*All the wonders you've waited for...*

# PONTIAC '59





Laurentian 4-Door Sedan



Laurentian 2-Door Sedan




Laurentian Sport Coupe



Laurentian Vista

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

In these four dazzling 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 across Canada.

New this year are the stunning Vista 4-door Hardtop with its exclusive observation lounge rear window shown above and, shown at the left, the Sport Coupe, brilliant interpretation of hard-top styling.



Strato-Chief 2-Door Sedan

Strato-Chief 4-Door Sedan

## STRATO-CHIEF... *Value Leader in its class*

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 . . . new road-hugging stability. The 4-door and 2-door sedans are shown above.



Strato-Chief 4-Door 6-Passenger Safari



Parisienne 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*

Illustrated above 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.

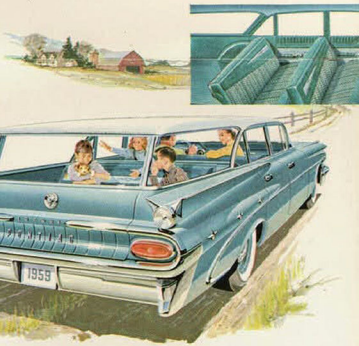
This is it . . . the stylish, luxurious, practical nine passenger station wagon all Canada's been waiting for. The third seat faces to the rear for maximum passenger visibility, and both the second and third seat can be easily lowered into the floor to make room for extra long or heavy loads.

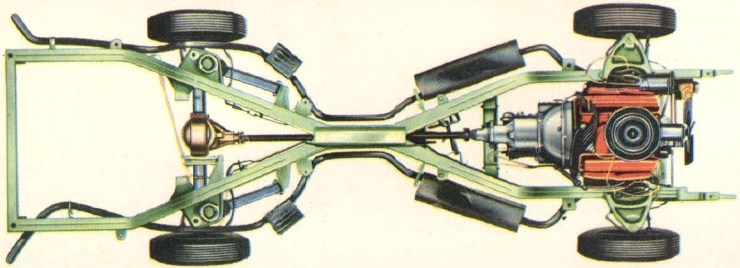




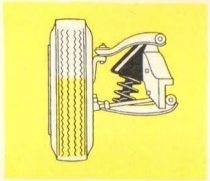
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## LAURENTIAN 9-PASSENGER SAFARI



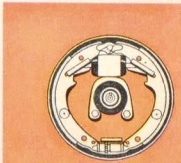


There's a new solid stance to Pontiac this year. Front and rear treads are wider, the wheelbase has been increased and the car has been lowered up to two inches to bring about a new, low centre of gravity, allowing the car to cradle passengers better.

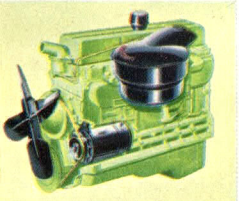


BIG BUOYANT COIL SPRINGS on all four wheels bring you a luxury car ride as standard equipment on every Pontiac. Far superior to ordinary leaf springs because they operate independently from the car's driving and braking mechanisms.

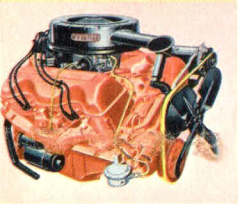
NEW IMPROVED EVER-LEVEL AIR RIDE literally floats you along on air, adjusts automatically to any load, every road, for the smoothest ride you've ever experienced! Optional at extra cost.



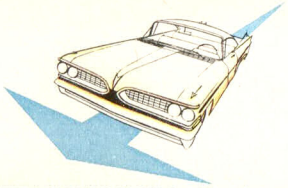
TRUE-CONTOUR AIR-COOLED BRAKES— The '59 Pontiac brings you the surest, safest and steadiest braking... stop after stop!



**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. Now you can enjoy more power and save more money on gas at the same time!

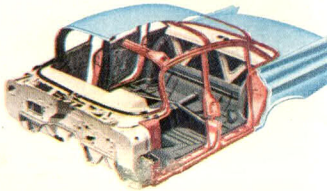


**THE 185 HP V8 STRATO-FLASH ENGINE** is the standard engine for all Pontiac Strato-Chief, Laurentian and Parisienne V8 models. Popular and proven, it combines smooth efficiency with economy. Available also at extra cost are the 230 hp Super Strato-Flash, the 250 hp Astro-Flame V8 and the 280 hp Super Astro Flame V8.



**3 TRANSMISSIONS**—You have your choice of three transmissions in Pontiac for '59. Optional at extra cost are the super-smooth Turbo-glide, finest in the industry and Powerglide, the dependable popular automatic transmission proven over years of service. Standard on all models is the famous three-speed Synchro-Mesh.

**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.





Parisienne Convertible



Here they are! And how you'll love their luxury . . . the 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!**



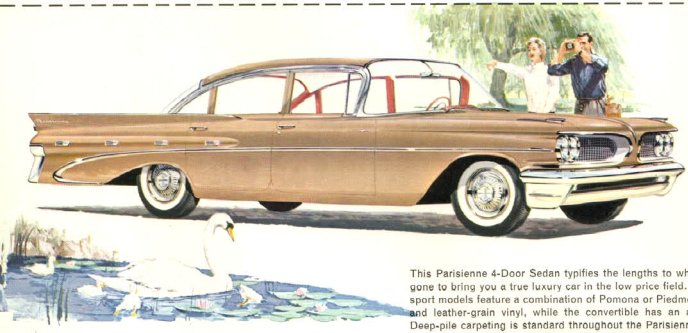

Parisienne Vista

Parisienne Sport Coupe



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

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



This Parisienne 4-Door Sedan 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*

# 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*, 3½ 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

9½-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. 10½-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 levelizing control, front and rear. Independent front suspension with spherical joints, ride stabilizer bar on all Parisienne models, all Station Wagons and all 8 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, 14¼ gals., all others, 16½ 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".

## OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT*

Power steering. Power brakes. Power windows**. Flexomatic 6-way power front seat**. 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. Pushbutton windshield washer. Full line of accessory equipment.

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

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