

The 1979 Honda Prelude

To some, a sports car is a car that can accelerate away from a stoplight at blinding speed.

To others, a sports car is measured differently. The roofline should not exceed waist height, and it should be driven while lying nearly on one's back with chin pressed to chest.

At Honda, we see things a little more simply.

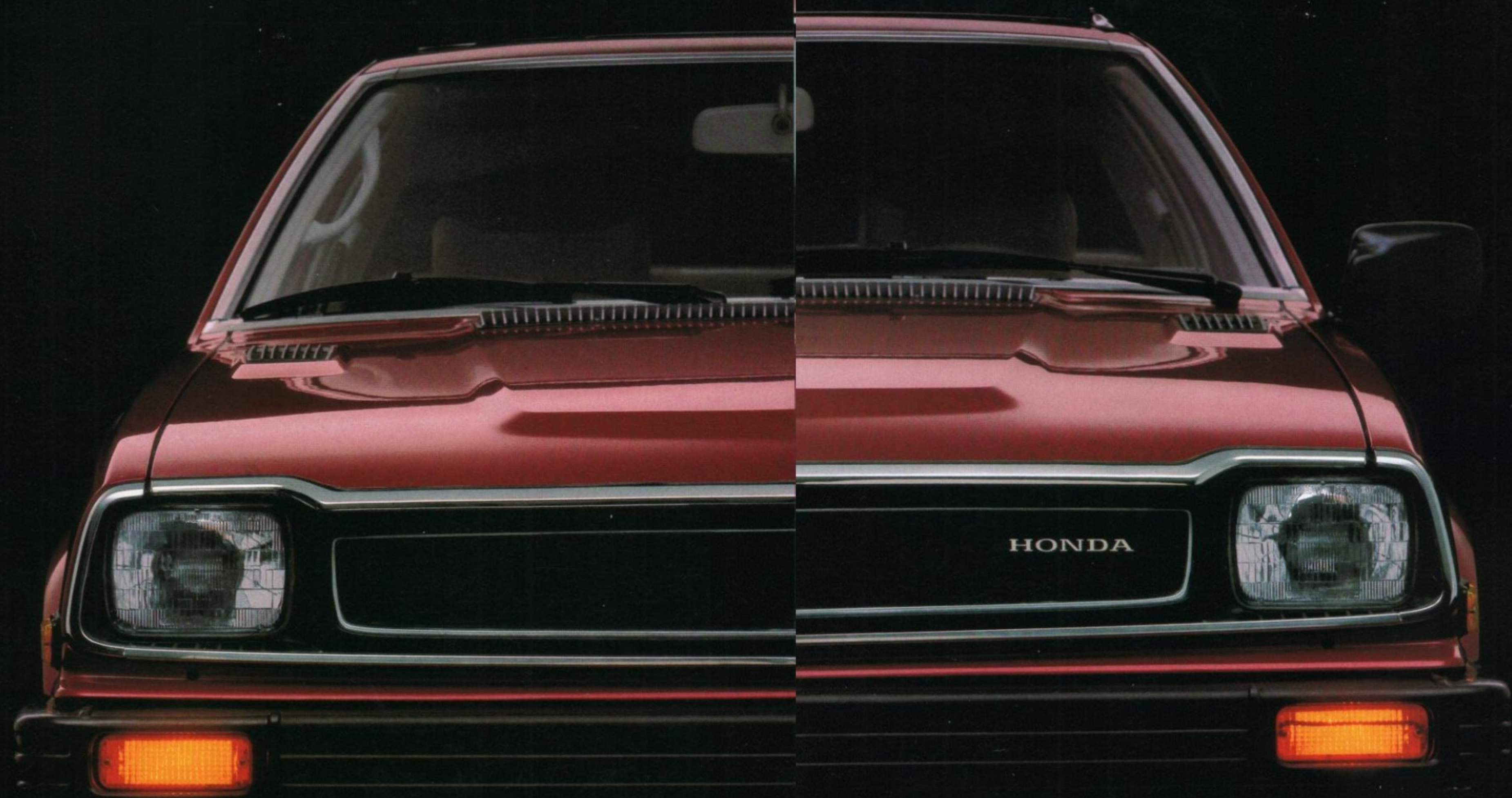
Introducing the Honda Prelude. A sports car for grown-ups. People who are realistic about things like 55 mph speed limits and their personal comfort during a long trip.

But a sports car for grown-ups doesn't have to be sedate. What with front-wheel drive, rack and pinion steering, steel-belted radial tires, and an advanced 4-wheel independent suspension system, it's one of the most nimble Hondas we've ever made.

If you agree with our grown-up approach to designing this new automobile, we invite you to step inside a Honda Prelude.

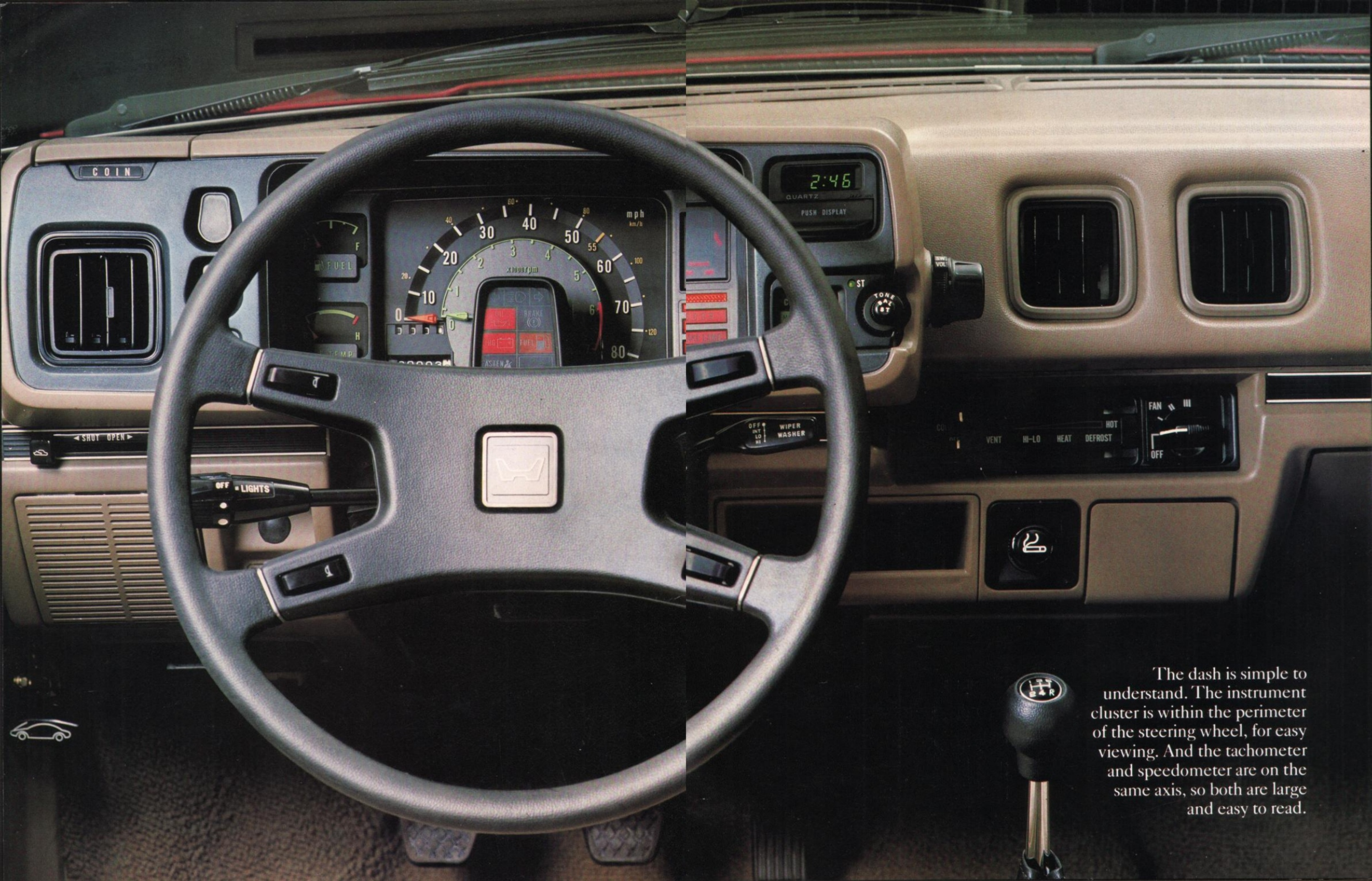
Once you get in, you may never want to get out. And isn't that really what a sports car should be?



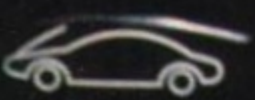


A photograph showing the front and rear interior of a car. The front seats are bucket seats with beige cloth upholstery featuring vertical ribbing on the seatbacks and horizontal ribbing on the seat cushions. They have adjustable headrests. The rear seat is a bench seat with similar beige cloth upholstery. A manual transmission with a black gear shift knob is visible. The center console has a storage box. The door panels and dashboard are also visible, all in a light beige color. The car's body is painted a dark red color.

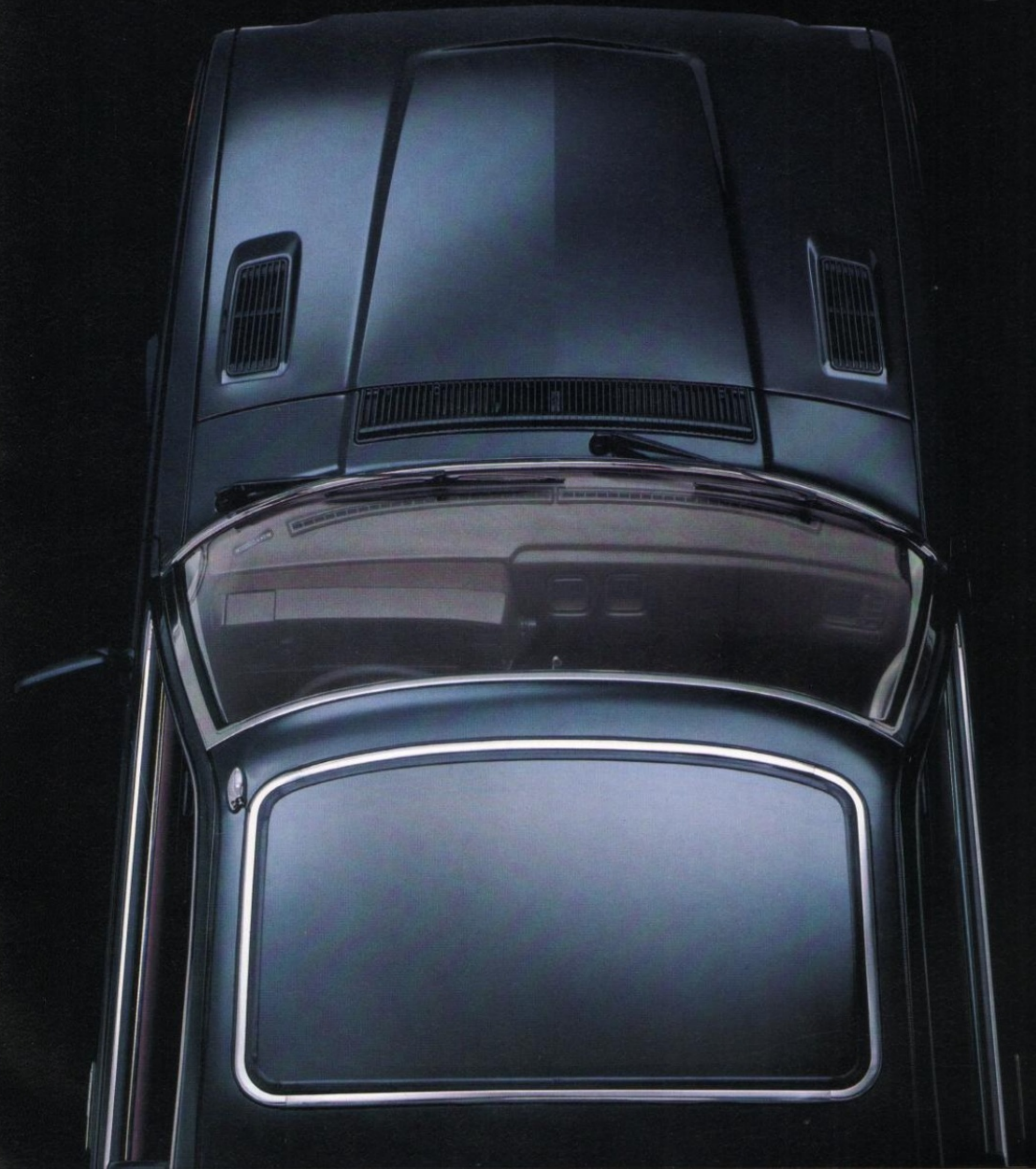
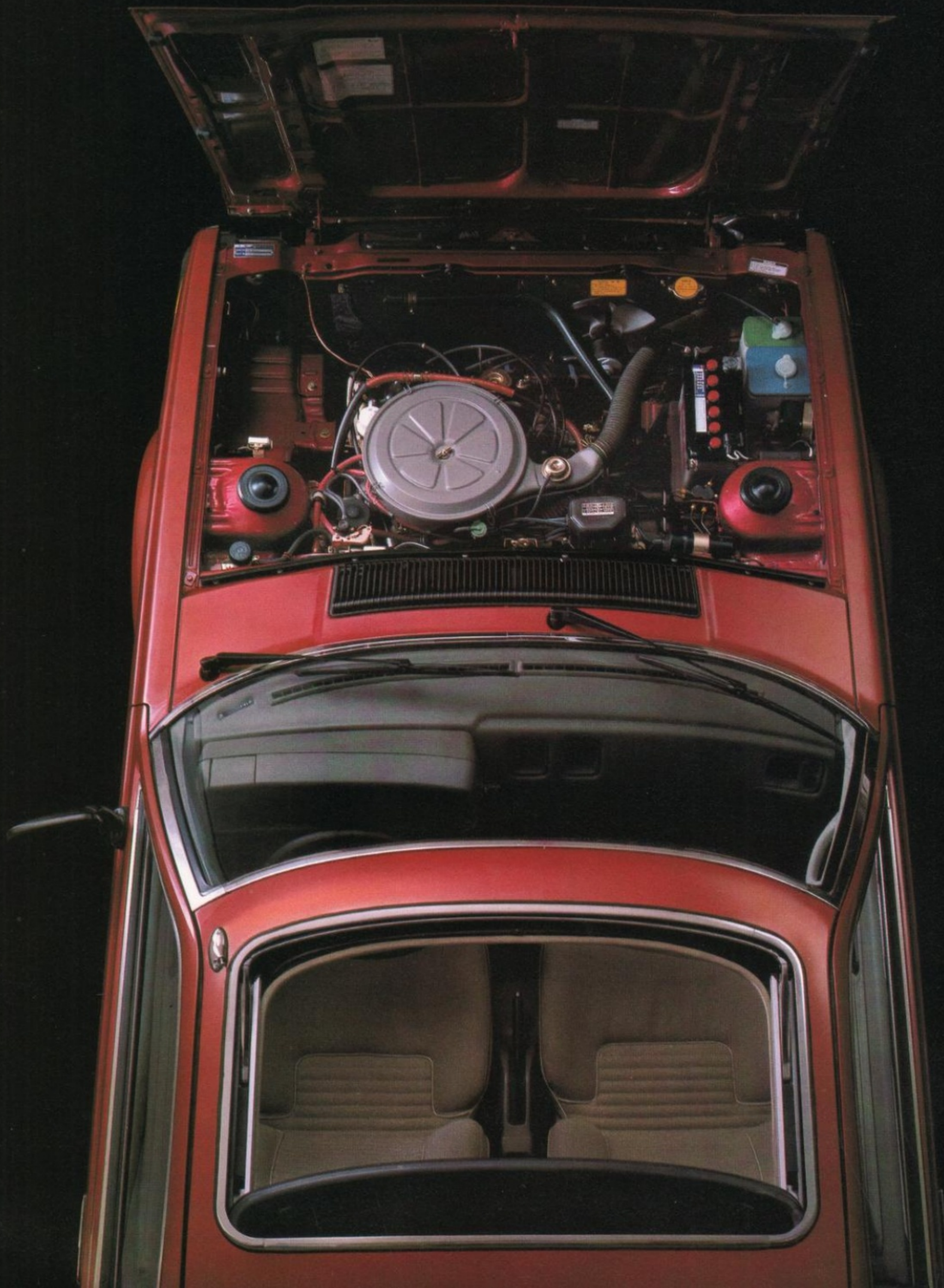
The fully reclining front bucket seats are covered in a special handsome cloth seat fabric. The adjustable front seat headrests are also standard. And there is a stowage box in the center console as well as in the panel beside each rear seat.

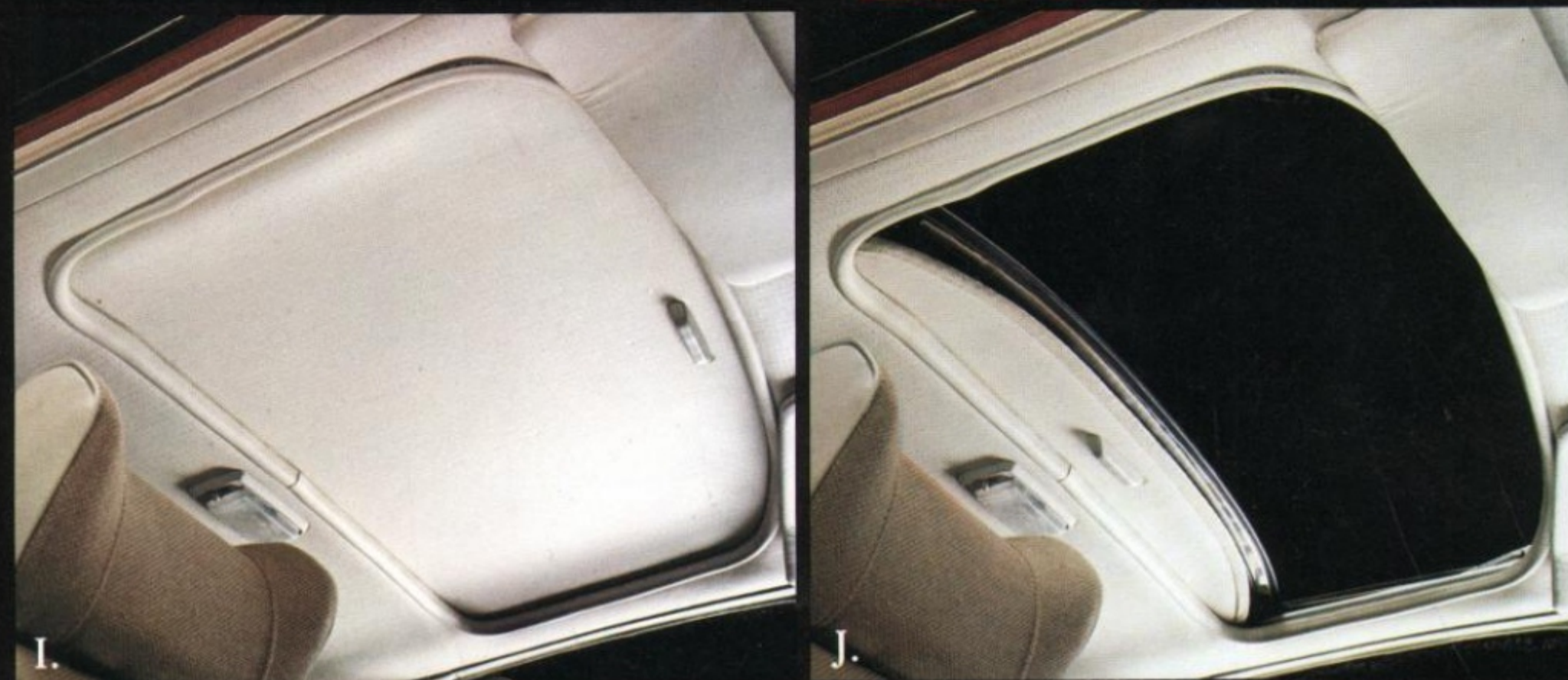
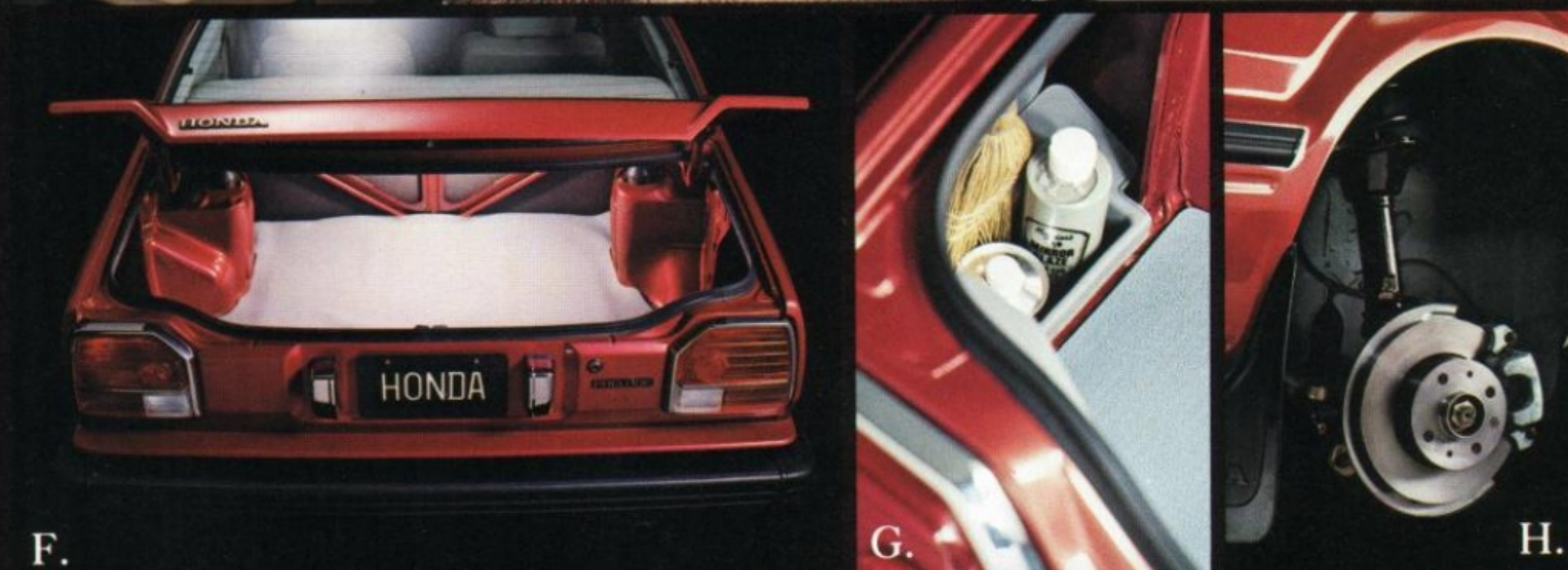
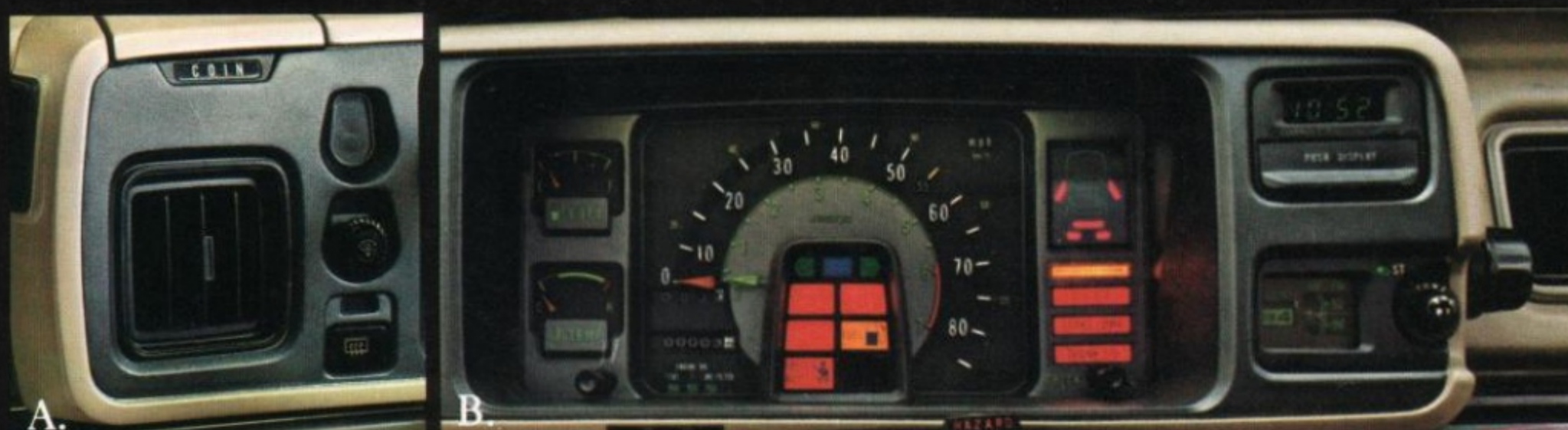


The dash is simple to understand. The instrument cluster is within the perimeter of the steering wheel, for easy viewing. And the tachometer and speedometer are on the same axis, so both are large and easy to read.



A special standard feature of the new Prelude is the power-operated glass moonroof with manual sunshade. If you want fresh air, just press the button and the moonroof slides back. If you want shade, just slide the sunshade forward. Also standard is the athletic 1751cc version of Honda's famous CVCC® Advanced Stratified Charge Engine.





Standard Features

- A. Coin box, fresh air vent and electric rear window defroster switch
- B. Trip odometer, maintenance reminder, coaxial tachometer with speedometer and electronic warning system
- C. Digital clock and unique AM/FM stereo radio
- D. Glove box with light
- E. 5-speed manual transmission with console stowage box (manually-selected 2-speed Hondamatic transmission is optional)
- F. Roomy trunk with convenient remote trunk lid release
- G. Trunk stowage box
- H. Power-assisted front disc brakes
- I. Manually-operated sunshade
- J. Power-operated tinted-glass moonroof

Accessories

- A. Air conditioning, designed by Honda
 - B. Stereo cassette tape player
 - C. Trunk lid luggage rack
- For a complete list of Honda quality accessories, see the following page.

Prelude Standard Features

CVCC® Advanced Stratified Charge Engine
Electronic Ignition
Front-Wheel Drive
Four-Wheel Independent Suspension
Rack and Pinion Steering
Negative Steering Roll Radius
Power-Assisted Front Disc Brakes
Dual Diagonal Brake Circuits
Steel-Belted Radial Ply Blackwall Tires
Bright Metal Wheel Trim Rings
Power-Operated Moonroof with Sunshade
AM/FM Stereo Radio with Unique Controls
Tachometer
Electronic Warning System
Maintenance Reminder
Low Fuel Warning Light
Digital Clock
Cigarette Lighter
Glove Box Light
Two Speed Plus Intermittent Wipers

Rear Window Defroster
Side Window Defrosters
Tinted Glass
Rectangular Headlights with Snow Drains
Trip Odometer
Day/Night Rearview Mirror
Coin Box with Lid
Stowage Boxes in Rear Seat Side Panels
Stowage Box in Center Console
Fully Reclining Front Bucket Seats
Full Carpeting
Combination Light Switch on Steering Column
Inside Hood Release
Remote Trunk Lid Release and Interior Light
Trunk Stowage Boxes
Protective Body Side Mouldings
Plastic Corrosion-Resistant Fender Liners
Vanity Mirror-R. Sun Visor
Passenger Assist Handle-Right Windshield Post
Mud Flaps-Front Wheels

Prelude Accessories

Air Conditioning, Designed by Honda
Cassette Tape Deck with Power Booster and
4 Speakers
Aluminum Alloy Wheels 13" x 5"
Alloy Wheel Lock Set
Fender Well Trim
Illuminated Cigarette Lighter

Steering Wheel Cover, Grip Type
Trunk Lid Luggage Rack with Teak Inserts
Right-Hand Mirror
Door Edge Guards-Black
Front and Rear Surlyn Bumper Guards
Floor Mats-Rubber or Deluxe
Rear Mud Guard Set

Prelude Specifications

General	Front-Wheel Drive, Transverse Engine, Unitized Body		
Engine	CVCC® Advanced Stratified Charge, 4-Cylinder, In-Line, Single Overhead Camshaft, Electronic Ignition		
Piston Displacement	1751cc (107 cu.in.)		
Compression Ratio	8.0:1		
Net Horsepower	72 @ 4500 rpm (68 @ 4500 with Hondamatic)		
Net Torque (lb.-ft.)	94 @ 3000 rpm (94 @ 3500 with Hondamatic)		
Carburetion	3-Barrel Downdraft Carburetor		
Cooling	Liquid-Cooled, Thermostatically Controlled Electric Fan		
Drive Train			
Manual Transmission	5-speed, All Forward Gears Synchromesh		
Hondamatic (optional)	2 Manually Selected Forward Speeds with Torque Converter		
Suspension	4-Wheel Independent		
Front	MacPherson Struts With Coil Springs and Integral Shock Absorbers		
Rear	MacPherson Struts With Coil Springs and Integral Shock Absorbers		
Steering	Rack and Pinion		
Turns, lock to lock	3.26		
Brakes	Power-Assisted With Dual Diagonal Circuits		
Front	Disc-Self-Adjusting		
Rear	Drum-Self-Adjusting		
Tires	175/70 SR13 Steel-Belted Radial Ply Blackwall		
Dimensions		Colors:	Interior
Wheelbase	91.3"	Exterior	Ivory
Tread Front/Rear	55.1"/55.5"	Tudor Red Metallic	Red
Length	161.4"	Inverness Blue Black Metallic	Red
Width	64.4"	St. Moritz Silver Metallic	Red
Height	51.0"		
Curb Weights			
5-Speed	2106 lbs.		
Hondamatic	2110 lbs.		

