

1959 PONTIAC SPECIFICATIONS

ENGINE

150 hp Strato-Six: 261 cu. in., 8.5:1 compression ratio, single-barrel carburetion, single exhaust. 185 hp Strato-Flash V8: 283 cu. in., 8.5:1 compression ratio, two-barrel carburetion, single exhaust (dual optional*). 230 hp Super Strato-Flash V8*: 283 cu. in., 9.5:1 compression ratio, four-barrel carburetion, single exhaust (dual optional*). 250 hp Astro-Flame V8*: 348 cu. in., 9.5:1 compression ratio, four-barrel carburetion, dual exhaust. 280 hp Super Astro-Flame V8*: 348 cu. in., 9.5:1 compression ratio, triple two-barrel carburetion, dual exhaust.

All Pontiac engines feature valve-in-head design, aluminum pistons, forged steel crankshaft, replaceable-insert main and connecting rod bearings, full-pressure lubrication, harmonic balancer, 12-volt electrical system, positive-shift starter, automatic choke, 3-point mounting. Hydraulic valve lifters standard on all engines. V8 engines feature independent operating mechanism for each valve, integral valve guides, chain-driven camshaft, five main bearings, paper element type air cleaner, full-flow oil filter*, 3/4 quart oil refill (without filter), and dual exhaust system with resonators (optional* on Strato-Flash V8 and Super Strato-Flash V8). Astro-Flame V8 and Super Astro-Flame V8 have precision machined-in-bore combustion chambers and large free-flow valves. Strato-Six engine has shaft-mounted rocker arms, replaceable valve guides, four main bearings, gear-driven camshaft, oil bath air cleaner, by-pass type oil filter*, 4-quart oil refill (without filter).

TRANSMISSION

TURBOGLIDE*—Five-element torque converter with pump, three turbines and dual-pitch stator controlled by accelerator pedal. Two turbine-operated planetary gearsets. Single forward drive range. Grade retarder, powerful reverse, and positive parking lock. Selector sequence P-R-N-D-Gr.

POWERGLIDE*—Three-element torque converter (pump, turbine and stator) with automatically controlled planetary gears in drive range, manually selected for low and reverse. Positive parking lock. Selector sequence P-R-N-D-L.

3-SPEED SYNCHRO-MESH—All helical gear Synchro-Mesh design with high torque capacity. Gear ratios matched to power team: V8 first 2.47:1, second 1.53:1, third 1:1, reverse 2.80:1; all overdrive and with 6-cylinder engines first and reverse 2.94:1, second 1.68:1, third 1:1.

CLUTCH

9 1/2-inch diaphragm spring type with Strato-Six engine. 10-inch semi-centrifugal diaphragm spring type with Strato-Flash V8 and Super Strato-Flash V8 engines. 10 1/2-inch semi-centrifugal diaphragm spring type with Astro-Flame V8 and Super Astro-Flame V8 engines. All clutches have cushioned disc and permanently lubricated throw-out bearing.

CHASSIS

AERO-FRAME—Low, rigid tunnel-centre X-built.

FULL-COIL SUSPENSION—Four coil springs with double-acting shock absorbers and

built-in leveling control, front and rear. Independent front suspension with spherical joints, ride stabilizer bar on all except 6-cylinder Laurentian and Strato-Chief models. Four-link rear suspension with four rugged rubber-bushed control arms.

WHEELS AND TIRES—14" wheels, 7.50 x 14 4-ply rating low-pressure blackwall tubeless tires (8.00 x 14 4-ply rating on Convertible and Station Wagons).

BRAKES—Hydraulic, self-energizing 11" brakes with bonded linings, area 199.5 square inches. Foot-operated mechanical parking brakes, finger-tip release.

STEERING—Forward-mounted Ball-Race gear, balanced relay linkage. Overall ratio 28:1 standard, 24:1 with power steering*.

REAR AXLE—Hypoid, semi-floating, four ratios tailored to power teams.

FUEL CAPACITY—Safaris, 14 1/4 gals., all others, 16 3/8 gals.

ELECTRICAL—12-volt system, 54-plate battery (66-plate with special 348-cu.-in. V8 engines), 30-ampere generator.

BODY

STRUCTURE—All-welded Fisher Unisteel construction, sealed and insulated, 12-point mounting.

EXTERIOR—Magic-Mirror acrylic finish, distinctive trim and identification for each series, horizontal dual headlights, directional signals, high-level air intake, concealed fuel filler. Safety glass in all windows.

APPOINTMENTS—Push-button door handles, crank-operated front vent windows, electric windshield wipers.

INTERIOR—Luxurious combinations of nylon-faced fabric and vinyl seats (all vinyl in Convertible and Strato-Chief Safari). Vinyl side trim and headlining (cloth headlining in Parisienne 4-door sedan, Laurentian and Strato-Chief models). 2-spoke 17" recessed-hub steering wheel; instrument panel distinctive for each series. Enclosed steering column.

DIMENSIONS

WHEELBASE—119". Front and rear tread, 60.3" and 59.3". Overall: length 211.25", width 79.9", height—Sport Sedan, Sport Coupe and Convertible 54.0", Sedans 56.0", Safaris 56.3". Power steering. Power brakes. Power windows**. Flexomatic 6-way power front seat**.

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT*

Power tailgate window**. Vented full wheel covers. Heavy-duty rear coil springs. Ever-Level air suspension**. Safe-T-Track rear axle. Heavy-duty clutch**. Shade-Lite glass. Padded instrument panel. Foam rubber front seat cushion for Strato-Chief models. Heater and defroster. Air conditioner**. Whitewall and 8.00 x 14 4-ply black tires. Choice of radios. Dual exhaust**. Oil filter. Heavy-duty generator**. Heavy-duty battery. Two-speed electric windshield wiper and pushbutton windshield washer. Full line of accessory equipment.

*Optional at extra cost. **Availability determined by either model or equipment.

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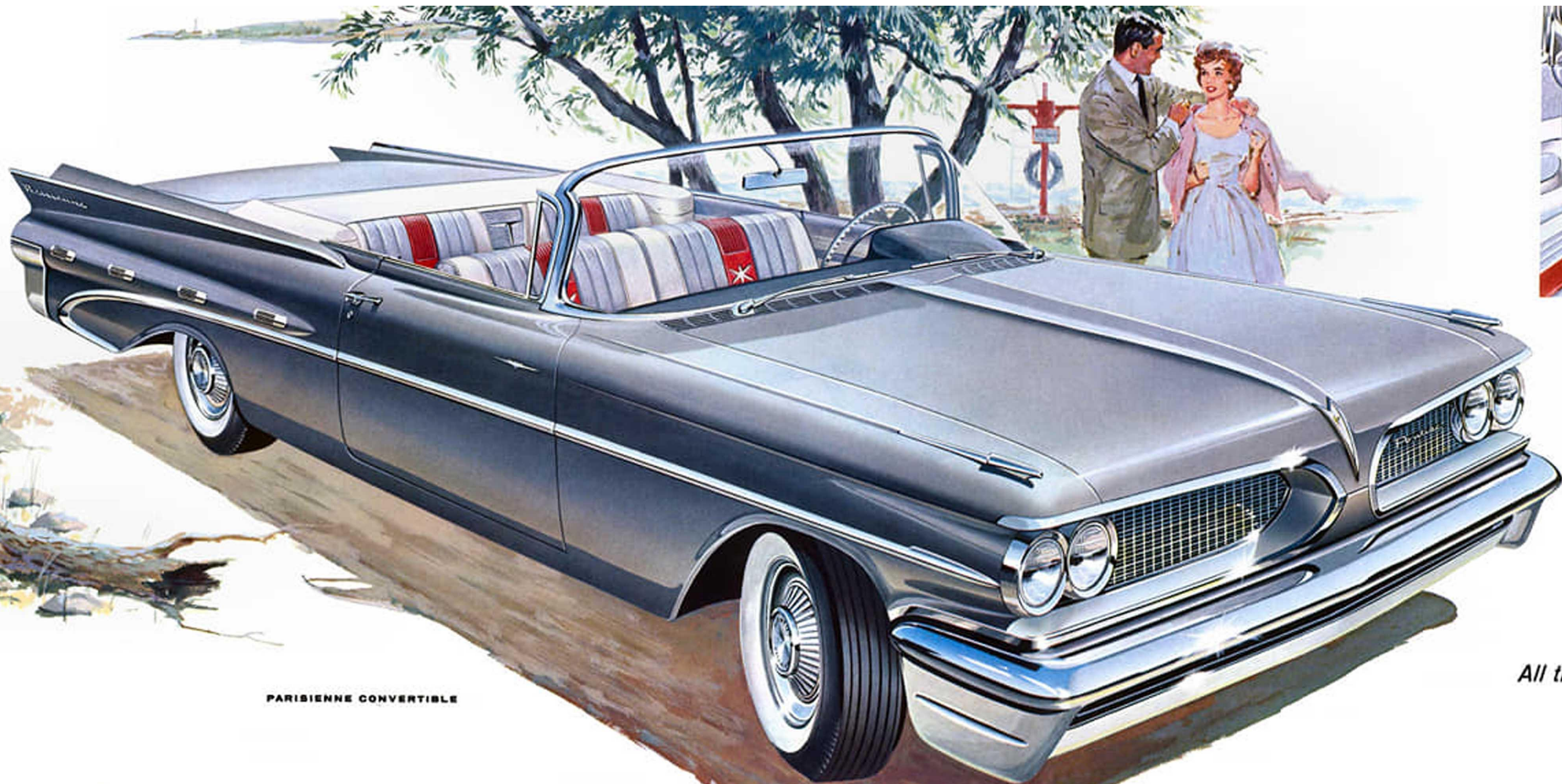
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All the
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PONTIAC '59





PARISIENNE CONVERTIBLE



All the finger-tip precision of a jet cockpit is yours in the '59 instrument panel. Instruments and appointments are grouped in circles and hooded for extra safety along the recessed panel. The Parisienne panel features a padded passenger assist rail mounted on the dash.

Here they are! And how you'll love their luxury . . . the low silhouette Pontiac Parisienne models for 1959. New in personality, new in power and performance, new in handling ease and road-hugging stability, the Parisienne Series brings you truly fine cars . . . but at popular prices.

All the luxury you've longed for . . . **PARISIENNE!**



PARISIENNE VISTA



PARISIENNE SPORT COUPE

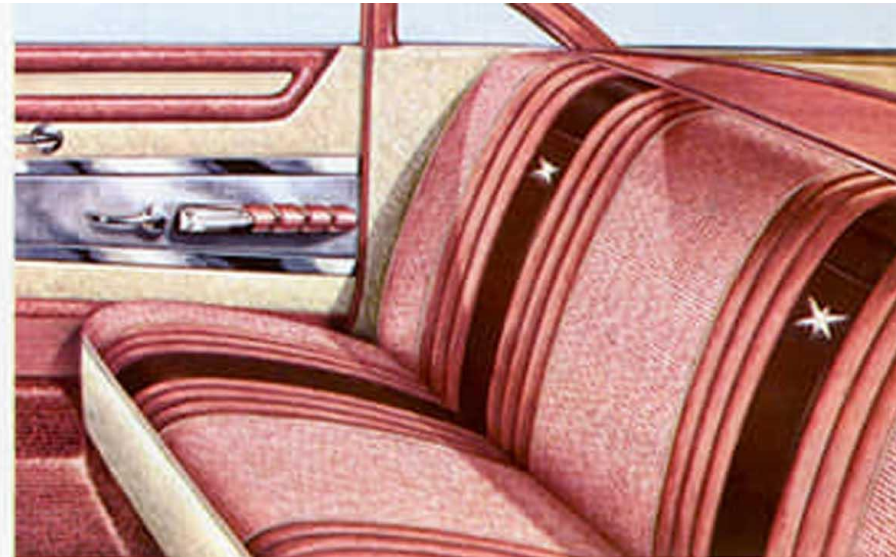
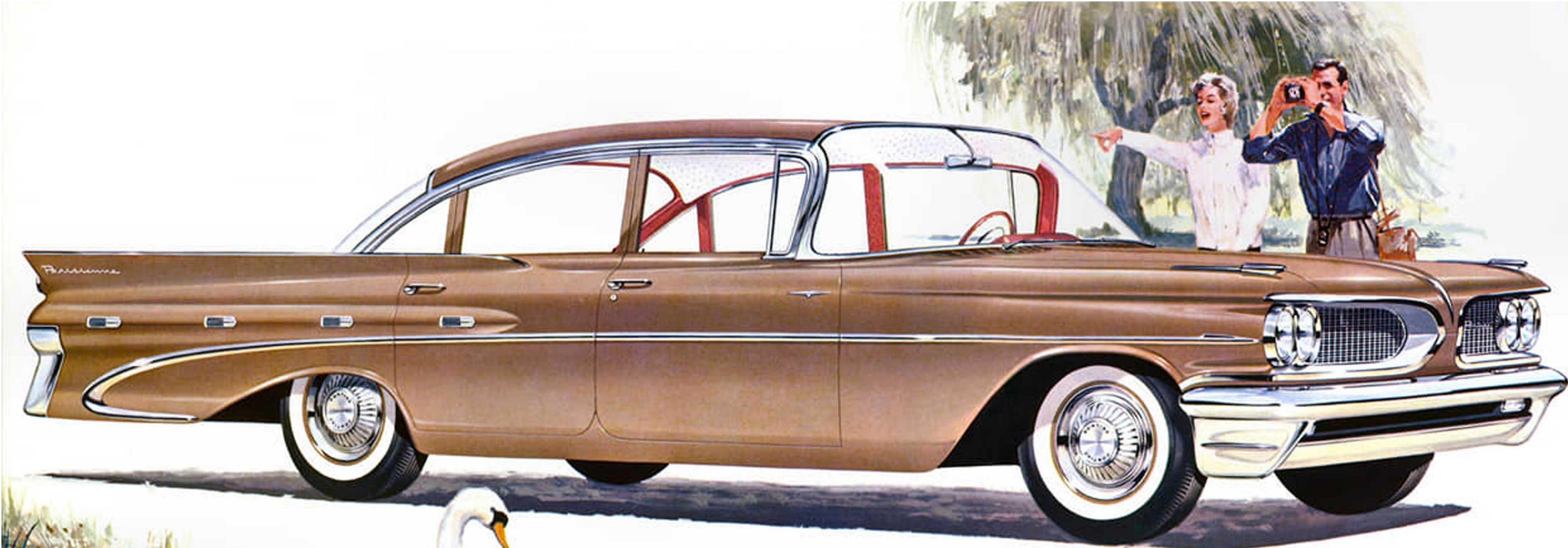
More models . . . more pride . . . more prestige . . . **PARISIENNE**

Now you have even more luxurious Parisienne models to choose from. In addition to the sensationally popular Convertible and Sport Coupe, the Parisienne Series offers you a brand new 4-door sedan and the stunning new Vista, illustrated on

the opposite page. The closest thing to a convertible, the Vista is a brilliant new styling concept of the 4-door hardtop. The dramatic roofline extends over the extra large rear window which curves to the sides—uninterrupted by pillars!



Parisienne Interiors reach a new height of luxury. All sport models have extra-long armrests with red safety reflectors built right in and new lever-type door releases.



You can choose from five custom crafted interior trim combinations color-keyed to the gleaming exterior.



This Parisienne 4-Door Sedan interior typifies the lengths to which Pontiac has gone to bring you a true luxury car in the low price field. The sedan and sport models feature a combination of Pomona or Piedmont pattern cloth and leather-grain vinyl, while the convertible has an all-vinyl interior. Deep-pile carpeting is standard throughout the Parisienne Series.

Introducing the **PARISIENNE 4-DOOR SEDAN** . . . *Bringing new flair to the functional family Sedan*



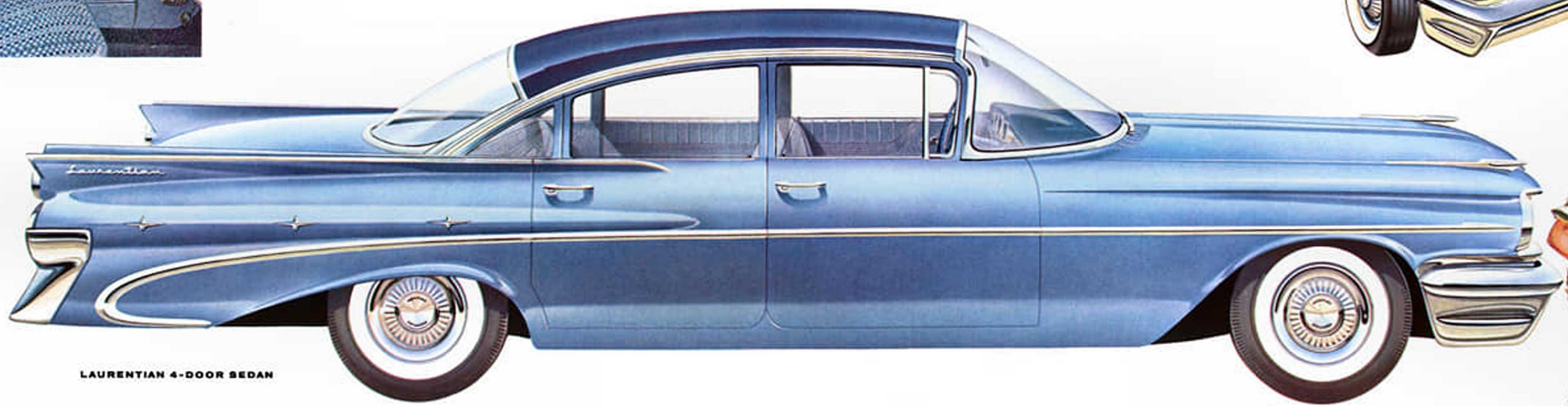
Inside you'll find all the luxury long associated with the Laurentian. On the dash, conveniently clustered instruments and customized controls combine simplicity and neatness. The large glove compartment has an automatic light. Laurentian interiors bring you deep-pile carpeting and a choice of five color-keyed trim combinations in leather-grain vinyl and Pasadena pattern cloth.

In these two dazzling new models, Pontiac's Laurentian Series carries on its proud tradition of combining luxury with low cost. Nothing has been spared to bring you all the extra quality and finish that made the name "Laurentian" famous in Canada.

LAURENTIAN SERIES . . . Long on luxury . . . low in cost



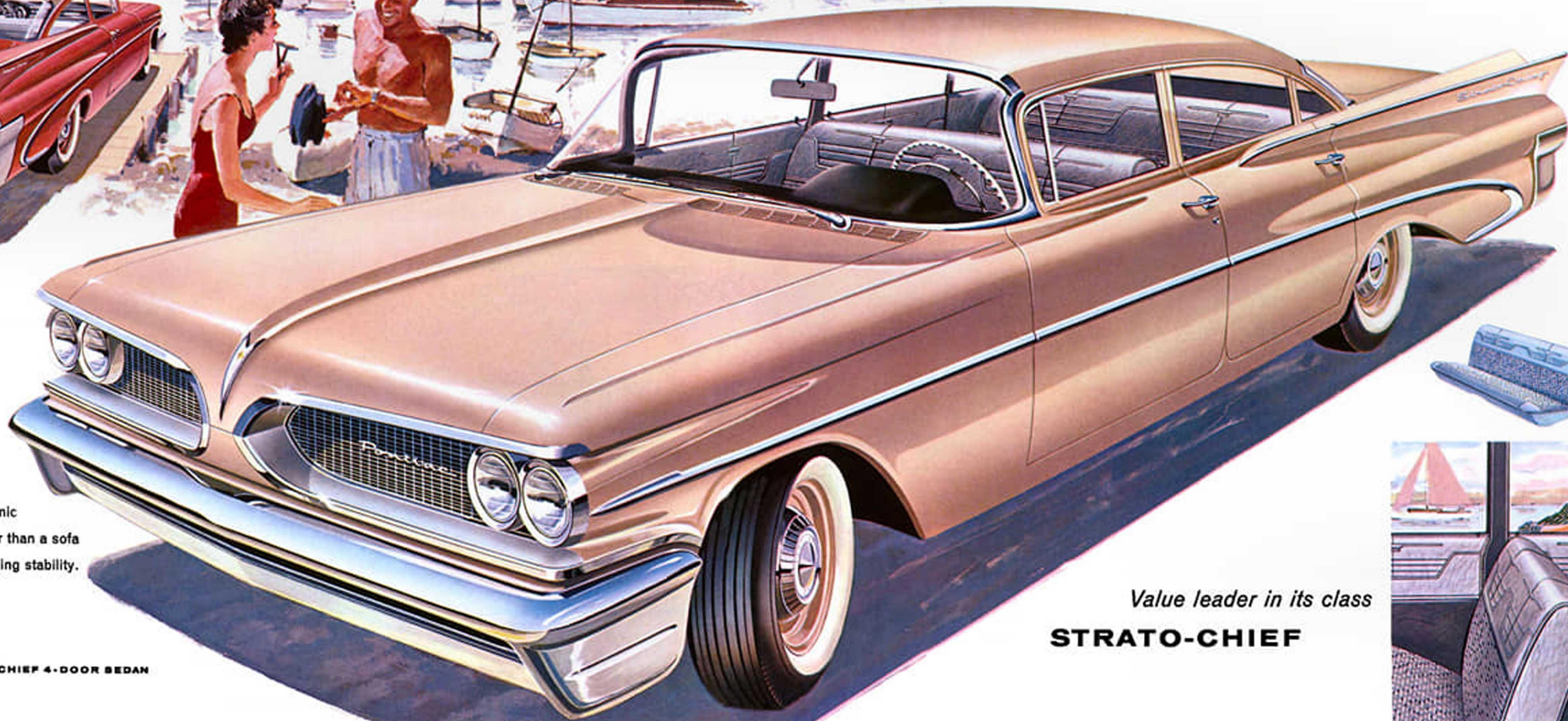
LAURENTIAN 2-DOOR SEDAN



LAURENTIAN 4-DOOR SEDAN



STRATO-CHIEF 2-DOOR SEDAN



Dollar for dollar, the Strato-Chief is your best buy! The price tag tells you it's designed for the economy-minded. The Strato-Chief gives you all the sweeping beauty of Pontiac's new styling . . . new Vista-Panoramic windshield . . . new seats that are wider than a sofa . . . new riding comfort . . . and new road-hugging stability.

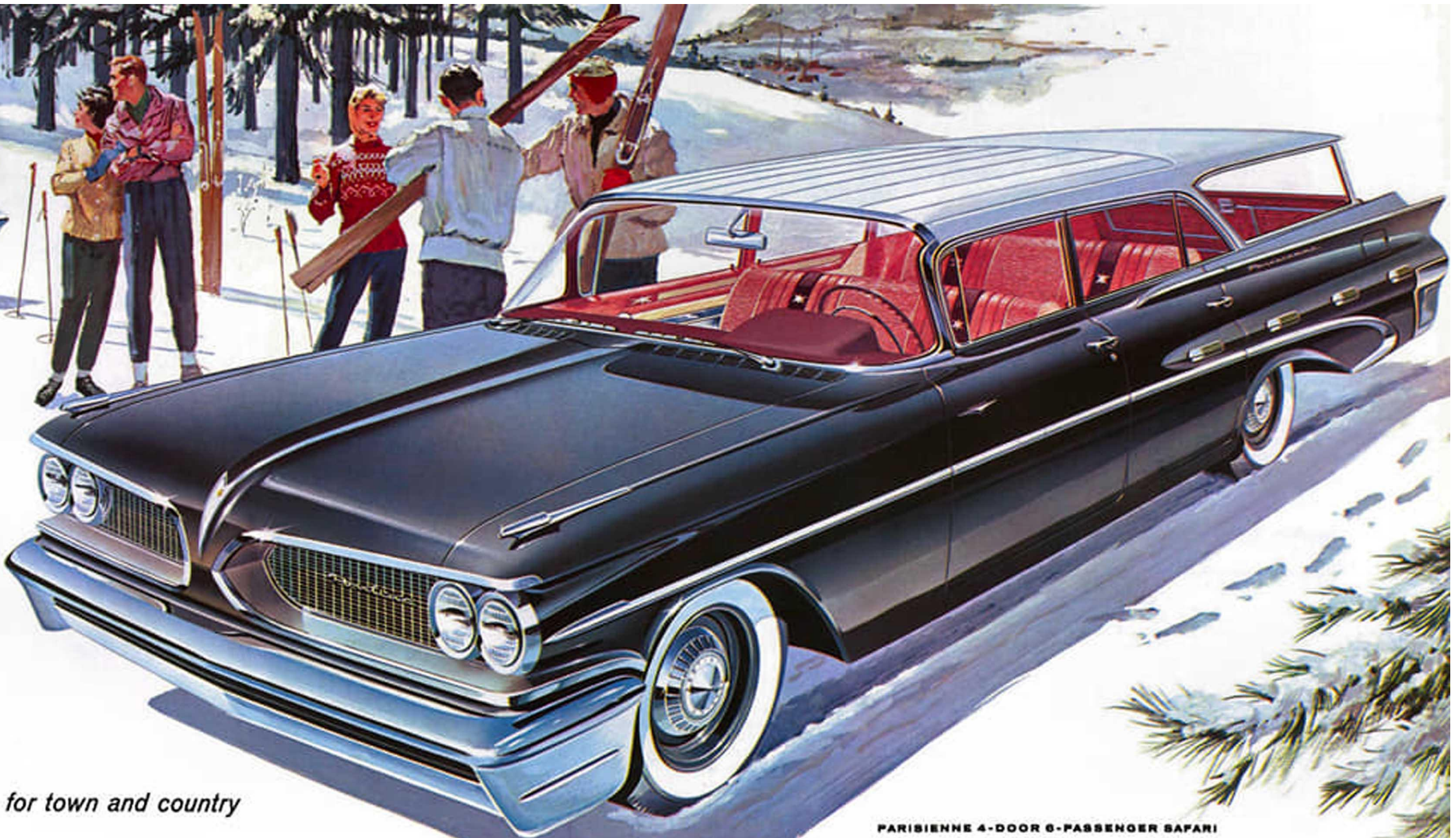
STRATO-CHIEF 4-DOOR SEDAN

Even in the Strato-Chief, Pontiac's lowest-priced series, you get a choice of three color-keyed interiors in pattern cloth and leather-grain vinyl. The long-wearing rubber floor mats have a spatter motif to harmonize with the basic interior color.



Value leader in its class
STRATO-CHIEF





STRATO-CHIEF 4-DOOR 6-PASSENGER SAFARI

Pontiac brings you four stunning new Safari station wagons for '59 . . .
all long on luxury and load space. Great workers by day,
Pontiac Safaris are equally at home in more formal company at night.
New this year is the luxurious Parisienne Safari, featuring
deep-pile carpets throughout, even on the load floor which has inlaid
metal skid strips for carpet protection and even easier loading.

PONTIAC SAFARI STATION WAGONS . . . *Practical pleasure for town and country*

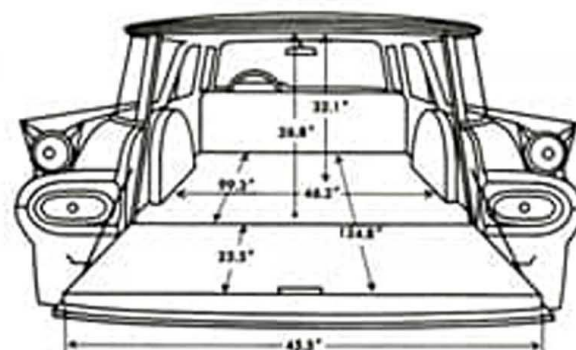
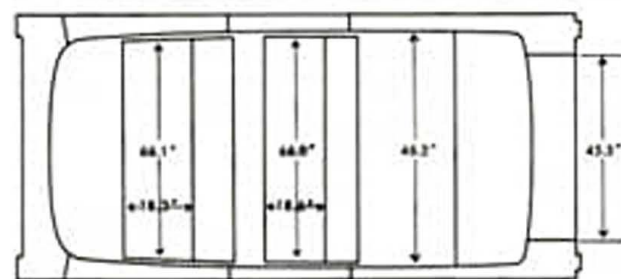
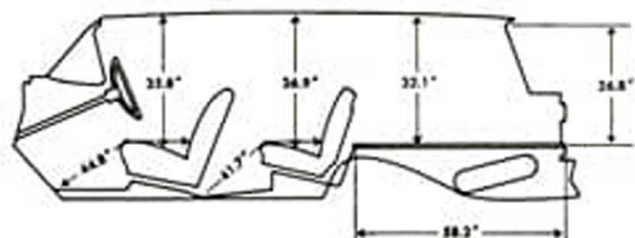
PARISIENNE 4-DOOR 6-PASSENGER SAFARI



Illustrated at left is one of two Laurentian station wagons for '59—the 4-Door 6-Passenger Safari. Like all Pontiac station wagons, it features the disappearing rear window which eliminates the liftgate. Now a concealed crank lowers the rear window into the tailgate for even greater loading and unloading convenience.

Presenting the **LAURENTIAN 9 PASSENGER SAFARI**

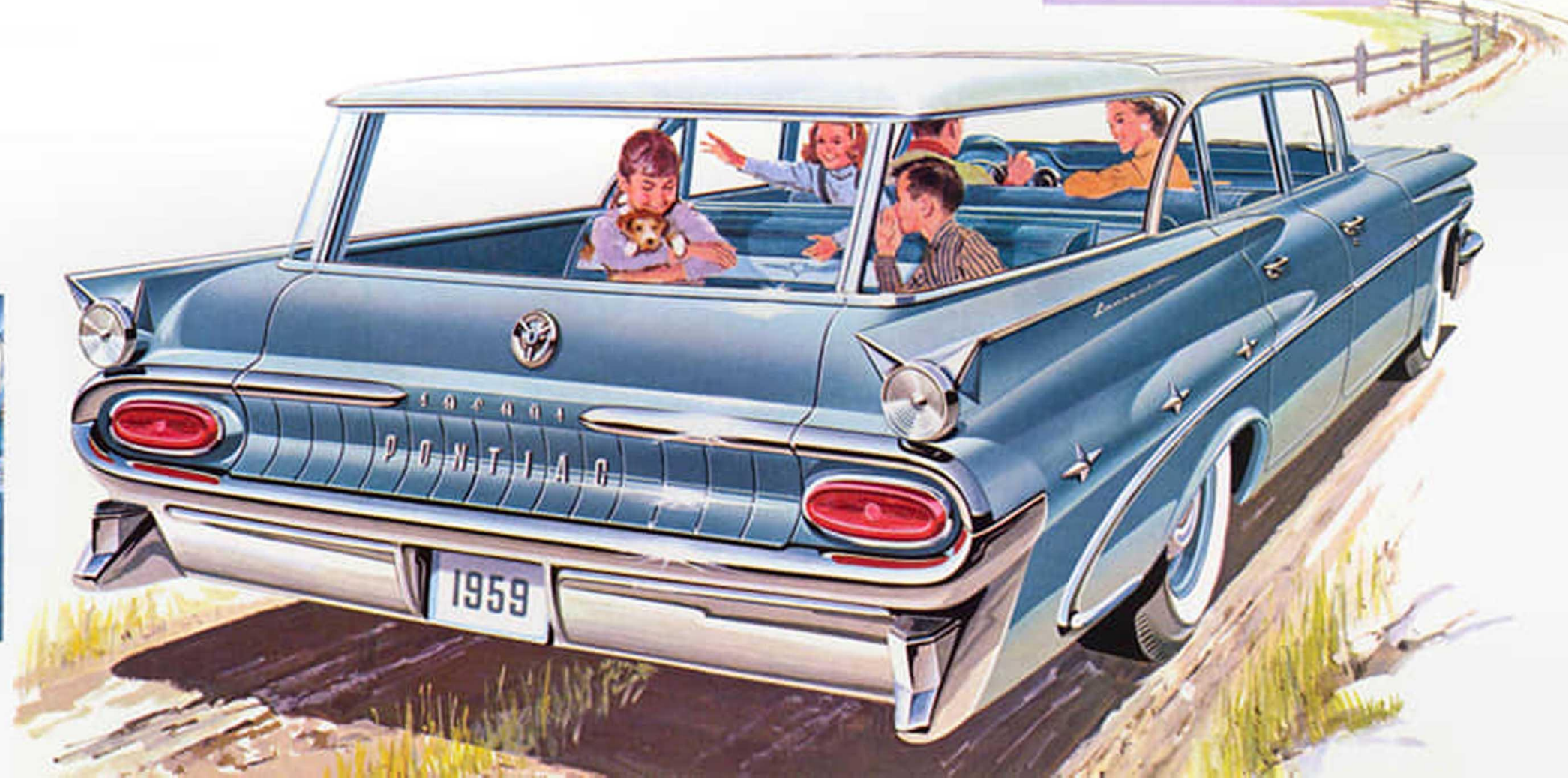
This is it . . . the stylish, luxurious, practical nine-passenger station wagon all Canada's been waiting for. The third seat faces to the rear for maximum passenger visibility, and both the second and third seat can be easily lowered into the floor to make room for extra long or heavy loads. Large family or large loads, you'll find this brand new Laurentian 4-Door 9-Passenger Safari the perfect answer to your every need.



Cargo space has been significantly increased in every '59 Safari. With the tailgate closed, you get four inches more load length—and over ten inches more load length with the tailgate down. The width of the loading platform has been increased a full inch and interior load height is more than two inches lower for even easier loading.



Laurentian Safari interiors have deep-pile carpeting except in the load area and five color-keyed trim combinations of Saxony pattern cloth and leather-grain vinyl.



Here, at last, is the wonderful new car finish everyone's been dreaming of for years—a finish that needs little or no waxing! It's new Magic-Mirror Acrylic Finish, and it's standard on every '59 Pontiac. Magic-Mirror has a hard, gleaming lustre that stays bright and new for years with an absolute minimum of washing and waxing. It actually reflects sunlight to reduce "chalking" that dulls the finish.

*Introducing new **MAGIC-MIRROR** acrylic finish*



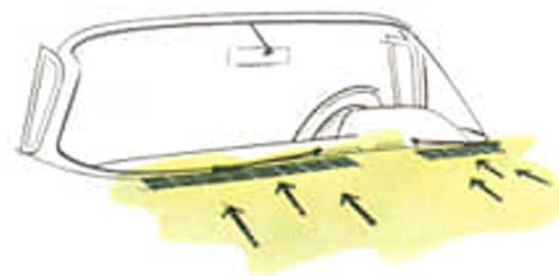
In the widely varying Canadian climate, Magic-Mirror Acrylic Finish withstands the rigors of weather and keeps its lustre anywhere from one to three years without waxing.



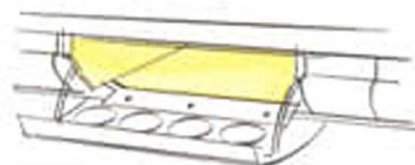
Unlike other finishes, Magic-Mirror resists staining, chipping and cracking. Mud, oil, road tar—even acid and alkali—can be washed away without a trace of a stain.



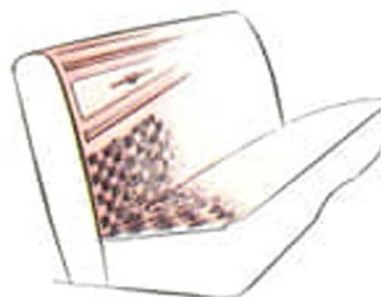
HI-LEVEL AIR INTAKE in the cowl brings nothing but the freshest air into the car through two easily-regulated air vents.



NEW GLOVE COMPARTMENT gives you more usable space than ever before and features four handy recessed cup holders in the opened lid.

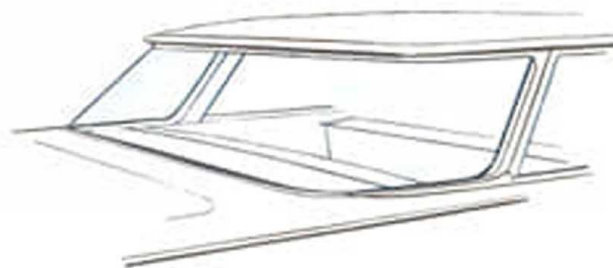


MORE TRUNK SPACE. The '59 Pontiac trunk has actually been increased up to a whopping 7 cubic feet. Special coverings on the floor protect your luggage from scratches and scuffs.

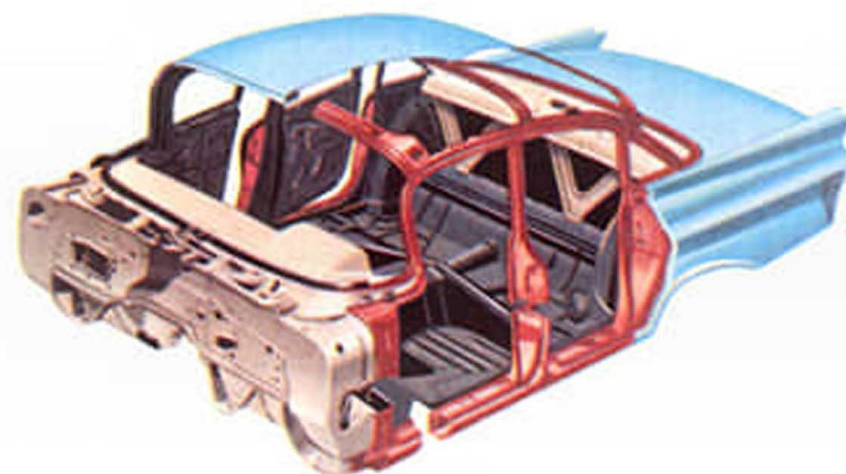


SEATS WIDER THAN A SOFA give you plenty of room to relax, stretch out and really enjoy that '59 Pontiac ride.

*Unisteel "Sound Barrier" **BODY BY FISHER***

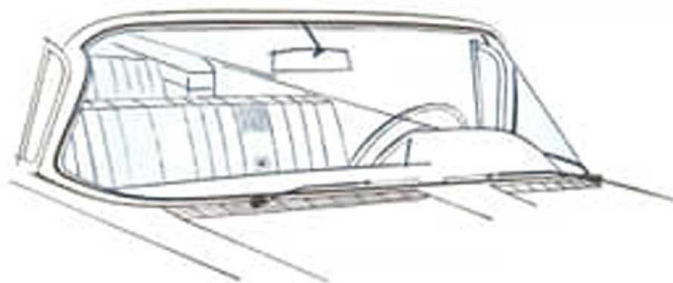


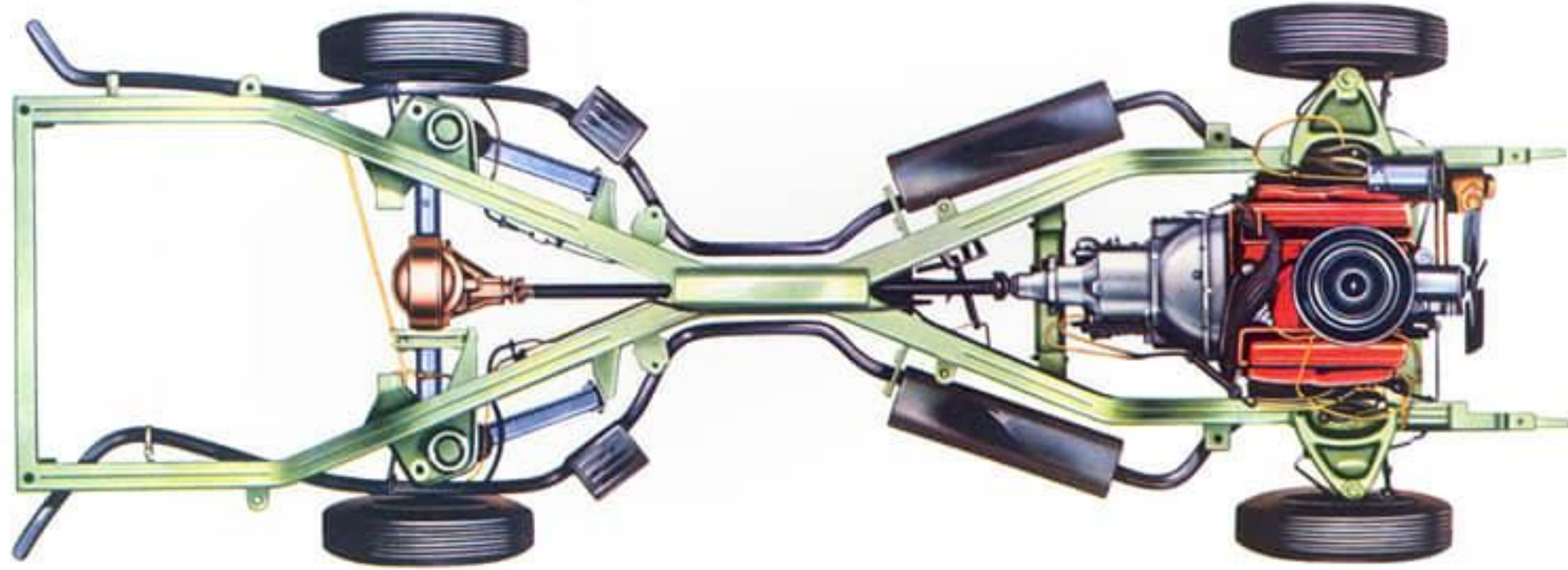
OBSERVATION LOUNGE REAR WINDOW, a feature of the Pariaenne Vista, illustrates the big increase in glass area in all '59 rear windows—up to 74% more glass than last year.



BODY BY FISHER QUALITY—Windshields, roof panels and body sills have all been reinforced to make Pontiac's Unisteel "Sound Barrier" Body by Fisher extra strong for your safety, extra solid to guard against rattles, extra tight to prevent leaks and extra quiet for your complete driving pleasure.

VISTA-PANORAMIC WINDSHIELD wraps around farther to the sides and curves high into the roof . . . ends forever crouching and stooping at corners to read overhead signals and street signs.

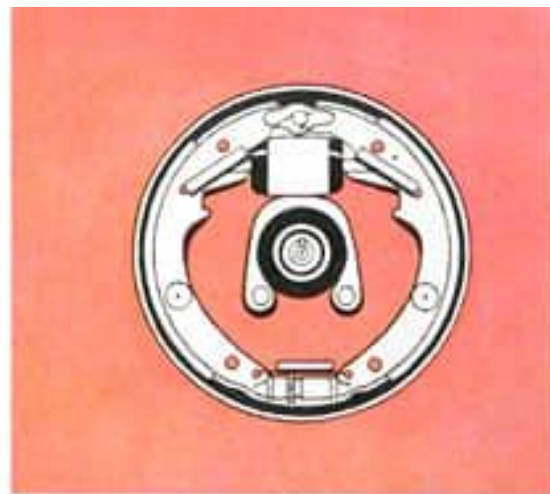




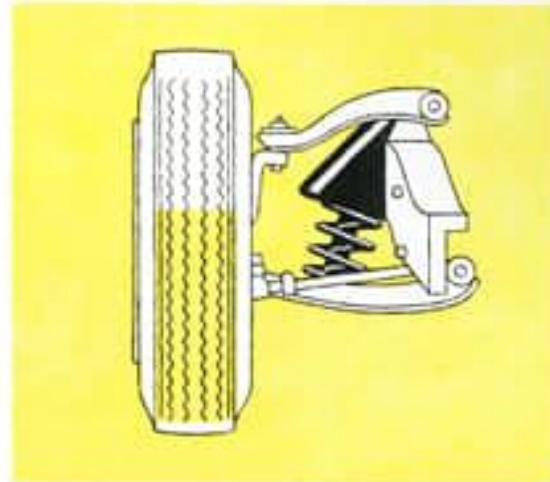
Pontiac's new road-hugging stability starts here . . .

There's a new solid stance to Pontiac this year. Front and rear treads are wider, the wheelbase has been increased and the car has been lowered as much as two inches to bring about a new, low centre of gravity, allowing the car to cradle passengers better. What's more, Pontiac's famous X-frame has been reinforced, made more rigid, and the re-designed four-link rear suspension means a smoother, jolt-free ride. For even greater stability, especially on sharp turns, a stabilizer bar controls rear suspension side thrusts by minimizing rear-end squat and lift.

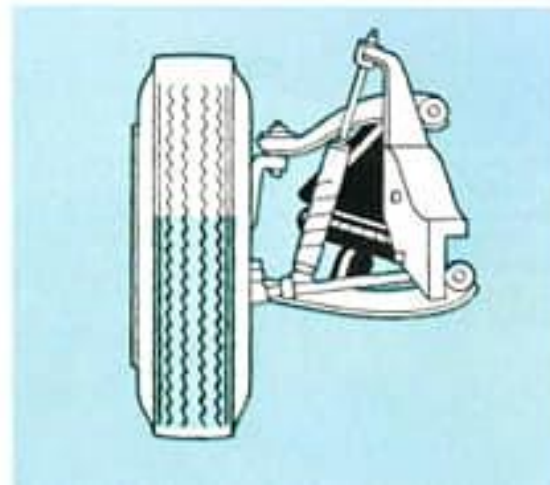
TRUE-CONTOUR AIR-COOLED BRAKES—The '59 Pontiac brings you the surest, safest, steadiest braking you've ever experienced . . . stop after stop! Bonded brake linings have been increased 27% for increased durability—up to 66% longer life. New wider drums are constantly cooled in an air-stream to keep brake temperatures down and braking efficiency up. In addition, all Pontiac wheels have special cooling slots that circulate more air over the brake drums for even greater resistance to heat, fade and wear.



BIG BUOYANT COIL SPRINGS on all four wheels bring you a luxury car ride as standard equipment on every Pontiac. Far superior to ordinary leaf springs because they operate independently from the car's driving and braking mechanisms, coil springs are free to do the specific job they're designed for—cushioning you in complete comfort even on the roughest roads.



NEW IMPROVED EVER-LEVEL AIR RIDE literally floats you along on air, adjusts automatically to any load, every road, for the most amazingly smooth ride you've ever experienced! And through new innovations in design and engineering, Ever-Level Air Ride is even more durable, quieter and trouble-free in operation. Optional at extra cost on all series.

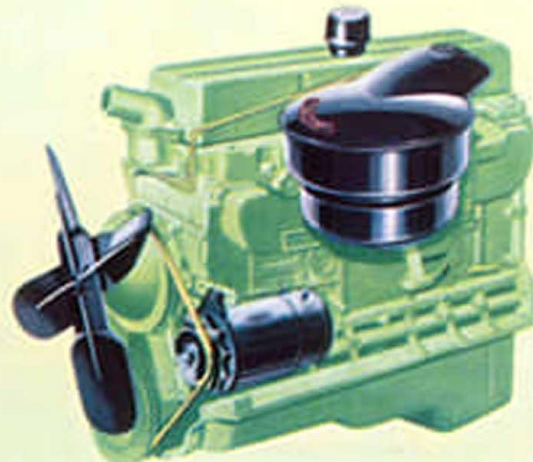
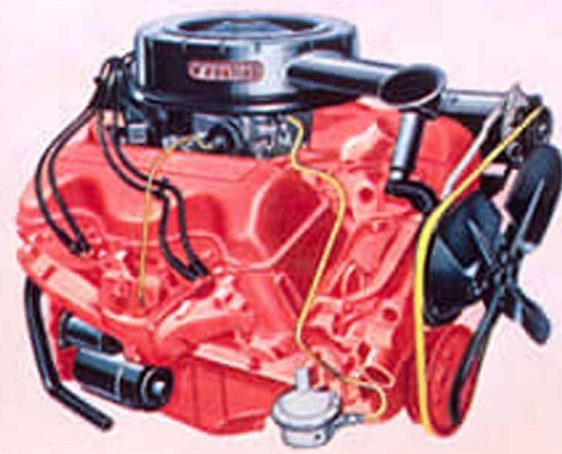


SAFE-T-TRACK DIFFERENTIAL grips where others slip in snow or ice, mud or sand. As long as one wheel has traction, the Safe-T-Track Differential goes to work, transferring instantly the power to the wheel with traction and keeping you safely on your way without a worry. Optional at extra cost on all series.

NEW TYREX TIRES are stronger, lighter, more flexible with greater blowout and rupture resistance, and give longer tread life. Fuel economy gets a boost, too, because Tyrex cord makes these more flexible tires roll more easily, and thus require less engine power.



PONTIAC'S BIG NEW POWER CHOICE FOR '59



1959 PONTIAC ENGINES

	SUPER ASTRO- FLAME V8	ASTRO- FLAME V8	SUPER STRATO- FLASH V8	STRATO- FLASH V8	STRATO- SIX
Displacement (cubic inches)	348	348	283	283	261
Compression Ratio (to one)	9.5	9.5	9.5	8.5	8.5
Bore (Inches)	4.125	4.125	3.875	3.875	3.75
Stroke (Inches)	3.25	3.25	3.0	3.0	3.94
Max. Torque (ft. lb. at engine r.p.m.)	355 at 3200	355 at 2800	300 at 3000	275 at 2400	235 at 2000
Max. Horsepower (at engine r.p.m.)	280 at 4800	250 at 4400	230 at 4800	185 at 4600	150 at 4000
Carburetion	3x2 Bbl.	4 Bbl.	4 Bbl.	2 Bbl.	1 Bbl.

No matter how you like your power, you can tailor it to your taste with Pontiac's wide choice of engines for '59. Four mighty V8's and the famous Strato-Six.

THE 185 H.P. STRATO-FLASH is the standard V8 for all Pontiac Strato-Chief, Laurentian and Parisienne models. Popular and proven, it combines smooth efficiency with economy. In the 230 h.p. Super Strato-Flash V8*, you get a boost in performance with the addition of four-barrel carburetion and an extra-high 9.5 to 1 compression ratio. For the very peak in performance and efficiency, you may choose the revolutionary 250 h.p. Astro-Flame V8* with a whopping

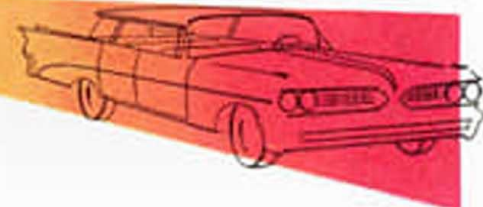
348 cubic inch displacement, four-barrel carburetion and a 9.5 to 1 compression ratio . . . or the mighty 280 h.p. Super Astro-Flame V8* equipped with economical triple two-barrel carburetion.

GREAT NEW ECONOMY GAINS FOR THE STRATO-SIX—Canada's most powerful 6-cylinder engine, the 150 hp Strato-Six, has been made even more economical for '59. With a 261 cubic inch displacement and a com-

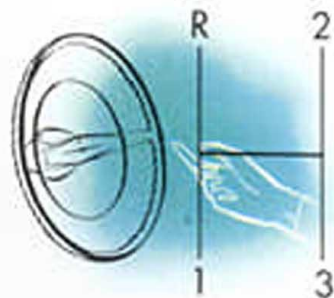
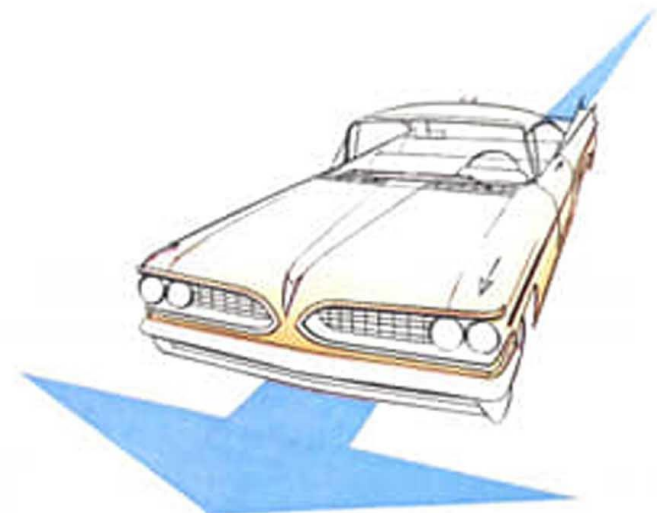
pression ratio of 8.5 to 1, the Strato-Six now boasts a new advance-curve distributor designed to meet the exact torque requirements of the engine and a new single-barrel carburetor specially calibrated for economy. Now you can enjoy more power and save more money on gas at the same time!

*Optional at extra cost

SUPER-SMOOTH TURBOGLIDE has been re-designed and reinforced to make it now the most rugged, trouble-free, easy-to-operate automatic transmission in the industry. Yes, wonderful Turbo-glide—the automatic without even a hint of a shift—has new stamina built right in, and its exclusive Grade Retarder now gives you even better downhill braking. Optional at extra cost on models with V8 engines.



POWERGLIDE—Pontiac's lowest-priced automatic transmission is deservedly popular. Proved by billions of miles of trouble-free service, Powerglide is preferred by millions of owners. Available at extra cost on all Pontiac models with either 6-cylinder or V8 engines.



THREE-SPEED SYNCHRO-MESH—For the man who likes to shift for himself, this is the easiest, smoothest, most efficient standard transmission of them all. New improvements in the clutch pedal linkage result in even quieter operation and greater durability for '59.

CUSTOM TAILOR your new Pontiac to your own ideas of driving pleasure and convenience

Whatever you may want to increase your driving pleasure, convenience or safety, Pontiac's got it in a complete line of power assists and accessories for 1959.



NEW, FEATHER-TOUCH SAFETY POWER STEERING for the easiest handling, easiest parking you've ever known.



PUSH-BUTTON WINDSHIELD WASHERS clean off dust, mud and snow at the push of a button.



POWER WINDOWS allow driver to raise or lower all four windows with just the touch of a finger.



POWER BRAKES bring you to a safe, sure, steady stop with the slightest pressure from your toe.



FLEXOMATIC SIX-WAY POWER SEAT. At the push of a button you can move the front seat forward, backward, up and down, even tilt it to change your seating angle.

All items illustrated optional at extra cost

