

HONDA CIVIC









The Honda Civic, a success story.

European refinement and quality, proven economy and reliability, combined with two versatile designs – a three door hatchback and a five door full hatchback, make the new Civic a true car for today.

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The Honda Civic is designed to give you the utmost satisfaction in day to day driving – business or pleasure. Its compact size makes driving on crowded city streets and parking in small spaces a simple pleasure rather than a nerve-racking chore. The interior is much more spacious and comfortable than you would expect in a car with such compact dimensions. A 4-cylinder 4-stroke water cooled alloy "cross-flow" engine assures quiet motoring and makes long trips at high speed a non-tiring pleasure. Superb road holding and stability is assured by a combination of ideal weight distribution and low body profile, all independent 4-wheel suspension and front mounted transverse engine with front wheel drive. The latest advances in anti-pollution design, safety features and low cost operation coupled with modern design results in a car which will fit perfectly all motoring needs of today, and tomorrow.

The Civic three door hatchback – the original concept. A contemporary design, with two wide opening doors, a folding rear seat and a convenient rear hatchback door.



The Civic is designed to run on low octane 2-star fuel, with no loss of efficiency or performance. A thermostatically controlled electric cooling fan allows the engine to reach its optimum working temperature quickly. It has an automatic fuel mixture pre-warming device to ensure that fuel/air mixture is supplied to each cylinder at a controlled constant temperature for cleaner more economical power.

The engine, which has an overhead camshaft and hemispherical combustion chambers is especially flexible so you can idle along in high gear at low speeds and still have quick pick-up and brisk acceleration for pulling out into the fast lane of motorways or for overtaking.

Front wheel drive is a great aid to driving stability, especially on poor roads and on snow or ice-covered surfaces. With the weight of the front-mounted engine on the driving wheels, the possibility of tyre spinning or skids when braking is reduced.

Positive-feel rack-and-pinion steering along with the wide track, long wheelbase and low centre of gravity of this low body profile assures easy handling and good roadholding in all conditions. Luxurious strut-type independent 4-wheel suspension with coil springs iron out the bumps on bad roads and aids cornering.



A luxurious interior.

Full carpeting to the passenger area – an easy to clean rubber mat to the rear compartment. Seats have tricotee inserts for all weather comfort – the front are fully reclinable, adjustable for fore and aft rake, and tip forward for access to the rear.

An ideal driving position, providing excellent all round visibility, and full use of facia and steering column controls.

Lift the rear hatchback for access to the boot. Fold down the rear seat backrest, and the Civic offers an amazing boot of estate car capacity.



The five door full hatchback Civic – a natural development of the three door.

This car retains all the characteristics of the three door, but has the added advantages of a longer wheelbase, four full sized doors, a full length rear hatchback, and a fully collapsible rear parcel shelf.

Careful design has resulted in a saloon offering excellent balance between performance, safety and comfort combined with economy. The front wheel drive, transverse mounted engine provides that essential extra space to the interior of the car, making long or short journeys relaxing and comfortable for your passengers. A long wheelbase, matched to vehicle length and the widest possible tyre tread for the width of the car, gives a very high ratio of ground contact



coverage in comparison with the overall body area. The Civic ground-hugging shape with low profile and low centre of gravity allows more driving stability and safer, steadier cornering as well as being proof against side wind movement. With front and rear overhang kept to barest minimums this model is ideal in traffic conditions and particularly easy to park.

The interior of the five door hatchback is really spacious. The floor is fully carpeted without an intrusive transmission hump and the door handles are recessed both inside and out. The full size seats are of hardwearing vinyl with tricote fabric inserts, and side contours providing extra support to the upper legs, the extra length squab assuring a more relaxed position and a strong lumbar support keeping the back at the correct angle to combat driver fatigue. The front seats are fully reclining with head-restraints as standard and the rear folding seat is fully sprung.

You can select a recirculatory or fresh air heating system and natural or forced, through-flow ventilation. The dashboard

has been ergonomically designed with raised dials for quick glance reading and switches and knobs lower and closer to hand. Control stalks on the steering column are only finger tips away. And when you're sitting comfortably – there's an efficient, built-in standard equipment push button radio that completes the Honda comfort picture.

The four wide doors offer easy access and are front-hinged for safety with two position stops, while the panoramic windshield and large door windows give you good front and side visibility.

Access to the enormous boot is through the full length rear hatchback, and, with the rear seat folded, through the two rear doors – absolute convenience.

Because the hatchback is full length, there is no high sill to lift the family luggage over.

A true family car.



The standard heated rear window on both the three door and the five door keeps the window free from condensation in damp weather, and aids defrosting.

A warning light on the fascia mounted switch serves as an indication when the heated rear window is on.

A comprehensive instrument panel. The speedometer, fuel and water temp gauges and warning lights are contained within the instrument binnacle. The radio, heater controls, cigarette lighter, choke and heated rear window switch are fascia mounted, and the wipers, lights, and hazard warning lights switch are column mounted.

The standard door mounted rear view mirror is fully adjustable.

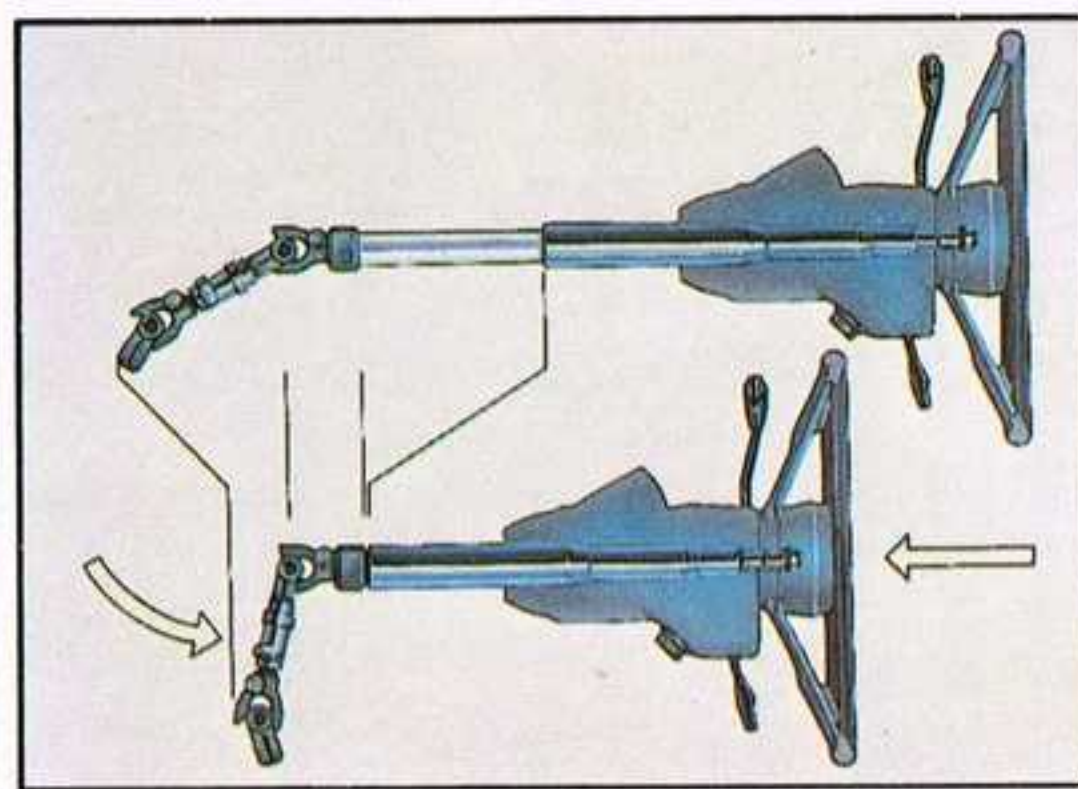
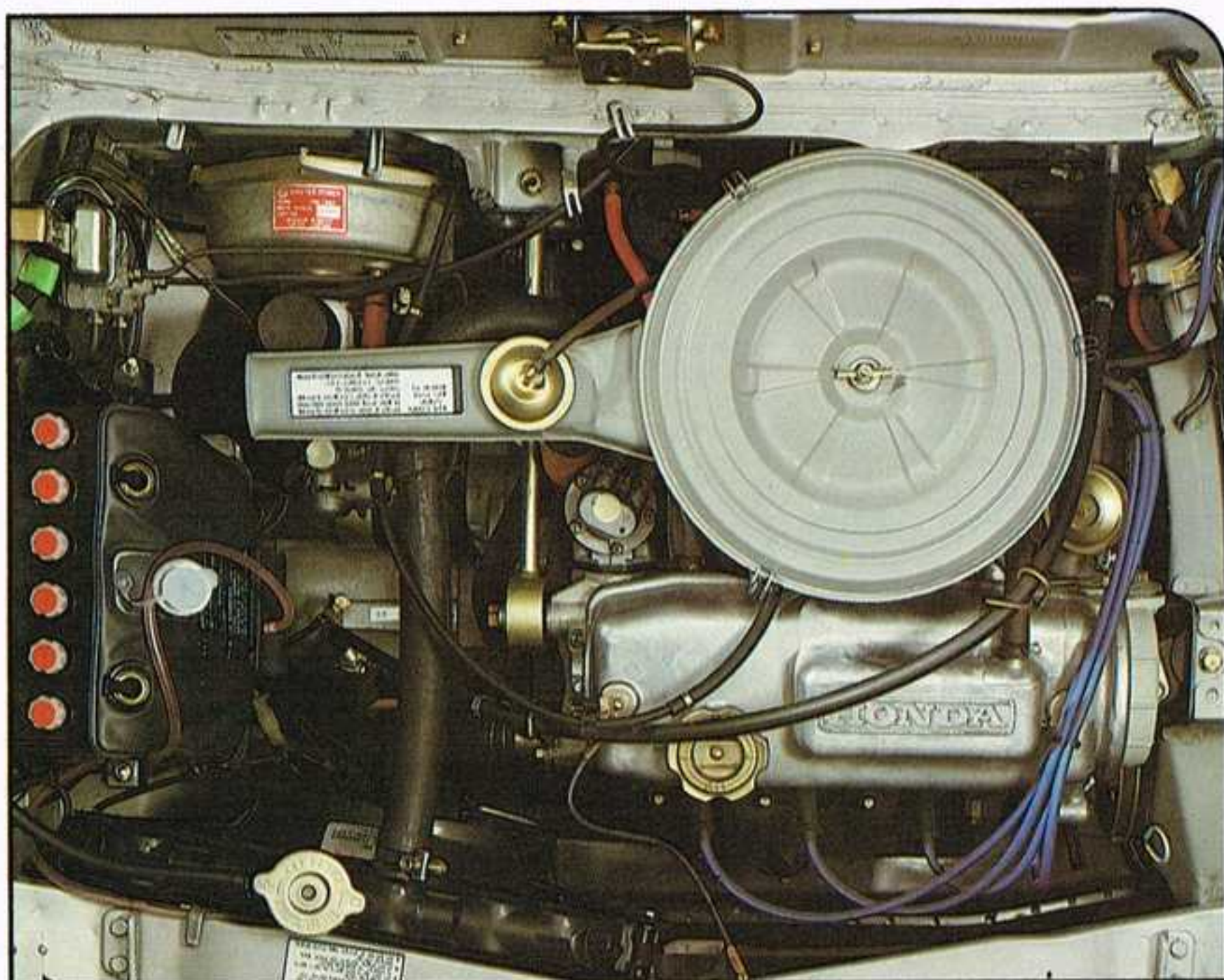
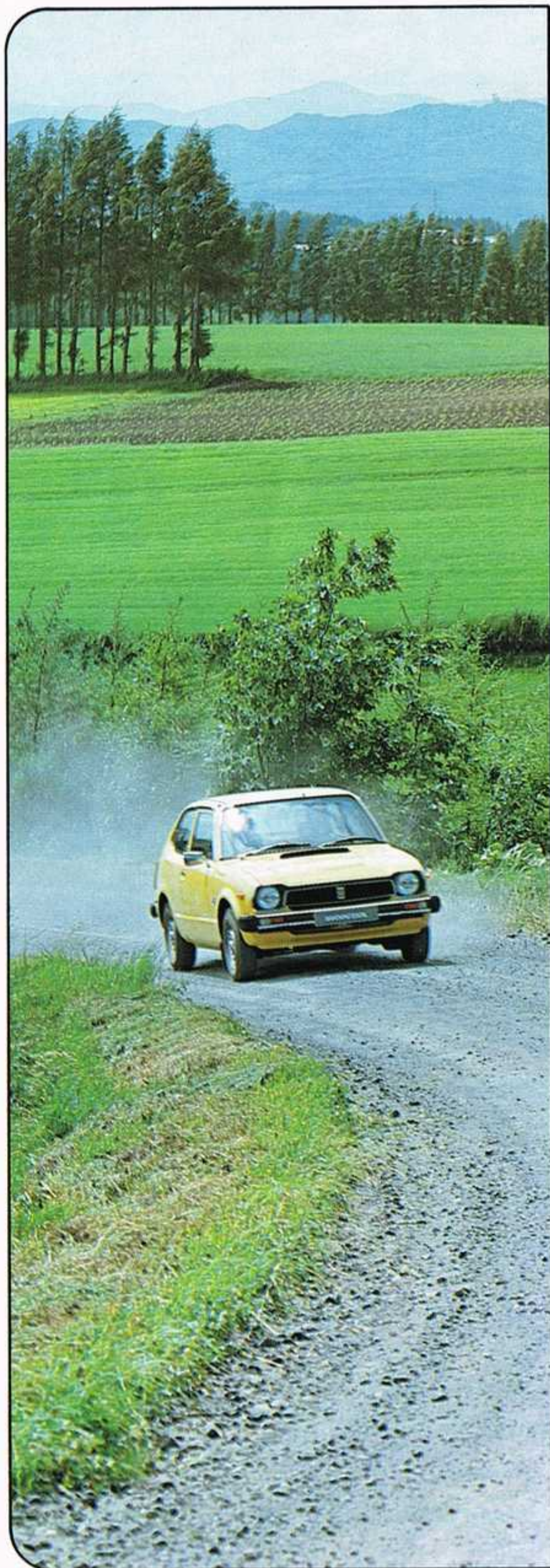
The latest Civics incorporate bumpers with corner rubbers for durability, and an integral spoiler at the front for high speed stability.

Civic Performance



Instrument binnacle, illuminated at night, includes a full set of warning lights for oil pressure, battery charge, hand brake, headlamp high beam and choke.

The Civic gives a smooth and quiet ride, with independent 4-wheel suspension. The water cooled overhead camshaft 4-stroke engine produces an especially wide and flat torque curve for driving ease in all sorts of traffic conditions, plus greater reliability and almost unbelievable petrol economy. To match the environment, the silencer is very

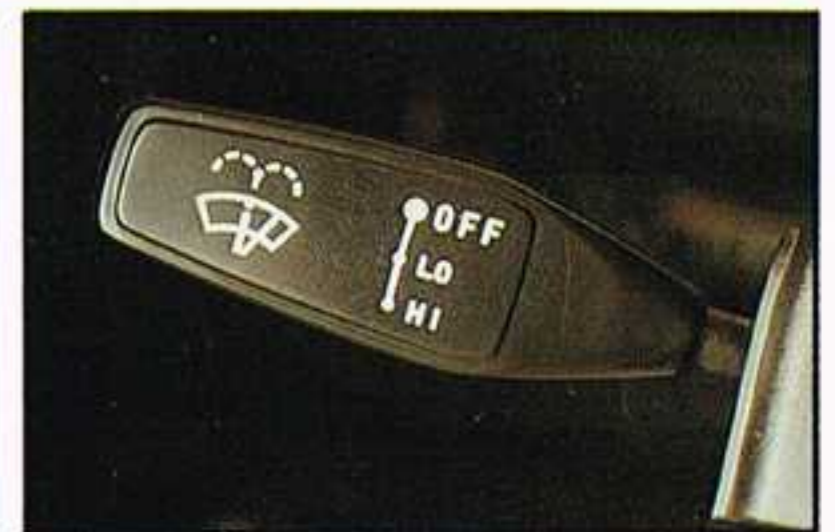
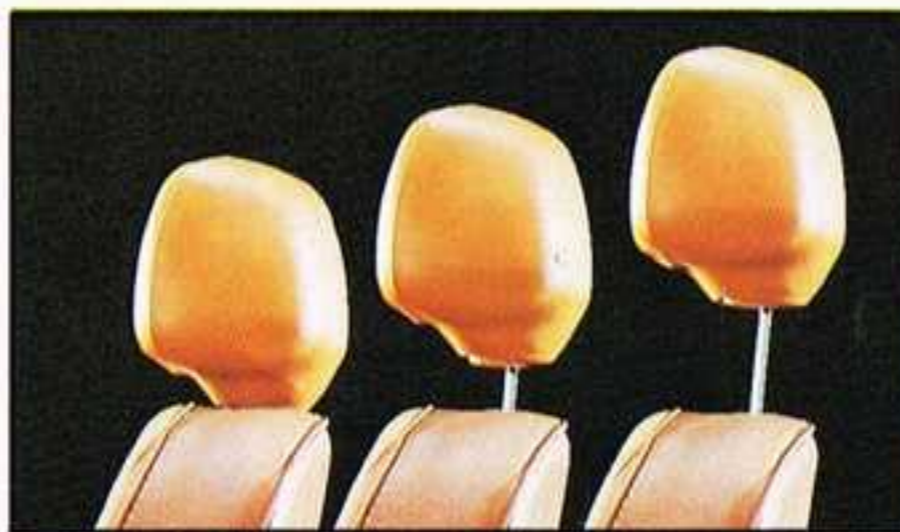
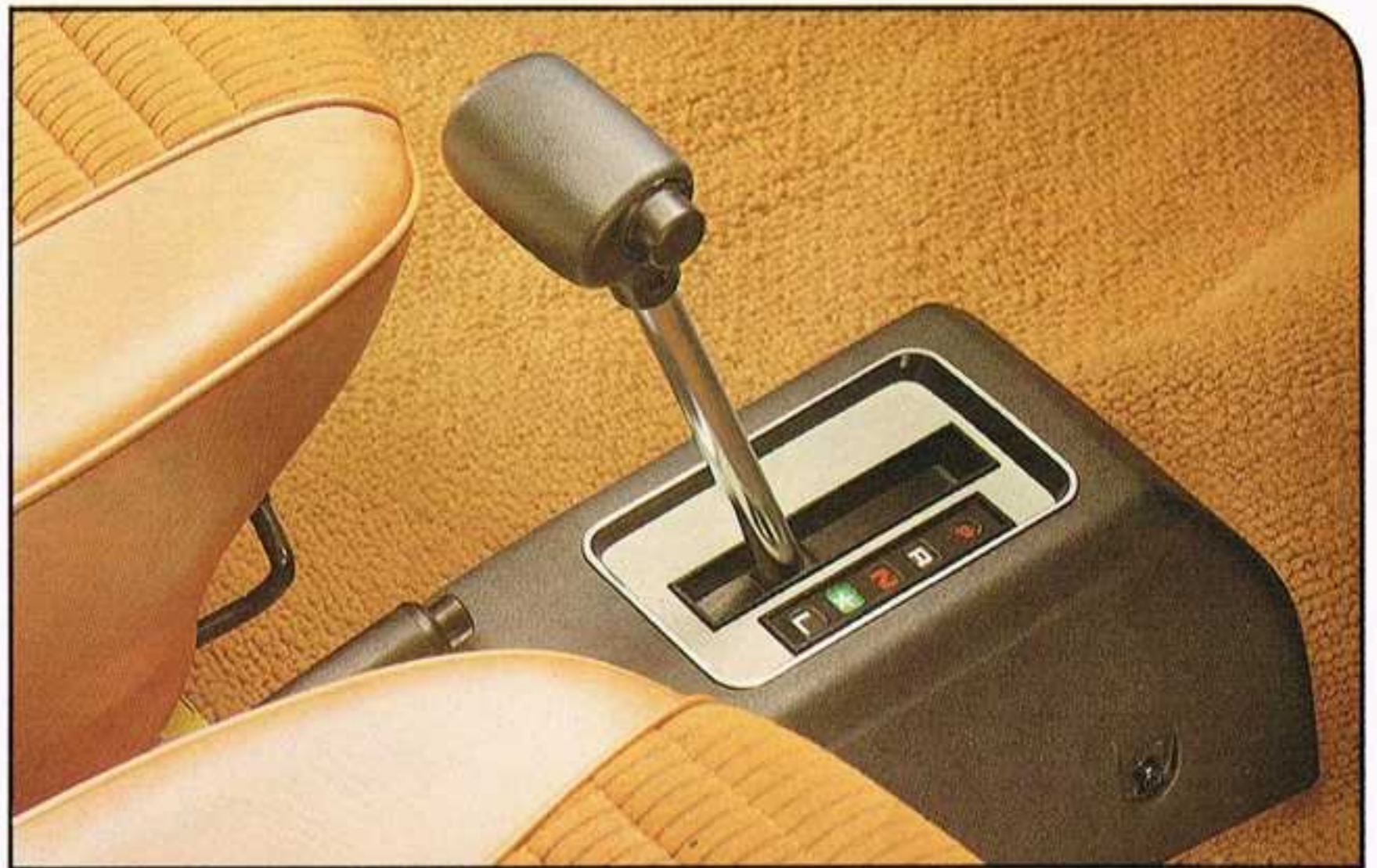
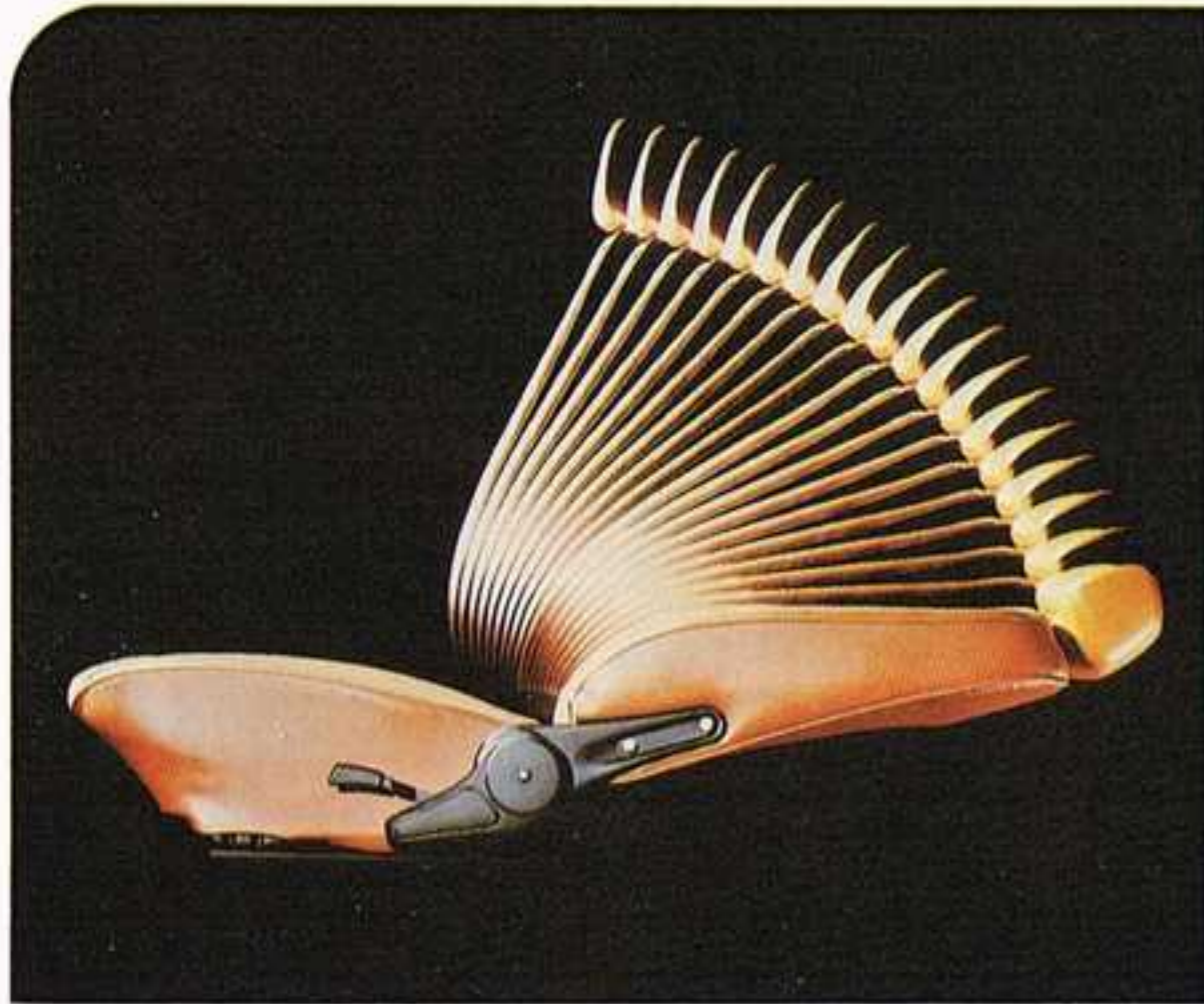


efficient even at high engine speeds and the engine is designed to use low-octane no-lead petrol. Other anti-pollution devices include a canister-type fuel vapour trap to control petrol evaporation, crankcase ventilator to recycle blow-by gas and automatic fuel intake pre-heating system. A sealed radiator with overflow tank makes refilling unnecessary. Wet sump pressure lubrication utilises two filters.

The brakes are servo assisted and therefore require less

brake pedal pressure for a quick, safe, stop. In addition the braking system is dual circuit. Should one system fail, servo assisted braking would be retained on one front disc and the diagonally opposite rear drum.

Energy absorbing steering column is of a special double-collapsing design incorporating a telescopic top shaft, combined with an articulating two joint linkage for added protection.



Both cars feature many interior refinements.

The front bucket seats are fully reclinable, and are adjustable 4" fore and aft for optimum driver and passenger comfort.

Inertia reel seat belts with three point fixings are standard.

The Hondamatic system provides effortless and smooth motoring from start to maximum speed, with a hand

operated selector for overtaking, steep hill climbing or engine braking.

Large, padded headrests on the front seats have three height positions, and are removable.

Two speed wipers, and two electric windscreen washer jets are operated by a column mounted stalk, providing finger tip control.

The ventilation system provides fresh air at face level via fresh air vents

located at either end of the fascia. These vents are adjustable for directional flow.

The heating system provides fresh or recirculated air to the car, or to the windscreen for defrosting and demisting. The system has a two-speed booster fan, and a temperature control switch.

The door openers are fitted flush with the door panel for safety, and the interior safety locks are conveniently positioned beneath the door pull.

Accessories

For that individual touch choose genuine Honda accessories to personalise your car and add to your motoring pleasure. Custom made specially for Honda by top manufacturers, every item is of the highest quality. Only a selection of the comprehensive equipment that is available is illustrated here. See the full range at your Honda dealer.

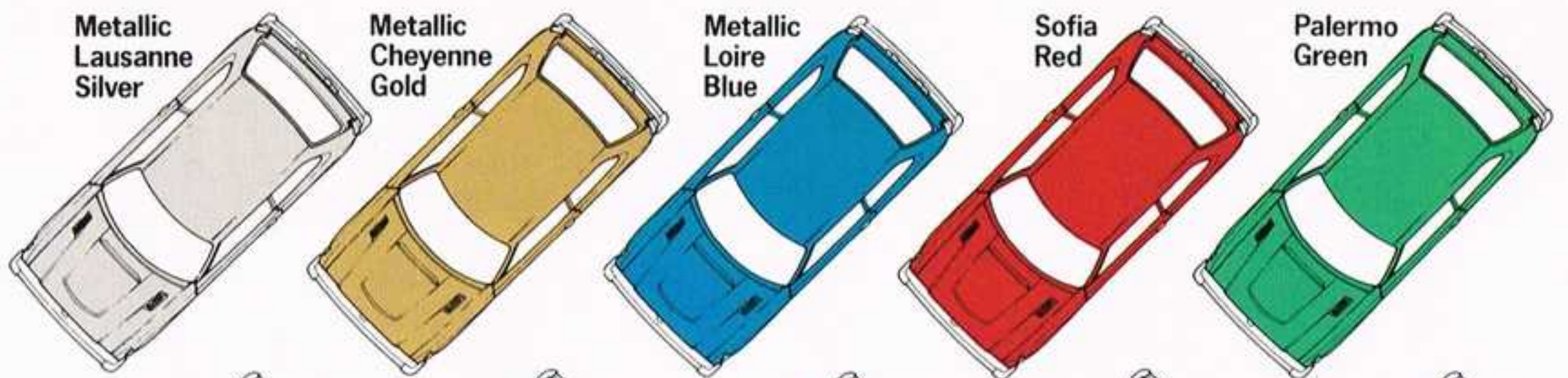
- 1. Steering Wheel.**
Finished in simulated walnut.
- 2. Rear Wiper Kit.**
Available for all Civic models.
- 3. Leather Gear Shift Knob.**
Adds that touch of style.
- 4. Wing Mirror.**
Matt black finish with chrome trim.
- 5. Cassette Car Stereo.**
Auto-eject with fast forward and rewind. 8 watts per channel.
- 6. Roof Console.**
Incorporating spot light.
- 7. Centre Console.**
Unit incorporating gearshift and handbrake.
- 8. Speakers.**
Mount snugly above rear windows.
- 9. Rear Mud Flap Kit.**
- 10. Electric Clock.**
Has sweeping second hand and fits directly to facia panel.
- 11. Intermittent Wiper Control Switch.**
Ideal for motorway driving and those drizzly days.



Colours

1978 Civic colours available

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Specifications

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Horsepower	60 ps/5,500 rpm (DIN)	
Torque	8.6 kg-m (62 lb.-ft.)/3,000 rpm (DIN)	
Engine	Watercooled 4-stroke OHC in-line 4-cylinder transversely mounted	
Displacement	1,238 cc (75.48 cu. in.)	
Bore x Stroke	72 x 76 mm (2.83 x 2.99 in.)	
Compression Ratio	8.1:1	
Transmission	Manual 4-speed synchromesh Hondamatic Torque converter with two manually selected forward speeds	
Gear Ratio	Manual 1st 3.181 2nd 1.823 3rd 1.181 4th 0.846 Reverse 2.916 Hondamatic L 1.636 ☆ 1.034 Reverse 2.045	
Clutch	Dry single plate, diaphragm spring	
Steering System	Rack and pinion, collapsible steering column	
Drive Wheels	Front	
Suspension	4-wheel independent with McPherson struts	
Brakes	Front Disc brakes, Rear Leading trailing shoe drum	
Tyres	6.00-12-4PR	
Dimensions L x W x H	3,560 x 1,505 x 1,330 mm (140.2 x 59 x 52.4 in.)	3,655 x 1,505 x 1,330 mm (143.9 x 59 x 52.4 in.)
Wheelbase	2,200 mm (86.6 in.)	2,280 mm (89.8 in.)
Track	Front 1,300 mm (51.2 in.) Rear 1,280 mm (50.4 in.)	1,300 mm (51.2 in.) 1,285 mm (50.2 in.)
Ground Clearance	170 mm (6.7 in.)	
Fuel Tank Capacity	38 litres (10 US gal., 8 Imp. gal.)	40 litres (10.5 US gal., 8.8 Imp. gal.)
Curb Weight	Manual 706 kg (1,557 lb.) Hondamatic 712 kg (1,570 lb.)	731 kg (1,612 lb.) 738 kg (1,627 lb.)

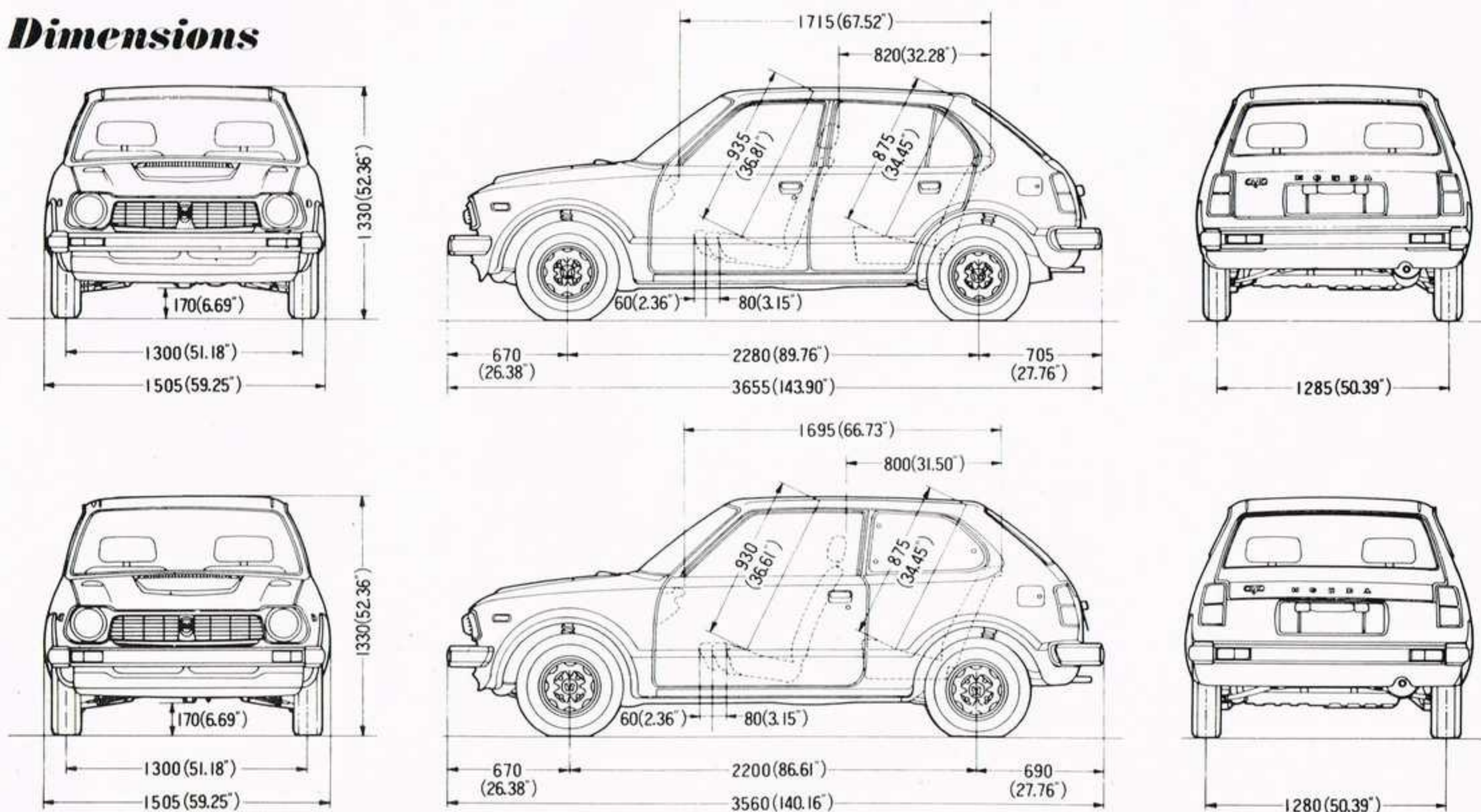
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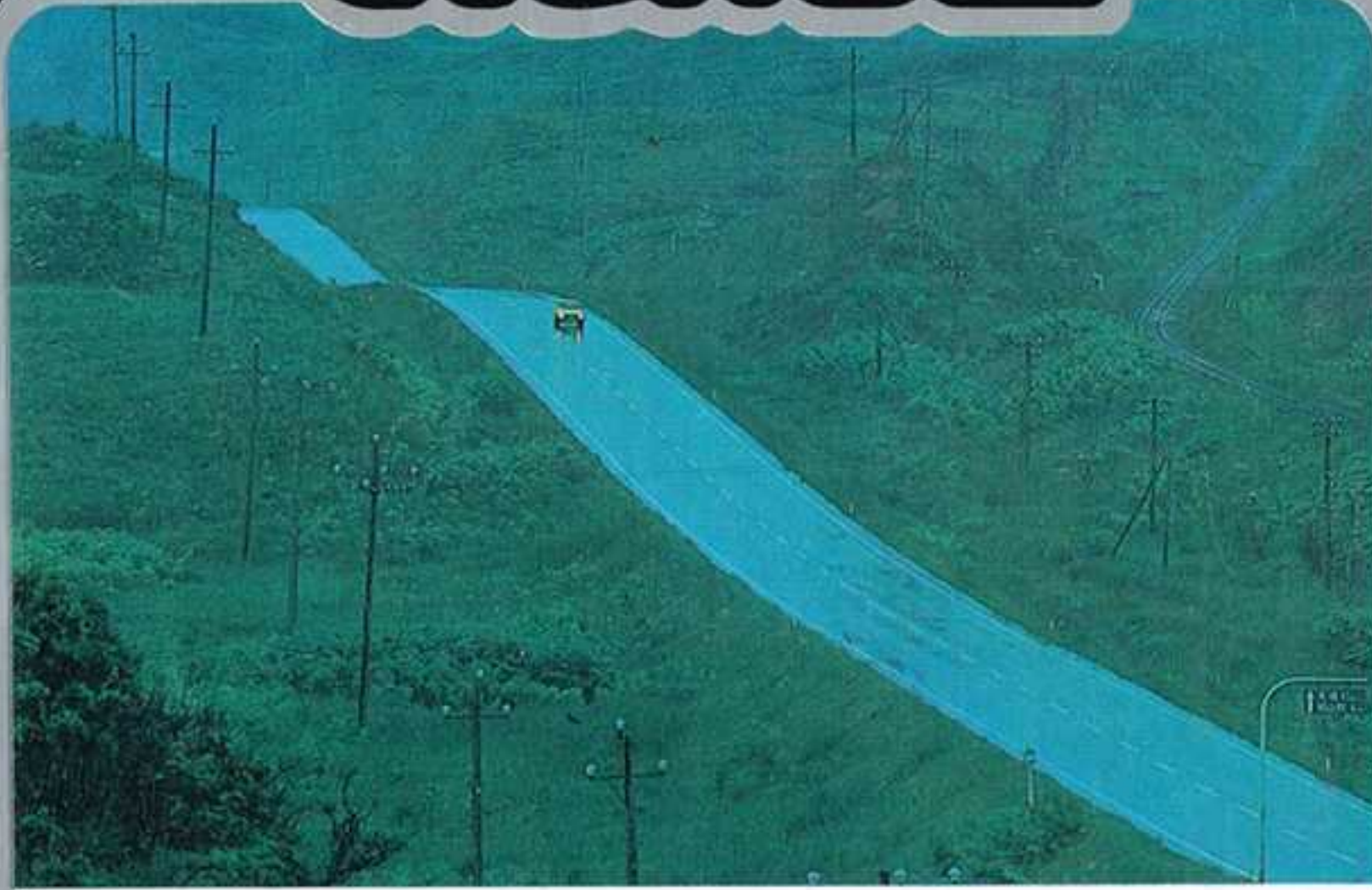
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Radio	●	●	Inertia reel seat belts (3 point fixing)	●	●
Heater, 2 speed booster fan	●	●	Fully reclining front seats	●	●
Fresh air ventilation system	●	●	Seat forward/backward adjustment (roller type)	●	●
Speedometer with trip meter	●	●	Headrests (front seat)	●	●
Fuel/Water temperature gauges	●	●	Passenger/driver pivoting sun visors	●	●
Choke warning lamp	●	●	Hand grips front (passenger side)	●	●
Cigarette lighter	●	●	rear (both sides)		●
Interior lamp	●	●	Door armrests – front and rear	●	●
Locking petrol filler	●	●	Breakaway day/night rearview mirror	●	●
Rear parcel shelf		●	Floor carpet	●	●
Seats (tricot/simulated leather)	●	●	2 speed windscreen wipers	●	●

Dimensions





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