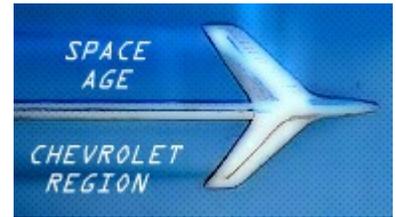


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A LOOK AT CHEVROLET'S CELEBRITY

1969 REVISITED PART I



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Editor's Notes:

I hope everyone's year is off to a great start. 2019 marks our fifth anniversary as a region.

I mentioned in the October 2018 newsletter that I had sold my 1965 Impala and was looking to buy a 1960's Buick. I asked if membership wanted to fire me as editor for this. The only reply I received was one email from a member assuring me I should stay.

The 1960's Buick I bought is a 1962 Buick Skylark convertible. It's very nice, and I think I'll have a lot of fun with it. As I said in October, I still have an affinity for Chevrolet history, and my daily driver is a Chevrolet. I bought the Skylark from a man who owns a Camaro and a Chevelle. I'm trying to recruit him into AACA.



There's a new region webmaster email address: spaceagewebmaster@gmail.com Continued thanks to Bill Pritchett for serving as the region's webmaster and newsletter proofreader.

The new year means another model year reaches 25 years old and becomes eligible for AACA judging. It's difficult to predict which 1994

Chevrolet models will be considered collectible, but here's my attempt. I think 1994's biggest collectible is the Impala SS. It was a four-door sedan based on the Caprice. The Impala SS was powered by a 260 horsepower version of the Corvette LT-1 engine. The car featured police-package suspension, big tires with five-spoke alloy wheels, four-wheel disc brakes, bucket seats and a console, and Impala emblems. I remember the huge crowds around the Impala SS at the 1994 New York Auto Show. These cars arrived in groups at local car shows within a few years of their introduction.

The other main 1994 collectible Chevrolets are the Camaro and Corvette. Camaro offered a convertible in 1994 in standard and Z28 trim. Camaro's standard engine was a 160 horsepower V6. 200 and 275 horsepower V8s were optional, so 1994 Camaros are peppy cars. Corvette received some equipment upgrades for 1994, but no styling updates. The 448 ZR-1 coupes that Chevrolet sold that year are very collectible. The ZR-1 was the highest performance Corvette, powered by a 385 horsepower 350 cubic-inch V8.

Other potential 1994 collector cars are the Lumina Z34 coupe, the Cavalier convertible and the Beretta Z26. We should encourage owners of these cars to join AACA.

In honor of 1969 being such a momentous year (first moon landing, Woodstock and the Miracle Mets), I thought it would be fun to look back at 1969 Chevrolets. Instead of one article featuring the whole line-up, I'll focus on one series in each newsletter. We'll reminisce about the 1969 model year for this whole year. This month we'll start with the full-size cars. I hope you like this idea.

Russell Heim

INTRODUCING CELEBRITY

BY RUSSELL HEIM

Introduced to the public on January 14, 1982, Chevrolet's new Celebrity was a front-wheel drive, mid-size family sedan on the Citation platform. It had the same wheelbase as Citation but was a foot longer. It was designed to combine "small-car economy with big car ride, comfort and style." The Chevrolet general manager claimed that Celebrity buyers wouldn't "sacrifice comfort, space and prestige for the sake of economy."

The advertising slogan for Celebrity was "The Bright New Shape of Chevrolet." The sales brochure focused on this theme, "It's the shape of aerodynamics. Celebrity cuts lean and low through the wind. It's the shape of state-of-the-art technology..."

Celebrity was roughly the same size inside as the current rear-wheel drive Malibu, but it weighed 500 pounds less and was a foot shorter in length. Malibu would be discontinued in favor of Celebrity after 1983.

At the introduction, Celebrity was available as a two or four-door sedan. It was considered a five-passenger car. Three trim levels, base, CS and CL were available.

Celebrity had a wedge-shape exterior design, with a low nose and high rear deck. The shape resulted from extensive wind-tunnel testing. Celebrity had an aero drag co-efficient of 0.38, the lowest at the time for a mass-produced General Motors sedan.

Standard Celebrity power train was a fuel-injected 90 horsepower 151 cubic-inch four-cylinder engine with a three-speed automatic transaxle. A 112 horsepower 173 cubic inch V6

engine was optional. A 260 cubic-inch diesel V6 was listed as an option but wasn't available at Celebrity's introduction.

Along with the four-cylinder engine, standard Celebrity equipment included power brakes, power rack and pinion steering, push-button AM radio, maintenance-free battery, front stabilizer bar, chrome bumpers, black side window frames, bright drip and body-side moldings, front seat center armrest, side window defoggers, day/night mirror, locking glove compartment and full wheel covers.

Optional equipment included air conditioning, rocker panel and wheel opening moldings, electric rear window defogger, cruise control, tinted glass, Comfortilt steering wheel, six-way power driver's seat, power windows, power door locks, gauge package with trip odometer, digital clock, intermittent wipers, driver's side remote mirror, dual sport mirrors, AM/FM radio, AM/FM stereo with 8-track or cassette player, dual rear speakers, exterior pin-stripes, door-edge guards, bumper guards, bucket seats with front console, two-tone paint, vinyl top, split bench seat and color-keyed floor mats.

Nine solid color and two two-tone exteriors were available. Seven vinyl top colors were listed in the sales brochure. Interiors were either cloth or vinyl and were available in six colors. Bench front seats were standard.



Chevrolet sold 92,330 Celebrities during the car's shortened 1982 model year. Prices started at \$8,313 for a four-cylinder coupe. They introduced a station wagon to the Celebrity line in 1984 (see page seven for photos and a story about a 1988 Celebrity wagon). Celebrity became a big seller in the mid-'80s, selling over 400,000 units in 1986. Sales slowed in 1988 and they dropped the coupe from the line-up for 1989. The sedan was discontinued at the end of the 1989 model year. Celebrity's last appearance in Chevrolet's line-up was in 1990 when they sold 29,205 Celebrity wagons. The Celebrity replaced the Malibu and was then replaced by the Lumina.

IMPORTANT ANTI-CORROSION MEASURES.

Many areas critical to corrosion damage are designed out by providing drainage and eliminating pockets that collect moisture and debris. Second, structural materials and barriers that are especially impervious to corrosion are designed in. Plus many final finishing procedures like zinc-rich primers and Plastisol lower body stone-chip protection are used.

Chevrolet also provides a Three-Year Perforation-From-Corrosion Limited Warranty. (Exhaust system components not included. See your Chevrolet dealer for details on other limitations.)

SAFETY FEATURES: OCCUPANT PROTECTION

Manual lap/shoulder belts with push-button buckles for driver and front passenger (driver's side includes visual and 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 (coupe) • Energy-absorbing 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

Audible anti-theft ignition key reminder • Anti-theft steering column lock • Inside hood release.



CELEBRITY★

Chevy makes good things happen... for you!

DIMENSIONS

Exterior	2-Door	4-Door
Wheelbase	104.9	104.9
Length (overall)	188.3	188.3
Width (overall)	67.8	67.8
Height (loaded)	53.7	53.7
Tread - Front	58.7	58.7
Tread - Rear	57.0	57.0
Interior		
Head Room - Front	38.6	38.6
Head Room - Rear	37.9	38.0
Leg Room - Front	42.1	42.1
Leg Room - Rear	36.1	36.4
Hip Room - Front	52.3	52.4
Hip Room - Rear	53.6	52.7
Shoulder Room - Front	56.3	56.2
Shoulder Room - Rear	57.1	56.2
Usable Luggage Capacity (cu. ft.)	16.2	16.2
Fuel Tank Capacity (gals.)	15.7*	15.7*

*16.4 (gasoline V6), 16.6 (diesel V6)

POWER TEAMS

Engine	Ordering Code	Displacement (cu. in.)	Engine Availability	Automatic Transmission
2.5 Liter L4 (A)	LR8	151	Std.	Std.
2.8 Liter 2-Bbl V6 (B)	LE2	173	EC	Std.
4.3 Liter Diesel V6 (C)(1)	LT7	260	EC	Std.

Std. - Standard. EC - Optional at Extra Cost.

(1) Available January 1982.

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A Word About Engines.

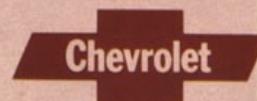
Some Chevrolets are equipped with engines produced by other GM divisions, subsidiaries, or affiliated companies worldwide. See your dealer for details.

LONG RECOMMENDED SERVICE INTERVALS†

Engine Oil..... 12 months or 7,500 miles*
 Oil Filter..... 12 months or 7,500 miles; every 15,000 miles thereafter*
 Spark Plugs**..... Up to 30,000 miles
 Chassis Lubrication. 12 months or 7,500 miles
 Automatic Transmission Fluid Change.. Every 100,000 miles

†See Owner's Manual for conditions requiring more frequent intervals.

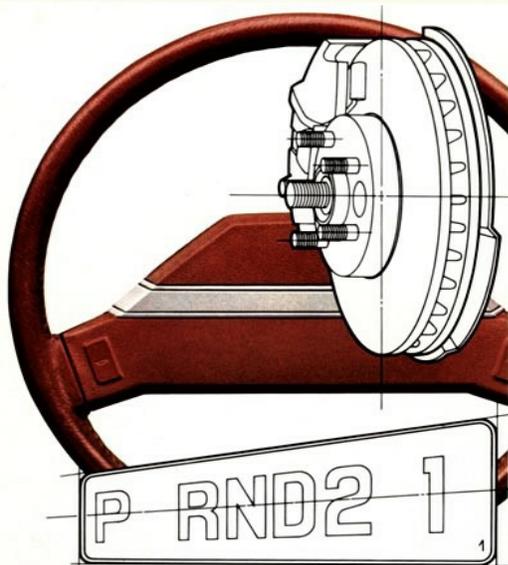
*5,000 miles with diesel. **Except diesel.



Litho in U.S.A. 4084 October 1981

- Shaped so aerodynamic it requires less than 12 horsepower to cruise at 50 miles an hour.
- Shaped to keep out noise. Windshield and rear-window moldings are flush-mounted to cut wind resistance and noise. Inside, lightweight, highly effective sound isolators and deadeners. Even the hiss made by the tires on wet pavement has been muted.
- Shaped for more front head room than over 90% of all import models sold in the U.S.
- Shaped with a deep, high-luster acrylic finish.
- Shaped for utility. The luggage compartment floor is low and the trunk lid is high—providing family-size room in a 16.2-cu.-ft. trunk.
- Shaped for comfortable room. Only a tenth of an inch separates Celebrity's front-seat leg room from the biggest of full-size cars. And the middle rear-seat passenger not only enjoys a full measure of foot room but good head, leg and hip room.
- Shaped to withstand the elements. We've designed out many areas subject to corrosion and designed in anti-corrosion materials and treatments.
- Shaped to fit. Doors are mounted with precise alignment to allow closing with a light touch.
- Shaped for elegance and convenience. There's the look of brushed pewter on the standard instrument panel. The convenience of a front-seat storage bin with coin slots.
- Shaped to take on the road. Celebrity's excellent directional stability helps give you a straight-line road feel. Yet steering response is quick and true.
- Also available is a lively and responsive gasoline-powered 2.8 Liter V6 engine. Its features include strong cast-iron cylinder block and head in a compact design. **34 EST. HWY. 22 EPA EST. MPG* 33 EST. HWY. (CALIF.)**
- For even better mileage estimates, consider available 4.3 Liter V6 Diesel power. Remember, a diesel has no spark plugs, distributor or carburetor to replace or service. (Available January '82.) EPA mileage estimates not available at time of printing. Preliminary estimates indicate even higher MPG than gas engine models. See your dealer for published estimates.
- Use estimated MPG for comparisons. Your mileage may differ depending on speed, distance, weather. Actual highway mileage lower.
- Shaped for better fuel economy than 83% of all 1975-81 model cars rated by the EPA. (Standard powertrains compared.)
- A shape that's loaded with standard features. For your driving satisfaction, automatic transmission, power rack-and-pinion steering and power front disc/rear drum brakes.
- A shape that features Electronic Fuel Injection, with the standard transverse-mounted 2.5 Liter engine, along with contemporary front-wheel drive.

CELEBRITY. SHAPED BY HIGH TECHNOLOGY.



CELEBRITY. STANDARD FEATURES TO FIT THE NAME.

Celebrity—the bright new shape of Chevrolet—is available as a sedan or coupe. Both come with the kinds of features that make Celebrity a pleasure to own and drive.

1. POWER STEERING, AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION AND POWER FRONT DISC/REAR DRUM BRAKES add to your driving enjoyment.
2. 16-CUBIC-FOOT TRUNK is shaped for a family's needs. In addition, the floor and the wheelhouses are carpeted.

3. COMPUTER COMMAND CONTROL is a sophisticated, thoroughly tested on-board computer that continuously monitors gasoline engine functions. It also fine-tunes engine performance under all normal operating conditions as you drive. Air-fuel mixtures are constantly adjusted to driving conditions, and the system helps compensate for altitude, barometric and temperature changes.

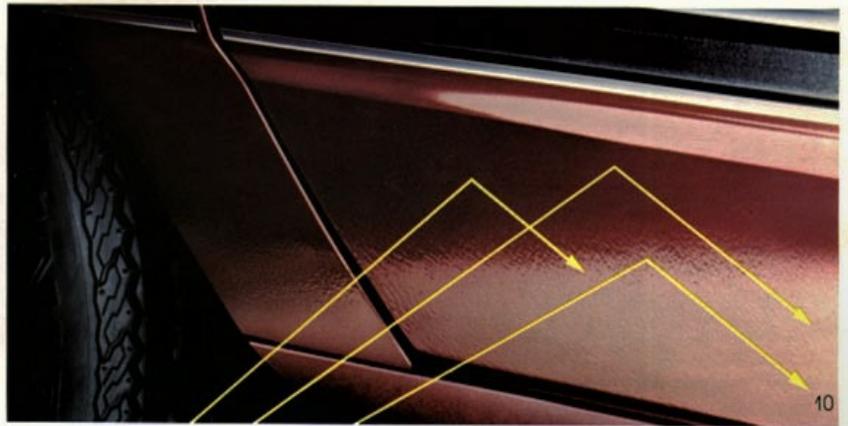
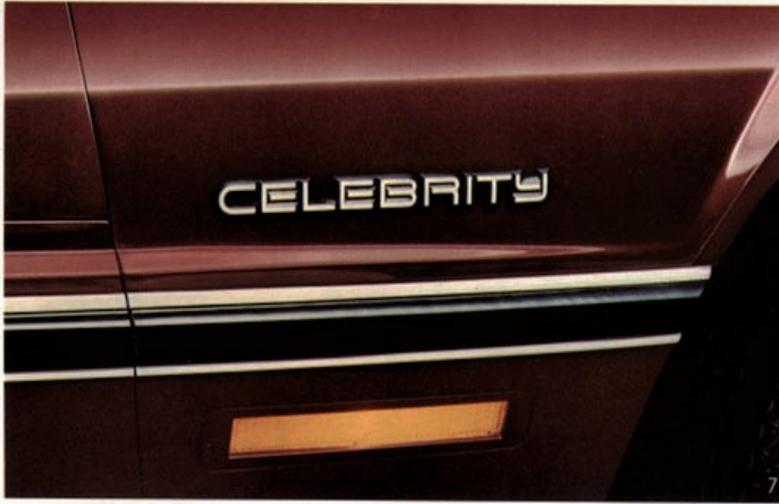
Another benefit of Computer Command

Control is that it is covered by the limited 5-year/50,000-mile emissions system warranty. Ask your dealer for details.

4. AM RADIO WITH DUAL FRONT SPEAKERS provides you with outstanding reception.
5. ELECTRONIC FUEL INJECTION, with the standard 2.5 Liter engine, is a completely computer-controlled, fuel metering system.
6. FULL WHEEL COVERS with radial ply tires
7. BODY-SIDE MOLDINGS help protect your

car from accidental scratches and nicks you can get in tight parking places. Combined with the bumper rub strips, they give your Celebrity 360° protection.

8. FLUIDIC WINDSHIELD WASHER SYSTEM sprays big drops in a wide pattern to help clean the windshield faster.
9. SIDE WINDOW DEFOGGERS help keep the side windows from becoming clouded by frost and mist.



10. PLASTISOL is a hard plastic finish that guards the lower body of your Celebrity from stone chipping.

11. COLUMN-MOUNTED "SMART SWITCH" controls many important functions like windshield washing and wiping, hi/lo beam and turn signal switching.

And that's just for starters. Celebrity's list of standard features and built-in value goes on and on.

Some of Celebrity's significant features include: MacPherson-strut front suspension with stabilizer bar. Trailing-arm rear suspension with coil springs and integral stabilizer bar. Power rack-and-pinion steering. Power front disc/rear drum brake system with audible wear sensors in front. Easy-Roll GM Specification fiberglass-belted radial ply tires with a high pressure recommendation for low rolling resistance. Foot- or hand-operated

side-lift jack. Chrome bumpers with rub strips. Instrument panel with brushed pewter look. Roll-down windows in all doors. Recessed dual rectangular headlamps. Tri-color tail lamps. Power ventilation system. Glove compartment, ashtray and instrument courtesy lamps. Outside LH patch-type mirror. Theft-deterrent, horizontal-sliding interior door lock buttons.

Celebrity is designed for value in other

ways, too. It follows the Chevrolet tradition of providing you with a lot of car for the money. There are long recommended service intervals, a High Energy Ignition system, with gas engines, for extended time between recommended tune-ups, a Delco Freedom II battery that never needs refilling, and a limited powertrain warranty spanning two years or 24,000 miles (see your dealer for details).

*May be deleted for credit.

1988 CHEVROLET CELEBRITY WAGON



Region Vice President John Mahoney owns this 1988 Celebrity station wagon. John's father-in-law purchased the car new from Luyster Motors in Glen Cove, Long Island. The dealer sticker is still visible on the tailgate. The car was seriously damaged in an accident, but John's father-in-law had it repaired and put back on the road.

The wagon features the 2.8 liter fuel injected V6 engine, automatic overdrive transmission, heavy duty suspension and air conditioning. The car sat in the garage for 10 years before John became its caretaker. John brought the car back to life and now uses it to run errands. He says it runs great. It's a low mileage car, with 46,000 miles currently on the odometer.





CHEVROLET

General Motors Corporation

MODEL: 1986 CELEBRITY 4-DOOR WAGON 3-SEAT

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 1G1AW81W5J6284575
0232054

DEALER TO WHOM DELIVERED: LUYSTER MOTORS INC
GLEN COVE NY

02-197 323EQ5
LE USA

DELIVERED TO DEALER AT GLEN COVE NY

NORMAL ASSEMBLY POINT: OKLAHOMA CITY, OK, USA

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE STANDARD ON THIS MODEL AT NO EXTRA CHARGE UNLESS REPLACED BY OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT:

- 2.8 LITER (151 CID) EFI L4 TECH IV ENG
- AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION
- FRONT WHEEL DRIVE
- MACPHERSON STRUT FRONT SUSPENSION
- POWER STEERING, RACK AND PINION
- FRONT STABILIZER BAR
- ALL SEASON S/B B/W RADIAL PLY TIRES
- GLOVE BOX, COURTESY & FRT ASHTRAY LAMPS
- COMPOSITE HEADLAMPS
- POWER DISC/DRUM BRAKE SYSTEM
- FULL WHEEL COVERS
- EIGHT PASS. SEATING
- BENCH FRONT SEAT WITH FOLDING ARMREST
- PEAR FACING THIRD SEAT
- LOAD FLOOR CARPETING
- ETR AM/FM STEREO W/ SEEK & SCAN & CLOCK
- SPORT MIRRORS, LH REMOTE, RH MANUAL

MANUFACTURER'S SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE OF THIS MODEL INCLUDING DEALER PREPARATION 11,590.00

MANUFACTURER'S SUGGESTED RETAIL DELIVERED PRICE FOR OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT INSTALLED ON THIS VEHICLE BY MANUFACTURER	
TINTED GLASS	NO CHARGE
HEADLAMP-ON REMINDER	NO CHARGE
ANTI-CORROSION TREATMENT	NO CHARGE
SWING-OUT TAILGATE WINDOW	NO CHARGE
BODY SIDE MOLDINGS	NO CHARGE
BUMPER RUB STRIPS	NO CHARGE
BRIGHT ROOF DRIPEBELT MOLDINGS	NO CHARGE
REAR DOME LAMP	NO CHARGE
SIDE WINDOW DEFOGGERS	NO CHARGE
THIRD SEAT ASSIST GRIPS	NO CHARGE
COLOR KEED SEAT/SHOULDER BELTS	NO CHARGE
A44 THREE-SEAT WAGON	NO CHARGE
A52 CDD1 DARK BLUE CLOTH BENCH	28.00
C49 ELECTRIC REAR WINDOW DEFOGGER	145.00
C60 AIR CONDITIONING	775.00
F40 HEAVY DUTY FRT & RR SUSPENSION	25.00
L86 2.8 LITER M.F.T. V6	610.00
MX0 AUTOMATIC TRANS W/OVERDRIVE	175.00
QFE P185/75R-14 ALS S/B RAD B/WALL	NO CHARGE
260 DARK BLUE METALLIC	NO CHARGE

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Compare this vehicle to others in the **FREE GAS MILEAGE GUIDE** available at the dealer.

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HIGHWAY MPG

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Actual Mileage will vary with options, driving conditions, driving habits and vehicle's condition. Results reported to EPA indicate that the majority of vehicles with these estimates will achieve between

1986 CELEBRITY WAGON
2.8 LITER V6 ENGINE
FUEL INJECTION, AUTO LOCKUP
4 SPD TRANS
CATALYST,
FEEDBACK FUEL SYSTEM

17 and 23 mpg in the city,
and between
24 and 34 mpg on the highway.

Estimated Annual Fuel Cost: \$ 652

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OPTIONS SUBTOTAL 1,759.00

DESTINATION CHARGE 425.00

TOTAL AMOUNT 13,774.00

(Does not include dealer installed items, state and local taxes or license fees, except as indicated)

This label has been affixed pursuant to Federal law which prohibits its removal or alteration prior to delivery of this vehicle to the actual possession of the ultimate purchaser.

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SUPPLEMENTS YOUR VEHICLE WARRANTY. FOR DETAILS AND PRICE ON THE NUMBER ONE PLAN IN THE U.S.

For Comparison Shopping, at vehicles classified as MID-SIZE WAGONS have been issued mileage ratings ranging from 17 to 25 mpg city and 20 to 34 mpg highway.

Under EPA's Previous Fuel Economy Program, used prior to the 1985 model year this vehicle would have received a single estimate of mpg.

1969 FULL-SIZE CHEVROLETS

BY RUSSELL HEIM

<p>If Chevrolet doesn't make what you want, maybe what you want just isn't a car.</p> <p>It seems clear that if you're in the market for any new car, there ought to be a Chevrolet to please you. After all, over the years Chevrolet has pleased more people than any other car in the world. We say it this way—"Putting you first, keeps us first."</p>	<p>CAPRICE</p>  <p>COUPE SEDAN</p>	<p>BEL AIR</p>  <p>2-DOOR SEDAN 4-DOOR SEDAN</p>	<p>BISCAYNE</p>  <p>2-DOOR SEDAN 4-DOOR SEDAN</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Magic-Mirror Colors</p> <p>Tuxedo Black • Dover White • Glacier Blue • Dusk Blue • LeMans Blue • Olympic Gold • Burnished Brown • Azure Turquoise • Frost Green • Burgundy • Cortez Silver • Garnet Red • Champagne • Fathom Green • Butternut Yellow</p>	<p>IMPALA</p>  <p>CUSTOM COUPE</p>	 <p>CONVERTIBLE SPORT SEDAN</p>	 <p>66 427 CUSTOM COUPE 66 427 SPORT COUPE</p>  <p>SPORT COUPE 4-DOOR SEDAN 66 427 CONVERTIBLE</p>

New styling was a big selling point this year. Chevrolet's 1969 sales brochure described the new cars as having: "Elegant new sculptured metal styling." The new fenders featured bulges around the wheel wells, which had a sharper arch than previous models. The brochure described the rear bumper as "full wrap-around" with recessed rectangular taillights. The new one-piece front bumper looped around the grille. Impala and Caprice Custom Coupes had an upright roof line with a concave rear window. An new option for these coupes was an electric rear window defogger.

Some other new features for 1969 were: "Computer refined" suspension, head restraints on the front seats, a two-inch wider rear view mirror and side impact beams in the doors.

Vent windows or "ventipanes" no longer appeared on full-size Chevrolets. They were replaced by Astro Ventilation. The sales brochure copy sounded proud of this development. "This is Chevrolet's answer to the wind tunnel effect. Even with the windows up, gentle breezes are wafted into the car through vent ports at either side of the instrument panel and out again through pressure check valves in the body. By the way, it's amazing how much easier it makes conversation. Who needs ventipanes?"



They moved the ignition switch from the instrument panel to the steering column. This was part of the new anti-theft lock system. The sales brochure stated, “You lock the ignition and both steering column and transmission selector levers are locked.” There was also a buzzer that sounded if a driver opened the door with the key still in the ignition. The sales brochure also touted the new anti-interference ignition system. “New spark plugs and ignition wires minimize radio signal interference.”

Aside from the usual comfort and convenience options such as air conditioning and stereos, buyers could choose some interesting new options in 1969. One was headlight washers. “Push a button and a jet spray of washer solvent dissolves road dirt, salt and film,” claimed the sales brochure. Another new option was liquid tire chain. The sales brochure description: “Activate a control on the instrument panel and a traction-increasing fluid is sprayed on the rear tires to provide greatly improved traction on ice.”

SS 427 equipment was available for Impala convertible, Sport and Custom coupes. It included the 427 cubic-inch V8, 15 inch wheels, red-stripe tires, special suspension, black accented grille and SS emblems on the grille, deck lid and front fenders.

As usual, full-size buyers had a wide choice of power trains to choose from. Chevrolet offered seven different engines and five transmissions. See the chart on the next page for details.

1969 CHEVROLET POWER TEAMS

	3-Speed fully synchro- nized	Special 3-Speed fully synchro- nized	4-Speed fully synchro- nized	Power- glide	Turbo Hydra- Matic
155-hp Turbo-Thrift 250*	•			•	•
235-hp Turbo-Fire 327 V8*	•		•	•	•
255-hp Turbo-Fire 350 V8		•	•	•	•
300-hp Turbo-Fire 350 V8		•	•	•	•
265-hp Turbo-Jet 396 V8		•	•		•
335-hp Turbo-Jet 427 V8		•	•**		•
390-hp Turbo-Jet 427 V8		•	•**		•

*Standard Engine. Turbo-Thrift 250 (six) not available on Caprice models, Impala Custom Coupe or Convertible.

**Available with choice of transmission gear ratios.



Station wagons had a “boarding step” built into the rear bumper to make ingress and egress to the rear compartment easier. Chevrolet wagons received their own nameplates this year. The station wagon names were Kingswood Estate (Caprice), Kingswood (Impala), Townsman (Bel Air) and Brookwood (Biscayne). All wagons, except Brookwood, were available as either six or nine-passenger models. Chevrolet marketed their wagons as a separate line from the rest of the passenger cars in 1969.

The 1969 models were 1 inch longer than the 1968 cars. Wheelbase remained at 119 inches. Overall length was now 215.9 inches and the cars were 79.8 inches wide. Stations wagons were 216.7 inches long and had 93.3 cubic feet of cargo space.

1969 full-size car sales figures (rounded to nearest 100, includes station wagons):

Biscayne: 68,700

Bel Air: 156,700

Impala: 777,000

Caprice: 166,900

List prices before options started at \$2,645 for a six-cylinder Biscayne two-door sedan. The nine-passenger Kingswood Estate wagon had the highest list price at \$3,678.





Townsman Wagon.



Brookwood Wagon.



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