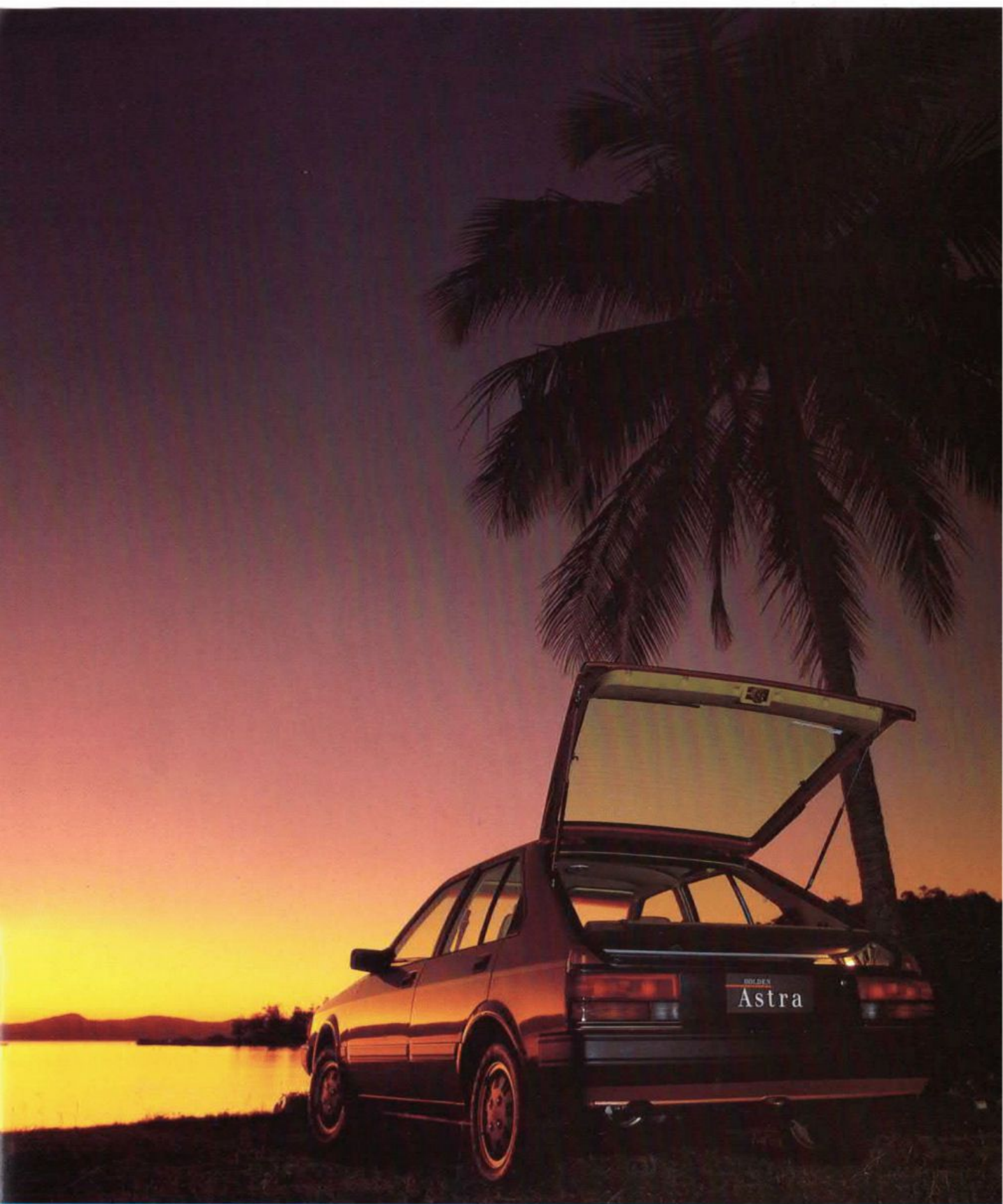
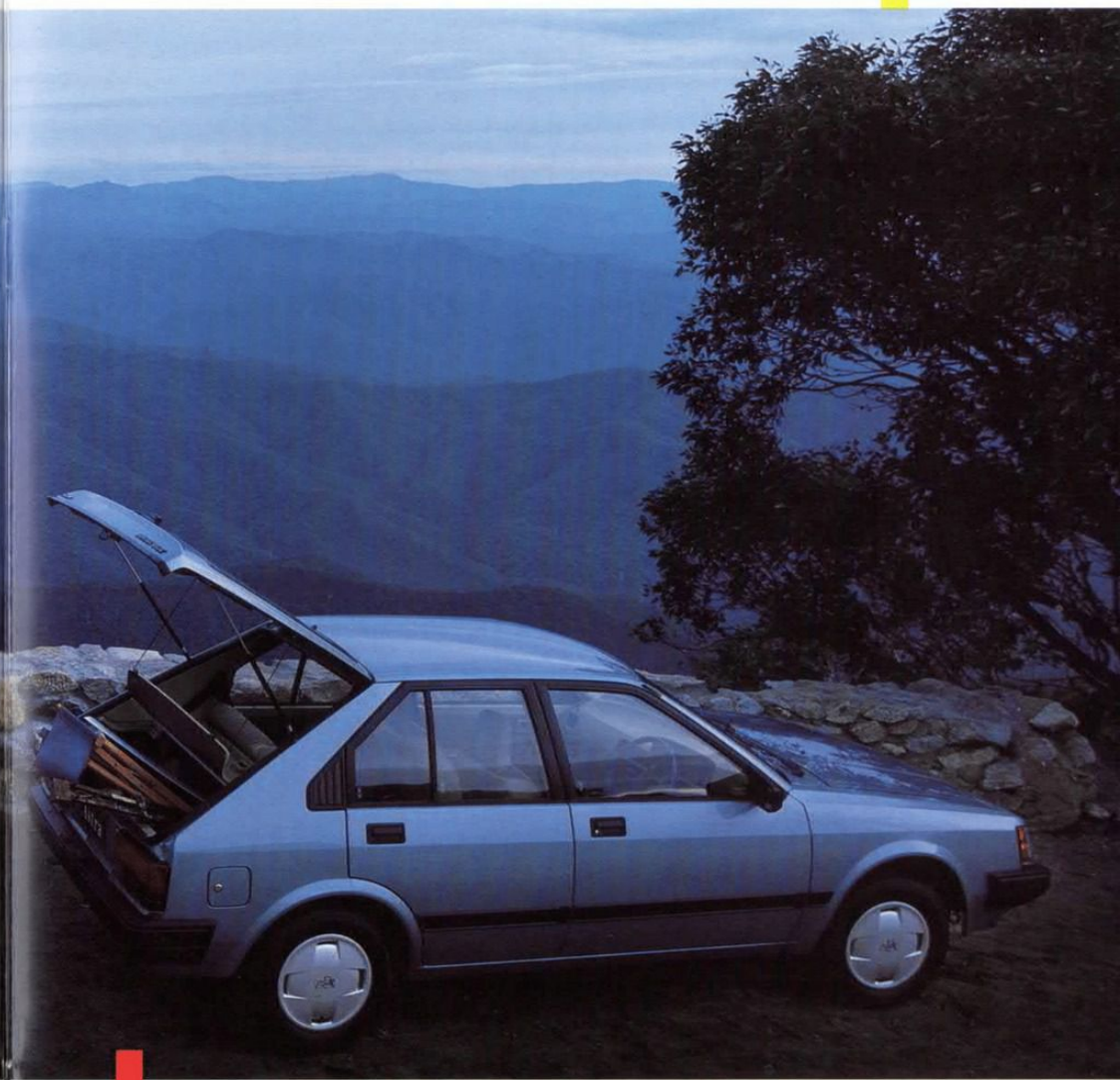


New Holden Astra.



The Civilised Hatch

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There is now a car that has all the advantages of the hatchback in a much more civilised form. The Holden Astra is for people who want the convenience of a five door hatch but who appreciate a higher level of comfort and refinement.

The hatchback is one of the great automotive innovations. The Holden Astra utilises space in the best possible fashion. The engine is mounted sideways and drives the front wheels. This arrangement leaves the interior free of mechanical intrusions like the drive shaft tunnel, providing extra space for driver and passengers.

In the Holden Astra the design, engineering and appointments are amongst the world's best in the class. Whilst the concept of the hatchback is not new, the Holden Astra now becomes the benchmark of everything a top hatch should be. It has the virtues of economy and compactness, is easy and spirited to drive, and has levels of quietness and comfort much above those usually associated with this type of car. Indeed, the Holden Astra only comes in two forms; The Civilised Hatch, and the Very Civilised Hatch - the Astra SLX & the Astra SLE.

Astra SLX shown

and the very Civilised Hatch...

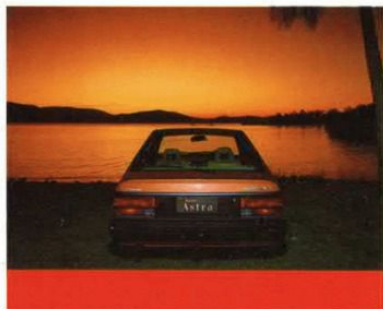


Astra SL/E shown

What makes a car 'civilised'?

Ultimately it is the way in which it does its work and the effect it has on driver and passengers.

In design concept terms this means the inter-relation of the car's ride and handling, size and comfort to create the best possible environment for driver and passengers. Now with the Holden Astra the concept of the hatch has matured. Its design and engineering are very sophisticated. It is practical yet offers great enjoyment—largely due to being a more refined car. It appeals to people who have had to drive much larger cars for their demands to be fulfilled.



This civilised environment is created by the cumulative effect of hundreds of details from the independent suspension, the pile carpet to the electric door mirrors.

that makes compact space civilised...



Astra SLX shown

Inside the Holden Astra there's as much room as you'll find in many two litre notch back cars. Five adults can sit in comfort for long periods. This is achieved through imaginative design, and the materials used for construction. Special seat fabrics keep you cool. Throughout the car spray on sound deadeners reduce noise levels. For the driver primary driving functions have been ergonomically laid out to make operations quick and simple. Both the SLX and the SLE have exceptional sound systems, the latter has an AM/FM stereo/radio cassette with four speakers.



Astra SL/E shown

Ventilation and heating are designed on the 'cool head, warm feet' basis. Every attention to detail is thoughtful from the rapid glance orange and black instrument panel to the driver's footrest. The overall feeling of the interior is light and airy—altogether a very civilised environment.

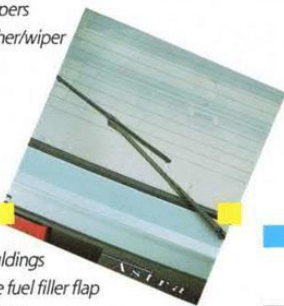


...for 101 civilised reasons

Holden Astra features for SLX & SLE

Exterior

- 5 door hatch back
- .38 drag coefficient*
- *Results of GMH laboratory tests.
- Quartz halogen rectangular headlights
- Heated rear window
- Intermittent wipers
- Rear glass washer/wiper



- Body side mouldings
- Remote release fuel filler flap
- 'Lustre' paint finish
- Hazard warning flashers
- Black door frames
- Slat style grille
- Polypropylene bumpers
- Remote control hatch release



Interior

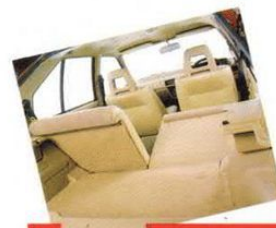
- Reclining front bucket seats
- Split-fold rear seat
- Seats designed for extra collision protection
- Adjustable lumbar support driver's seat
- Large duct ventilation with 4 face level air vents
- Comprehensive instrumentation
- Fully carpeted throughout



- Door entry courtesy lights
- Soft feel gear knob
- Cloth door trim inserts
- Centre console
- Coat hooks
- Passenger assist handles
- Inertia front and rear seat belts



- Day/Night interior rear vision mirror
- Front and rear door armrests
- Driver's footrest
- Front leg room—1008mm
- Front head room—942mm
- Side window demisters
- See-through front seat head restraints
- Cigar lighter
- Glove box
- 3 speed ventilation fan
- Moulded map pockets



- 200 litres of luggage space with back seats up
- Anti-glare instruments
- 85% all round visibility
- Luggage compartment light
- Child restraint anchorage points
- 'Lane change' signalling
- Dash light dimmer
- Childproof rear door locks
- Tilt adjustable steering column



Engineering

- 1.5 litre engine
- Overhead camshaft
- 5 bearing ultra smooth crankshaft
- Automatic choke
- Maximum power output 51.4 kW/ @ 5,200rpm (DIN)
- Maximum torque 115 Nm @ 3,200rpm (DIN)
- Alloy head
- Domed combustion chambers
- High swirl intake ports
- 5.4 litres per 100km highway cycle* (manual)
- 8.5 litres per 100km city cycle* (manual)
- *Figures stated are the results of GMH administered laboratory tests conducted according to AS2077-1979 procedures
- *Methods of test for fuel consumption of passenger cars and their derivatives: "City and highway cycles."
- Rack and pinion negative scrub steering
- All round independent suspension
- Automatic transmission option
- Diagonal split, dual circuit brake system
- Power assisted front disc brakes, rear self adjusting drums
- GMH 12 month/20,000km warranty

- 5-speed manual transmission with overdrive on fifth gear



- Collapsible steering column
- First 1 month/1500km service free
- Service intervals of 10,000km
- 50 litre fuel tank capacity
- Min. turning circle, kerb to kerb 4.6m radius
- Extensive spray-on sound deadeners
- Thermostat controlled electronic cooling
- Aluminised steel exhaust
- Ultra light clutch and gear operation
- Safety cell crash protection
- Reinforced doors for side impact protection
- Telescopic gas struts on hatch door
- Front wheel drive

SLX exclusive features.

Exterior

- Two exterior mirrors, remote controlled
- Styled full wheel covers

Interior

- Cloth seat facings
- Quartz analogue clock
- Push button AM/FM stereo radio with two 5 watt speakers

SLE exclusive features.

Exterior

- Laminated windscreen with tinted upper band
- Tinted side and rear glass
- Alloy wheels with chrome plated hub nuts



...reasons cont.

- Pinstripe livery
- Two electric exterior mirrors

Interior

- Tachometer
- Soft feel steering wheel
- AM/FM stereo radio/cassette, with four 5 watt speakers



- Door ajar warning light
- Low fuel warning light
- Digital clock



- Front extension console
- Door carpet pad
- Cloth headlining
- Cut pile carpet
- Tripmeter
- Velour seat facings

These are just some of the reasons why the Holden Astra is the civilised hatch. Collectively they create a superb driving environment.



Driving. The high revving overhead cam engine produces 51.4 kW of energy giving an excellent power to weight ratio for the car. The engine size is 1.5 litres to give economy and lightness. It's matched either to a 5-speed manual or the optional auto transmission which, with its lock-up torque convertor, gives you direct drive in top at speeds of over 64kph—just like a manual—so you get better economy and power. Suspension is independent all round and matched to the rack and pinion steering for an excellent balance of handling and comfort, whether you're in the bush or the city. It's a combination used in many European sports saloons, with the added advantage of being designed for Australian conditions. It also makes the Holden Astra a delightfully light and easy car to drive. The compact size makes it ideal for the city, long-legged manual overdrive gearing keeps the car quiet and economical on highways and front wheel traction is a great advantage on unmade road surfaces.

Environment. The level of environmental comfort in a car is designed in three levels. The first level is the car's ride. Because it's a compact, light car, the Holden Astra allows a combination of comfort and handling precision. The car's handling stability around corners actually improves comfort by lessening the unpleasant lateral forces which rock driver and passengers from side to side.

The second level of comfort comes from Astra's exceptional internal space to outside proportions; the design and materials used in the seating; the level of quietness; and the ventilation system, with optional air conditioning.

The third level of comfort is the Astra's degree of appointments. As you can see from the list there are dozens of these, some more important than others, but collectively they make your drive much more civilised.

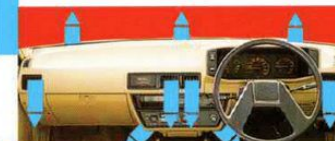
Style. The two Holden Astras are amongst the most attractive hatches to be found anywhere in the world. The seven colours Orange Metallic, Light Sapphire Lustre, Beacon Red, Turquoise, Diamond Lustre, Classic White, Sandstone, have a clear, deep brilliance achieved by a subtle, metallic effect so the coachwork seems to shimmer. The SLX has a sheer side look emphasised by the full wheel covers. The SLE has pinstripes and alloy wheels. Both have side mouldings, slatted grilles and black window surrounds. The SLE has tinted side and rear glass as well. They epitomise the look of a contemporary hatch.

Accessories for the Civilised Hatch.

Stereo cassette: Enjoy driving to your favourite music with this hi-fi player.



Integrated air-conditioning: Year 'round comfort through heating/ventilation system.



Venetian Shade: Smart new slimline design reduces heat and glare.



Tow-bar and Tongue: Strong, tested design for safer towing.



There are those extra touches that some drivers find essential for their way of life. For these drivers the Holden Astra has a wide range of accessories—some practical, some adding a shade more style whilst protecting the car, and others that further increase the car's comforts, like the refreshing sensation of integrated air-conditioning. They're fully covered by the 12 month/20,000km GMH warranty. Select your special needs from the wide range of GMH approved accessories for the civilised hatch from your Holden Dealer.

Civilised facts.

Hatch Features	SLX	SLE
Mechanical		
1.5 Litre OHC alloy head engine	STD	STD
5-speed manual transmission	STD	STD
3-speed auto transmission	OPT	OPT
Rack and pinion steering	STD	STD
Negative scrub radius steering geometry	STD	STD
Power assisted front disc brakes	STD	STD
Exterior		
"Lustre" paint finish	STD	STD
Rectangular quartz halogen headlamps	STD	STD
Front and rear steel bumpers with polypropylene cover	STD	STD
Laminated windscreen	STD	BAND TINTED
Tinted side and rear glass	-	STD
Heated rear window	STD	STD
Rear wiper washer	STD	STD
Remote exterior mirrors	STD	-
Power remote exterior mirrors	-	STD
Bodyside mouldings	STD	STD
Side and rear pinstripe	-	STD
Wheel trim covers	STD	-
Alloy wheels	-	STD
Interior		
AM/FM Stereo radio/cassette player-4 speakers	-	STD
AM/FM Stereo radio-2 speakers	STD	-
Cloth seat trim	STD	STD
Front reclining bucket seats	STD	STD
Driver's seat lumbar support	-	STD
Floor and load area carpet	STD	STD
Tilt adjustable steering column	STD	STD
Soft feel steering wheel	-	STD
Soft feel gear knob	STD	STD
Split fold rear seat	STD	STD
Intermittent wipers	STD	STD
Centre console	STD	STD
Front door RHS map pocket	STD	STD
Front door LHS map pocket	-	STD
Quartz analogue clock	STD	-
Digital clock	-	STD
Tachometer	-	STD
Door ajar and low fuel warning lamps	-	STD
Front door courtesy lamp	STD	STD
Rear door courtesy lamp	-	STD
Load area light	STD	STD
Rear parcel shelf/load area cover	STD	STD
Coat hooks	STD	-
Front and rear assist grips and coat hooks	-	STD
Day/night rear view mirror	STD	STD
Front and rear inertia reel seat belts	STD	STD
Hazard flashers	STD	STD
Remote control fuel lid and hatchback releases	STD	STD
Childproof rear door locks	STD	STD
Cloth door trim inserts	STD	STD
Front and rear door armrests	STD	STD
Locking Fuel Filler Flap	STD	STD
Drivers left footrest	STD	STD
Cloth headlining	-	STD

STD = Standard OPT = Optional

Engine: 4 cylinder belt driven OHC with aluminium cylinder head, domed combustion chamber with "high swirl" intake ports.
Bore x Stroke: 76 x 82mm.
Displacement: 1488cc
Compression Ratio: 9.0:1
Max. Power: 51.4kW @ 5,200r/min (DIN)
Max. Torque: 115Nm @ 3,200r/min (DIN)

Cooling System: Pressurised radiator with centrifugal pump, thermostatically controlled electric fan and wax pellet thermostat.

Fuel System: Downdraught two barrel, single carburetor.
Mechanical fuel pump. Viscous paper element air cleaner.
Tank Capacity: 50 litres.

Transmission: Manual 5-speed. All synchro floor change.
1st: 3.333:1, 2nd: 1.955:1, 3rd: 1.286:1, 4th: 0.902:1, 5th: 0.733:1,
Rev: 3.417:1, Final Drive: 3.789:1.
Automatic 3-speed with converter clutch. 1st: 2.826:1, 2nd: 1.543:1,
3rd: 1.000:1, Rev: 2.364:1, Final Drive: 3.364:1.

Steering: Rack and pinion. Collapsible column shaft with steering lock. Minimum turning radius (kerb to kerb) 4.6 metres.

Brakes: Diagonal split dual circuit service brake with tandem master cylinder and integrated pressure proportioning valves.

Front: Disc.

Rear: Self adjusting drum with leading and trailing shoes.

Electrical System: 12V 160 Amp rated starting current low maintenance battery.
12V 50 Amp alternator.
Magnetic shift starter motor.

Suspension: Front: Negative scrub radius. Independent by McPherson Struts, coil springs/telescopic damper, transverse link arms, anti-sway bar.
Rear: Independent by trailing arms, coil springs/telescopic dampers, anti-sway bar.

Wheels: SLX-4.5" J x 13" styled steel road wheels.
SLE-5.0" J x 13" alloy road wheels.

Tyres: P 165/75 S13 steel belted radial tyres.

Nominal Dimensions

Overall length	mm	3960
Overall width	mm	1620
Overall height	mm	1390
Wheel base	mm	2415
Front track	mm	1395
Rear track	mm	1375
Minimum ground clearance	mm	165

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