.
Tandem brake master cylinder
with split hydraulic circuits. GMH
energy-absorbing steering
column. Electric windshield
washers with 2-speed wipers.
Front seat head restraints.
2-speed heater/demister.
Inertia-reel seat belts.
Flow-through ventilation.
Energy-absorbing sun visors.
Brake system failure warning
light. Parking brake warning light.
Power-assisted front disc brakes.

Standard Equipment.

Radial Tuned Suspension.
Steel-belted radial ply tyres. GTS
sports wheels. Front and rear
stabilizer bars. 4.2 litre V8. Power
assisted brakes: Front discs, rear
drums. Four quartz halogen head-
lights with inboard driving-type
"pencil beams". Front air dam.
4-speed all-synchromesh trans-
mission. Column-mounted control
stalk for windshield wipers,
washers, turn signals and head-
light dimming and flashing.
Full-foam reclining bucket seats.
Console/armrest/storage com-
partment. Padded armrests. Full
GTS sports instrumentation.
Sports steering wheel. Cigarette
lighter. 2-speed power-ventilation.
Door-to-door loop pile carpeting.
Full-length headlining in Van
model. Retractable seat belts.

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Sandman Power Train.

Engine	Standard 4.2 litre V8	Optional 5.0 litre V8		
Standard Transmission	4-speed manual floor shift			
Optional Transmission	Tri-matic automatic T-bar shift	High-performance 4-speed manual floor shift	Turbo-Hydramatic automatic T-bar shift	
Standard Rear Axle	3.55	3.08	3.36	3.08
Performance Option	—	3.55	3.55	3.36
Economy Option	3.08	—	3.08	2.60