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**THIS MONTH: THE FIRST CHEVROLET CAVALIERS,
HERSHEY REPORT, 1964 CHEVY II QUESTIONS**



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Editor's Notes/Hershey Report

If you attended Hershey this year, you know how crazy the weather was. I checked the weather report before I headed to the Fall Meet on Tuesday morning. When I saw the forecast of all day rain for Thursday, I cancelled the region meeting and sent a message to our members informing them of the cancellation. I probably missed a few of you because of the cancellation but did meet some members I hadn't met before.

Region member Paul Dimbath always hangs out at the region vendor spaces when he's not traveling through the flea market. Another region member, Don Allen, attended Hershey with Paul this year. Don and I have corresponded via email but had never met. It was a pleasure meeting and getting to know Don.

I also met region member Bob Giles and his wife Patricia. Bob invited me to lunch at his vendor spaces. They served up a nice meal, and Bob and I had a great conversation. I guess I didn't say the wrong thing because he invited me back for next year. Bob's spaces are very similar to the region spaces, a few friends, a few adjacent spaces, and some parts for sale. Everyone keeps an eye on the sale items.

Region Vice President John Mahoney, region member Bill Lutkowski and I (along with our usual Hershey crowd) manned the region spaces. Most of us stayed at the same hotel with some of us going to dinner as a group on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. As always, our webmaster

and proofreader, Bill Pritchett, stopped by and said hello as did Nick Matlaga.

Speaking of Bill Lutkowski, take a look at the picture on the next page. During his travels around the flea market, Bill met a guy that resembles him a little and couldn't pass up taking this photo together.

I did sell some small parts and old license plates I found in my garage. Hershey is mostly a social activity for me. I look forward to it all year and always have a great time. I wasn't looking for parts or literature this year because I don't have an antique car right now. None of the cars for sale that I saw caught my eye. I don't cover much of the flea market or car corral, so I may have missed something.

Thursday's rain is responsible for the Cavalier article. In an attempt to stay dry, I visited the AACA Library. Many other people visited the Library that day, it was very busy. The librarians and volunteers handled the crowd very well. They brought me the Cavalier information and made the copies that I asked for. I scanned the copies into this month's article.

John Mahoney had his 1975 Cosworth Vega for sale at Hershey. He parked it in our vendor spaces and placed informative for sale signs on the car. If he charged admission for all the people that stopped and looked at the car, John would have made a fortune. Despite all the lookers, the car didn't sell. See the classified ad and photos on page 5. I've ridden in the car, and it's very fast.

I always make a donation to the AACA Library when I visit their tent at Hershey. The Library is one of the great benefits of AACA membership. If you've ever visited the Library and AACA Headquarters, you know how cramped the current building and parking lot are.

The new building on Hershey Park Drive will solve these problems. Please look at the donation requests that arrived with the current issue of *Antique Automobile* and think about contributing. Our region doesn't have a treasury. Therefore our donations will have to be made as individual ones.

Since we didn't hold a meeting at Hershey, there's no region business to discuss at this time. As always, if members have suggestions regarding the region and the newsletter, don't be shy. We always need articles and pictures for the newsletter.

Bill Pritchett sent the following link to a fun 1963 Chevrolet commercial:

<https://macsmotorcitygarage.com/video-the-1963-super-sports-from-chevrolet/>

Best wishes for Christmas, Hanukah and 2019. Stay well and stay warm.

Russell Heim



Editor's items for sale in the region vendor spaces. My sons always make fun of the fact that I never sell the pictured hub caps.



Hershey, October 2018. Space Age Chevrolet Region member Bill Lutkowski (right), ran into a guy that looks a lot like him. The look-alike's name is Jay Leno. Jay was spotted in many locations around the Fall Meet on Friday and Saturday. I'll bet he was the most photographed person at the Meet.



Region Vice President John Mahoney's 1975 Cosworth Vega for sale in the rain on October 11, 2018 in the Red Flea Market at the Eastern Fall Meet at Hershey, PA.



1957 Bel Air Sport Sedan was marked "sold" in the Red Flea Market.

CLASSIFIED AD

1975 Cosworth Vega for sale:



John Mahoney says: I have owned this car for 6 years and purchased the car from the original owner. This car was sitting in dry storage for its entire life. I have the original bill of sale and build sheet. This is car 0718 out of the 3508 of total production in 1975 and '76. According to the Cosworth registry, only a few hundred are known to still be left in running condition. The car has 79,000 miles and runs GREAT! In 1975 the Cosworth sold for \$500 less than the Corvette and \$800 more than a Camaro. **This was not your high school English teacher's Vega!** This car is a great fun to drive, and rivals the feel of driving a British sports car of the same era. **It was intended to be a drive it out of the dealership and put it on the ISMA race track that same day.** I replaced the original problematic Electronic Fuel Injection set-up with the rare aftermarket highly sought after Hutton Dual Weber Carburetor set-up. **I kept all of the original EFI parts and they will go with the car.** Some of the paint is still original, but it has been touched up. It still has the original Delco spiral shocks on it which perform as they did when new. Since I have owned it, I had the original rims restored, 5 new tires, new exhaust from the original factory stainless steel header back, new tie rod ends and center link, new fuel pump, new Delco clutch, new clutch cable, the close ratio 4 speed transmission was overhauled with new bearings and synchro rings, new U joints were installed, the original starter was rebuilt, new brakes, radio speaker was rebuilt, new hoses installed and radiator was boiled out, new Steele weather strip on the hatch and the doors, had a new headliner installed, and I know that there are many other items replaced that I did not mention. Car is very fast! Car is **titled to me and is located on Long island New York.** It turns heads everywhere we take it! I know that these two words were seldom mentioned in the same sentence: 'solid' and 'Vega' but this is.... *a solid Vega.* I feel that the asking price is very reasonable at \$14,000 for a car you can start and drive anywhere tomorrow. THERE ARE NOT TOO MANY CARS THAT ONE CAN BUY IN THIS HOBBY THAT IS TURN KEY FOR UNDER \$20K! This car is an attention getter and crowd gatherer whenever I take it out to drive or display. This is a great entry level car or a great car to compliment your collection. This is all supported by a great national club of extremely knowledgeable fellow Cosworth enthusiasts. I must have well over 150 magazines from the COVA loaded with GREAT tech articles, like it should be! **The car comes with the original Bill of sale from Green Chevrolet in Monticello NY, Build Sheet, manuals and much more!** For more history on Cosworth Vegas please go to http://chevyvega.wikia.com/wiki/Chevrolet_Cosworth_Vega

Call John Mahoney from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. EST at (516) 840-3653 for more information. More photographs available via email upon request.

INTRODUCING CAVALIER

BY RUSSELL HEIM

The 1982 model year was a busy one for Chevrolet. They introduced two new models, the Celebrity and the Cavalier. These introductions gave Chevrolet eight distinct car lines: Chevette, Cavalier, Citation, Celebrity, Camaro, Malibu, Monte Carlo, and Caprice/Impala. In addition to the two new models, the Camaro was completely restyled.

The front-wheel drive Cavalier was introduced on May 21, 1981 as an early 1982 model. Chevrolet described the new car as “subcompact on the outside, with compact roominess inside.” Cavalier was Chevrolet’s version of the new GM corporate J car. All five GM divisions offered a version of the J car. According to Chevrolet sales literature, the Cavalier slotted between Chevette and Citation in the model hierarchy.

Cavalier offered four body styles, two and four-door sedans, a four-door wagon and a two-door hatchback. The only engine offered at introduction was a transverse-mounted 112 cubic-inch four-cylinder job rated at 88 horsepower. A four-speed manual transmission was standard equipment. Other standard equipment included AM radio, electric window defoggers, digital clock, reclining front bucket seats, trip odometer, console, day/night mirror, color-keyed carpeting, locking glove compartment, front stabilizer bar, body side moldings and bumper rub strips.

Cavalier prices ranged from \$6,278 for the plain Cadet coupe to \$8,452 for the CL station wagon. CL models were more expensive than corresponding Citations. Chevrolet predicted sales of 345,000 Cavaliers for 1982; the actual sales figure was 195,057. Early production was slow with early delivery shortages. Sales rebounded in 1983 and Cavalier quickly became the best selling nameplate in the United States. Cavalier was a success for Chevrolet. They produced it through the 2005 model year.

The images below and on the following pages give a complete picture of the Cavalier at its introduction.



1982 CAVALIER

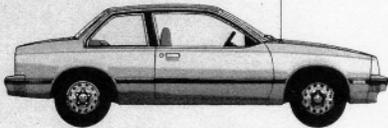
**THE
COMPLETE
CAR**



*It's here! The 1982 Cavalier.
A brand-new Chevy so advanced, so well equipped, it's the
most complete new car we've ever introduced.*

THE MOST COMPLETE NEW CAR WE'VE EVER INTRODUCED

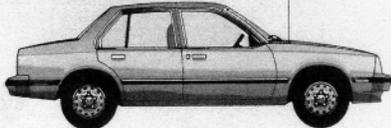
CAVALIER MODELS



2-Door Coupe



2-Door Hatchback Coupe

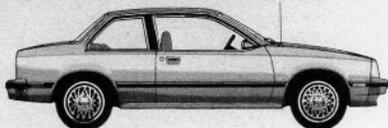


4-Door Sedan

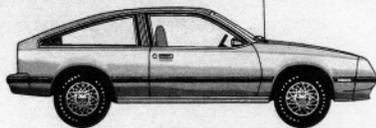


4-Door Wagon

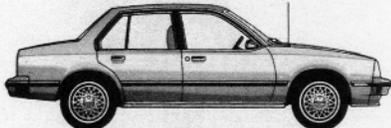
CAVALIER CL MODELS



2-Door Coupe



2-Door Hatchback Coupe



4-Door Sedan



4-Door Wagon

Welcome to a new era in automotive design and function.

Welcome to the 1982 Cavalier. The Chevrolet version of GM's highly publicized "J" Car.

Cavalier's model lineup is complete, varied and exciting. Elegant Sedan. Classy Coupe. Slick Hatchback Coupe. Spacious Wagon. Four models each available in two series: The Cavalier and the custom luxury version of the complete car—Cavalier CL.

Cavalier is the most complete car we've ever introduced. What do we mean by "complete"? Read on.

CAVALIER STANDARD FEATURES

Cavalier comes with the kind of comfort, convenience and engineering features that make it a pleasure to own and drive. This list will give you some idea of what we mean.

1. Front-wheel drive.
2. 1.8 Liter 4-cylinder transverse engine.
3. 4-speed manual overdrive transmission.
4. Power-assisted front disc/rear drum brakes.
5. Glass-belted radial tires.
6. Computer Command Control.
7. Quick rack-and-pinion steering.
8. MacPherson-strut front suspension.
9. Push-button AM radio with dual front speakers.*
10. Quartz digital clock (integral with radio).
11. Front stabilizer bar.
12. Freedom II maintenance-free battery.
13. Large-capacity (14-gallon) fuel tank.
14. Day/night inside rearview mirror.
15. Side window defoggers.
16. Electric rear window defogger.
17. Tri-color, segmented tail lamps with amber turn signals (except Wagon).
18. Flow-thru power ventilation system.
19. Locking gas filler door with cap holder.
20. Substantial acoustical insulation.
21. Accessible in-dash flip-down fuse panel.
22. Remote trunk/hatchback/tailgate release.
23. Body side moldings.

24. Styled steel Rally wheels.
25. Bumper rub strips.
26. Reclining contoured front seats.
27. Assist grip above each passenger door.
28. Console with rear ashtray and coin holder.
29. Plastisol® lower body stone-chip protection.
30. Color-keyed seat and shoulder belts.
31. Color-keyed carpeting.
32. Extended front seat track.
33. Column-mounted "Smart Switch."
34. Cigarette lighter and ashtray lamp.
35. Glove compartment lock.
36. Styled outside rearview mirror.
37. 31 separate anti-corrosion treatment areas.
38. Resettable trip odometer.
39. Passenger-guard door locks.
40. Side-lift jack.
41. Double-panel construction in doors, hood and trunk lid.
42. Strong, lightweight steel bumpers (except Hatchback).
43. Audible disc brake wear sensors.

ADDITIONAL CAVALIER CL STANDARD FEATURES

There are even more good things to enjoy with the Cavalier CL. Its equipment includes these custom luxury standard features.

1. Power steering.
2. Rear stabilizer bar.
3. Intermittent windshield wiper system.
4. Sport mirrors, left-hand remote control and right-hand manual.
5. Tinted glass.
6. Halogen headlamps.
7. CL exterior appearance group.
8. Styled Sport wheel covers.
9. Custom interior.
10. Passenger visor vanity mirror.
11. Leather-wrapped steering wheel.
12. Auxiliary lighting group.
13. AM/FM radio with dual front speakers.*
14. Gage package.
15. Glass-belted radial white-stripe tires (blackwalls on Hatchback).

*May be deleted for credit.

POWER TEAMS

1.8 Liter 2-Bbl. L4 Engine (A)

Ordering Code	L46
Displacement (cu. in.)	112
Transmission Availability	
4-Spd. Manual	Std.
Automatic	EC

Std.—Standard EC—Optional at Extra Cost
(A) Produced by GM—Chevrolet Motor Division

Cavalier, with its standard 1.8 Liter 4-cylinder engine, has the kind of efficiency today's driving realities demand.

FUEL ECONOMY All States Except California

Transmission	Model	EPA Est. MPG	Est. Hwy.
Manual	M/E Coupe*	30	47
Manual	Sedans/Coupes	26	43
Manual	Wagon	26	42
Automatic	All Models	25	41

California

Manual	All Models	26	42
Automatic	All Models	25	41

Use the estimated MPG for comparisons. Your mileage may differ depending on speed, distance, weather. Actual highway mileage lower.

*The Maximum Efficiency (M/E) Coupe includes a 4-speed manual overdrive transmission and is not available with air conditioning or power steering; nor is it available in California.

A WORD ABOUT ENGINES

Chevrolests are equipped with GM-built engines produced by various divisions. Please see your dealer for details.

DIMENSIONS (inches)

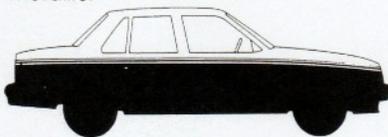
	Coupe	Hatch-back	Sedan	Station Wagon
Wheelbase	101.2	101.2	101.2	101.2
Length (overall)	170.4	173.5	172.4	173.0
Width (overall)	66.0	66.0	66.3	66.3
Height (overall)	51.4	51.4	53.3	53.3
Tread—Front	55.4	55.4	55.4	55.4
Tread—Rear	55.2	55.2	55.2	55.2
Fuel Tank Capacity (gals.)	14	14	14	14

INTERIORS

Both Cavalier CL and Cavalier interiors are available in cloth or vinyl. Depending upon exterior color, six interior color choices are offered: Silver Grey, Charcoal, Dark Blue, Jade, Camel, and Maroon.

COLORS

Choose from 14 high-luster acrylic finishes. Or several available Two-Tone combinations. Colors: White, Silver Metallic, Black, Light Blue Metallic, Bright Blue Metallic, Dark Blue Metallic, Light Jade Metallic, Dark Jade Metallic, Gold Metallic, Light Yellow, Beige, Red, Maroon Metallic, Charcoal Metallic.



OPTIONS

As we have shown, Cavalier is a complete car. But if you wish, you have several optional possibilities. Listed below are some available choices.

- Air conditioning.
- Automatic transmission.
- Sunroof.
- Power door locks.
- Multi-purpose roof carrier.
- F41 Sport Suspension.
- Comfortilt steering wheel.
- Power windows.
- Six-way power seat.
- Aluminum wheels.
- Heavy-duty battery.
- Heavy-duty cooling.
- Pin striping.
- Sport striping.
- GM-Delco sound systems:
 - AM/FM stereo radio w/digital clock.
 - AM/FM stereo radio w/8-track stereo tape and digital clock.
 - AM/FM stereo radio w/stereo cassette tape and digital clock.
- Tires:
 - P195/70R-13 steel-belted radial ply blackwall, white-stripe or white-lettered.
 - P195/70R-13 puncture-sealant white-stripe.

For other options and model availability, see your Chevrolet dealer.

SAFETY FEATURES

OCCUPANT PROTECTION

Manual lap/shoulder belts for driver and right front passenger (driver side includes visual & audible warning system)

- Manual lap belts with push-button buckles for rear passenger positions
- Energy-absorbing steering column
- Passenger guard door locks
- Safety door latches and stamped steel hinges
- Folding seat back latches
- Energy-absorbing padded instrument panel and front seat back tops
- Laminated windshield/tempered side and rear glass
- Safety armrests
- Identification symbols for controls and displays.

ACCIDENT AVOIDANCE

Side marker lights and reflectors • Parking lamps that illuminate with headlamps • Four-way hazard warning flasher • Backup lights • Lane change feature in direction signal control

- Windshield defrosters, washer and dual-speed wipers
- Vinyl-edged inside mirror
- Outside rearview mirror
- Dual master cylinder brake system with warning light
- Starter safety switch
- Dual-action safety hood latches.

ANTI-THEFT

Anti-theft ignition key reminder buzzer

- Anti-theft steering column lock
- Inside hood release.



Important Note: Since the time of printing, some of this information may have been updated. Also, some of the equipment shown or described herein is available at extra cost. See your dealer for catalog and complete details before ordering.

The right is reserved to make changes at any time, without notice, in prices, colors, materials, equipment, specifications and models. Check with your Chevrolet dealer for complete information.

COMPLETE FROM A TO Z.

A AM radio with quartz digital clock and dual front speakers. (May be deleted for credit.)

B Bigger than a Chevette, smaller than a Citation.

C Complete list of 43 standard features. (Standard features listed 1-43 on back.)

D Defoggers, side and rear windows.

E Economy. **43** EST. HIGHWAY* / **26** EPA EST. MPG.** 

F Front-wheel-drive traction for snow, mud or wet streets.

G GM's Computer Command Control system.

H Head and hip room enough to seat four adults very comfortably.

I Interior passenger room of 4-Door Sedan is superior to that of a Toyota Corolla or Corona, Datsun 210, Honda Accord or VW Rabbit.

J J-Car translates into a car with some of the latest state-of-the-art technology.

K Knee room enough to satisfy a 6'5" American. 

L Laser beams measure body fit to make sure every single Cavalier passes demanding tolerance tests.

M Models include a family sedan, classy coupe, sleek hatchback and spacious wagon. 

N Newly developed 1.8 Liter 4-cylinder transverse engine.

O Overdrive 4-speed manual transmission.

P Power front disc brakes, power ventilation system, Plastisol® lower body stone-chip protection, and a powerfully appealing Chevy price.

Q Quality checked by laser beams.

R Reclining front seats, Rally wheels, and rack-and-pinion steering.

S Smooth ride. 

T Tested, retested and tested again to become the most thoroughly tested new car in Chevy's history.

U Unitized body automatically inspected by robots for weld integrity. 

V Vital statistics:
 Cavalier's 101-inch wheelbase helps provide a smooth ride and is longer than that of a Honda Accord.
 The trunk is superior in size to that of a Datsun 210, Honda Accord or Toyota Corolla and holds eight pieces of luggage.

W Warranties: 12,000-mile (24,000 miles for drive train) limited warranty; plus a 3-year limited warranty against perforation from corrosion. See your dealer for details.

X X rays scan construction to assure alignment of interior parts.

Y You're invited to test drive Cavalier at any one of more than 5,000 Chevy dealers across the country. If you'd like, bring in a friend who's an engineer and let him go over it inch by inch. Even the most skeptical person will appreciate Cavalier's quality and engineering.

Z Zinc precoated metals and 31 anti-corrosion treatments help protect Cavalier from the elements.

*Sedans and Coupes, Wagon and California models: 42 EST. HWY.

**Use estimated MPG for comparisons. Your mileage may differ depending on speed, distance, weather. Actual highway mileage lower.

A COMPLETE LINE OF CAVALIERS.

Choose from four styles of Cavalier, each different yet each handsome in its own design: elegant Sedan, smart Coupe, sleek Hatchback, and handy 4-Door Station Wagon.

Plus two levels of luxury, the Cavalier and Cavalier CL series, provide just about all you could want in a sporty car.



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CAVALIER'S
MODEL LINEUP
IS COMPLETE



QUESTIONS ABOUT THE 1964 CHEVY II - BY RUSSELL HEIM



I scanned the above picture from the 1964 Chevrolet salesman's album. It's of the only two-door Nova available when the 1964 models were introduced on September 28, 1963.

Chevrolet made their 283 cubic-inch V8 engine available as an option for the 1964 Chevy II series. This engine was not available during the line's first two model years, 1962 and 1963. In those years, Chevy II buyers' only engine choices were the 153 cubic-inch four-cylinder and the 194 cubic-inch six-cylinder.

The 1962 and 1963 Chevy II series included a two-door hardtop and convertible in the top-of-the-line Nova. The Super Sport option was available on the hardtop and convertible in 1963. These body styles, along with the Super Sport option, were unavailable at the 1964 model year introduction.

Here's the first question: Why, if they made the V8 engine available, did Chevrolet discontinue the two sportiest body styles from the Chevy II

series? It doesn't make sense; they increased the performance, but removed the body styles most likely to take advantage of that increased performance.

I originally asked the question and wrote about this topic in the *Generator and Distributor* magazine in 2000 and 2001. I thought it would be fun to revisit this with a new audience. I've never received an answer to my questions, but I have discovered some information that sheds some light on what was going on at Chevrolet that year.

When I attended the 2001 VCCA Anniversary Meet in Springfield, Illinois, I spent a lot of time in the Reference Center. I made a copy of a February 7, 1963 Chevrolet meeting agenda titled "1964 Confidential New Products Presentation - Service Engineering." The memo caught my attention because the proposed 1964 Chevy II line was shown as being on what became the 1964 Chevelle platform.

My other question is when, between February 7 and the summer of 1963, did Chevrolet decide to keep the Chevy II on its existing 110-inch wheelbase platform and call the car proposed in the memo “Chevelle”?

In an era when General Motors was striving toward standardization amongst their various products, it seems odd that Chevrolet had two series, Corvair and Chevy II, that shared few, if any, components with other GM products. The proposed car in the February 7 memo was what became the corporate “A-body” platform. Buick, Oldsmobile and Pontiac were all assigned an A-body car. According to the memo, Chevy II was to be Chevrolet’s 1964 A-body offering.

I’ve never been able to find any other Chevrolet internal memos or documents regarding these questions. My suspicion is that they decided to keep the Chevy II on its original platform because it sold so well, especially in 1963. I guess that they discontinued the hardtop and convertible because these body styles were available in the new Chevelle line.

I’ve read that Chevrolet dealers and Chevy II customers were unhappy about the deletion of the hardtop, convertible, and Super Sport option. They complained loud enough that Chevrolet reintroduced the two-door hardtop and the Super Sport option early in 1964. The Chevy II Nova convertible never reappeared.

The Chevy II section of the 1964 Finger Tip Facts album contains four insert or revision pages, numbered 5A through 5D that display the features and specifications of the Nova Super Sport Coupe and the Nova Sport Coupe. The 195 horsepower 283 V8 and the RPO L77 220 horsepower 283 were optional for these cars. Another option was the M20 four-speed synchro-mesh transmission. I bet a four-speed V8 1964 Nova would be very sporty to drive.

Keeping the Chevy II on its original platform was a wise decision. Chevrolet built cars on this platform through 1979. Sales dipped in the mid-sixties, largely due to competition from Chevelle, but the car sold very well from the late sixties until it was discontinued. The best sales years were during the oil embargoes in the mid seventies. Buick, Oldsmobile and Pontiac all sold a version of the Nova in the seventies.

I’d love to find out details of Chevrolet’s discussions and decisions to keep the Chevy II on its original platform and to introduce their third new car line in five years. The AACA Library’s 1964 Chevrolet folder contained much factory sales literature, but no internal memos. I’ll have to keep searching.

The Chevelle was a winner for Chevrolet also. It was a big seller from the start and was popular throughout its 14 model year run. Chevelles, especially the high performance models, are among the most desirable collector cars these days.

I’ve scanned the confidential memo and present it on the following pages. It’s an interesting glimpse into Chevrolet history from behind the scenes. It doesn’t definitively answer my questions but it’s still fun to read.



1964 Chevy II Nova Super Sport in Goldwood Yellow.

PASSENGER CAR FEATURES

Corvette

The Corvette model will be unchanged for 1964 except for minor styling revisions and product improvements.

Corvair

The Corvair models both passenger and LDFC will be carryover except for a new 164 cu. in. engine and an additional model series. The added torque of the new engine has also resulted in upgrading of the transaxle. The "Spyder" will be a separate 600 series in the coupe (627) and convertible (667) with a Turbocharged engine as base. These body styles will be available also in the Monza Series. Minor styling changes in trim, moldings and nameplates will be the extent of revision in the body areas.

Passenger

The Chevrolet has been restyled with new front end sheet metal, grille and rear quarter panels. The chassis and drive line components are basically carryover.

The Impala SS models, will be a separate series similar to the Corvair and will be designated as 1300 (6 cyl.) and 1400 (8 cyl.) with sport coupe (13-1437) and convertible (13-1467) models. These models will be available also in the Impala series.

Chevy II

The Chevy II is the completely new vehicle for 1964. This new automobile, commonly referred to as the "A" car is the Corporation's approach to a standardized vehicle and will be produced by Chevrolet, Buick, Oldsmobile and Pontiac. Design responsibility of various components has been assigned to each division; for example, Chevrolet has frame and underbody; Oldsmobile, front suspension; Pontiac, rear suspension; Buick, brakes and driveline, etc. Each division's models will maintain its own styling, interior and exterior trim features and instrument panel.

A comparison of the 1963 to the 1964 Chevy II is as follows:

4-Door Sedan Comparison

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>
Length Over-all	183.0	193.9
Width Over-all	69.2	71.7 (Body)
Height Over-all	55.0	54.1
Front Overhang	27.0	30.8
Rear Overhang	46.0	48.1
Wheelbase	110.0	115.0
Tread - Front	56.82	58.0
Tread - Rear	56.3	58.0
Fuel Capacity	16 gal.	20 gal.

The variety of series offered duplicates the Chevrolet line-up resulting in 33 body styles for 1964 as against 16 in 1963. The series designations will now be 51-5200 Economy, 53-5400 Middle, 55-5600 Nova and the 57-5800 Nova Super Sport. The Sales Department will identify the 51-5200 as the 100 series and the 53-5400 as the 300 series. The 4-cylinder engine will be available only in the 5100 series. The L-6 194 cu. in. engine will be used in the 52-53-55-5700 and the 2 BBL 283 cu. in. V-8 in the 54-56 and 5800 series. A new 2-dr. Pick-up Delivery model will be offered in the 53-54-55 and 5600 series.

A chart which includes all passenger car series, body styles, etc., is provided at the rear of this section. It is interesting to note that for 1963 there were fifty (50) body styles offered in the complete passenger car line, whereas for 1964 there will be seventy-three (73).

The Chevy II will be produced at the following Chevrolet plants, Atlanta, Baltimore, Framingham, Kansas City, Norwood, and Los Angeles. Baltimore and Kansas City will also build "A" car versions of the Buick, Oldsmobile and Pontiac. Framingham will be the source for the right-drive Chevy II. B-O-P plants will not build any Chevy II models.

VEHICLE NAME	DRIVE	CORVETTE	CORVAIR		REGULAR PASSENGER								CHEVY II								PASSENGERS		
		98" W.B.	108" W.B.				119" W.B.								115" W.B.								
		SERIES	800	500	600	700	900	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	5100	5200	5300	5400	5500		5600	5700
NO. CYLS	8	6	6	6	6	6	8	6	8	6	8	6	8	4	6	6	8	6	8	6	8		
BODY STYLE	DRIVE																						
2-Dr. Sedan	L						11	11		11	11			11	11	11	<u>11</u>					6	
4-Dr. Sedan	L				69												<u>69</u>		<u>69</u>			6	
4-Dr. Sedan	L					69																5	
4-Dr. Sedan	LR					69	69			69	69	69	69		69	69	69		<u>69</u>			6	
4-Dr. Sport Sedan	LR												39	39								6	
Club Coupe	L		27		27										<u>27</u>	<u>27</u>			<u>27</u>	<u>27</u>		5	
Club Coupe	L			<u>27</u>		27																4	
Sport Coupe	L											37	37						37	<u>37</u>		5	
Sport Coupe	L							<u>37</u>	<u>37</u>												37	4	
Sport Coupe	L	37																				2	
Convertible	L			<u>67</u>		67			<u>67</u>	<u>67</u>											67	4	
Convertible	L											67	67						67	<u>67</u>		5	
Convertible	L	67																				2	
2-Dr. Sta. Wagon	L														<u>15</u>							6	
4-Dr. Sta. Wagon	LR															35		35				6	
4-Dr. Sta. Wagon	L					35	35			35	35	35	35					<u>35</u>		<u>35</u>		6	
4-Dr. Sta. Wagon	LR																	45				8	
4-Dr. Sta. Wagon	L																	<u>45</u>				8	
4-Dr. Sta. Wagon	L									45	45	45	45									9	
2-Dr. Pickup Del.	L																	<u>80</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>80</u>		

Note: Models underlined are new for 1964.

CHEVY II

The Chevy II Passenger car will be a larger completely new vehicle.

Body, front end sheet metal, interior and exterior colors, trim and ornamentation will be new.

Sedan and Coupe

Body will have all new exterior styled panels, new instrument panel, push-button door lock same as the regular passenger car. All models will feature curved side window glass (safety-solid). New, common flatter windshield and straight glass in the backlight. Windshield and backlight will be installed by the Adhesive Caulking method (Thiokol) eliminating the conventional rubber glass channel.

New door outer and inner panels, with square lower corners. Cross-vent with frame in front door, but no cross-vent in sedan rear doors. Swing-in type hinges on front and rear doors, specific rear deck styling, new styled interior trim and materials with vinyl type headlining. 51-5200 models will not have side door trim moulding. Front door jamb switch on Middle and Luxury Series models. Front and rear seats will be wider than the 1963 Chevy II but will utilize the Chevy seat frame.

Station Wagons

Flat floor in 2-seat wagon with metal floor boards. Safety solid plate frameless glass will be used in the tailgate. Folding type second seat standard on all models with split second seat optional and third seat facing rearward (in appropriate 3-seat models). Power-operated tailgate window base for 3-seat wagon.

Convertible

Convertible top, manual or power-operated as option, will be sidelatched at ends of windshield header for improved sealing and reduction of wind noise.

Sedan Pick-up "El Camino"

This body style will use the Station Wagon chassis with the 2-seat wagon fuel system. The interior trim will be the 51-5200 series vinyl with features as specified for 53-5400. The 55-5680 will use regular 5600 interior trim (cloth seat trim) with bucket seats available as an option on 55-5680 only. Exterior moulding will be patterned after the Nova "SS" with dual headlights and added ornamentation.

Mouldings

Body side, rear quarter, deck lid mouldings and nameplate are new.

The 55-5680 and 57-5800 models will feature new front and rear wheel opening mouldings.

Body Mounts

Body mounts are new, similar to Passenger car, at 7 locations per side.

Fenders

Front fenders are entirely new. On the 51-5200 models there will be no mouldings. New moulding treatment and new engine emblem on balance of models. The 51-5200 front fender will be released for service use on all other models which will necessitate drilling required holes for mouldings and emblems.

Fender Skirt

New bath tub type similar to Passenger car.

Hood Panel

The hood panel is new and narrower than 1963 with insulators in 55-5600 and 57-5800 models.

The hood emblem is new, with new moulding and Chevrolet in block letters.

Hood hinge and hood lock are new and very similar to 1963 passenger car.

Body Number Plate

Body number plate will be located on the left side of dash in upper area.

Front and Rear Door Lock and Striker Assemblies

Chevy II door locks incorporate all of the features of the 1963 Passenger car door locks. This includes "Keyless" locking for both front and rear doors and the free-wheeling safety feature for rear doors. The principle improvement of the new lock is the incorporation of striker mechanical components into the lock assembly; specifically, the nylon shoe, the shoe pin, and return spring. In addition, the rotary cam has been superseded by a fork bolt. Both front and rear door locks are completely housed.

The lock striker consists of a single bolt that is adjustable up or down and in or out by usage of a floating cage nut located in the body lock pillar. The striker can be adjusted fore or aft by installation or removal of spacers. The striker is originally installed with a single spacer. Additional spacers will be available as service parts. All strikers will be installed with 5/16" Allen-type wrench.

Windshield Wiper Motor Linkage

Chevy II models will feature new design linkage and wiper arms that cannot be used to service past models.

Radiator Supports and Shrouds

New styling. The new design basic radiator support sub-assembly is common to both Passenger and Chevy II models. The only exceptions are the new R.H. and L.H. upper corner radiator support to front end fender brackets, etc. required which are peculiar to each vehicle. These brackets are multiple spot weld connected in three planes as part of the complete Radiator Support Assembly for production use. Attachment hole relationship of these brackets to the rest of the radiator support assembly is critical and production fixture controlled spot welding is required. Both of these new assemblies will be released complete for service replacement use. They are not interchangeable for past model service requirement.

The sloped box type shroud which supports the radiator assembly; as applicable for use when an L-4 four-cylinder and/or V8 engine is specified for the Chevy II models; is similar in design to the 1963 model. A new service only unit will be released in each case listing the component parts and suitable welding instructions. None of the above new assemblies and/or components are interchangeable for service replacement on past models.

Grilles

New styling. Two new formed aluminum grilles are required for the Chevy II. One for the single headlight design applicable to the Economy series 5100 and 5200, and the other for the dual headlight design applicable to the Middle, Nova & Nova Super Sport series 5300 thru 5800. The main body of the new grille design is similar to the 1962-63 models with the most outstanding new feature, the new dual headlight vehicles.

Headlamp Bezels

On the Economy series (51 & 5200) which have single headlamps; one bezel (2 per car) will fit the two lamps, whereas in 1963, a L & R hand was required. The balance of the Chevy II series which feature dual headlamps, will have a dual (L & R hand) bezel.

Bumpers

The front bumper is a one piece design similar in general appearance to the 1963 model with one exception. The Parking-Turn Signal light and assemblies will be housed and connected to the R.H. and L.H. outboard ends of the new bumper. This part is not interchangeable with past models for service replacement.

The rear bumper is a one piece design similar in general appearance to the 1963 model with one exception. The License Plate attachment area includes a new bottom hinged spring loaded cover design which conceals the Gas Cap & Filler Neck Assembly when closed. This part is not interchangeable with past models for service replacement.



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