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Le Town and Country Car



Le Flight Deck: Convenient, functional, with fingertip control



Le Car is at home anywhere. To go well anywhere, it has a sturdy 1.3-litre engine that can power it to 152 km/h and deliver 7.8 litres/100 km in the city and 5 litres/100 km on the highway.* Race, rally and road-proven, the engine uses a cast-iron cylinder block for quietness and a light-weight aluminium head for optimum performance. An all-synchromesh, four-speed manual transmission links the power to the ground, giving you precise control in any situation, city or country.

To stop well, powerful disc brakes up front and double-leading shoe rear drum brakes allow pinpoint accuracy in congested stop-and-go traffic. A special load-sensitive proportioning valve automatically adjusts the brake system to maintain maximum stopping power under all conditions. And to ride well, a unique, torsion-bar independent suspension system gives each wheel freedom to soak up potholes and bumps without upsetting Le Car's stability.

Le Car. Fast enough, economical enough and safe enough to be at home anywhere.

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Le Car was made for fitting into tight spots. Less than 12 feet long, it takes up less parking space than most other small cars without giving away an inch of comfort.











City driving is demanding. Congested streets, crowded parking places, split-second traffic lights. To be a successful city car, an automobile needs to be tough and capable enough to take urban pounding day in and day out. Le Car is.

Quick rack-and-pinion steering gives Le Car pinpoint accuracy for darting into holes in the traffic flow. Only 32 feet are needed between curbs to turn Le Car completely around. And a steering ratio of 20:1 means you only need to turn the wheel a bit to change direction instantly.

Superb visibility through the large glass area gives the driver a commanding view of the swiftly changing city traffic. Every control is at your fingertips, designed to be easily memorized so that it can be operated while you use your eyes to slip through the city. A convenient tray is inset into the steering column, good for keeping toll booth money accessible.

Under the big polyurethane bumpers, all systems handle the city with ease. Standard Michelin steel-radial tires grip the pavement tenaciously, riding on long-travel suspension that allows each wheel to absorb potholes or frost heaves without ruffling the car. Powerful disc brakes up front (with vacuum boost on GTL Deluxe) provide security in sudden stops. And the four-speed transmission has gear ratios chosen to get the OHV engine's power to the ground when you need it most.

Versatility. Le Car's Middle Name



No other car has a "fun" roof quite like Le Car's. No complicated mechanical linkages to operate; just a simple flip of a lever, a fold backwards and... presto! Le Sun Car, with a roof opening so big it feels like a convertible with the security of a sedan.





Weekends in the country. Weekdays in the city. One day, Le Car is your ticket to good times in the sun; another, your sturdy, uncomplaining urban hauler. For both occasions, you need plenty of space—space for luggage or for groceries or even lawnmowers. Le Car's huge hatch lifts from the bumper to provide a low, flat floor to help you load. And if you flip down the back seat, you triple Le Car luggage room from 9.1/2 cubic feet to 31.1/2 cubic feet.









Le French Comfort

Le Car sets new standards in riding and seating comfort. It starts with the advanced, fully-independent suspension system which is flexible enough to soak up the bumps, yet firm enough to keep the car level, even on rough roads. The comfortable ride is also the result of the relatively long wheel base (95.1″) compared with the overall length of the car (142″). This alone provides better stability than any other car in its class (and more comfort too, because passengers are not sitting directly over the wheels).

Whether you opt for the TL Le Car or choose the fully optioned GTL Deluxe model, you get an automobi. obviously built by people who don't regard driving as a chore, but rather as an adventure to be savoured. In the GTL Deluxe, you find big, fully supportive reclining seats that even lift forward to allow rear-seat passengers easy entry and exit. ("There's more room in a Renault" was even a famous slogan of the 1930s!) And there are the little things on the GTL Deluxe that speak of attention to detail: arm rests on the front doors,: day/night rear-view mirror; fully padded dashboard, sun visors and steering wheel; flow-through centre-outlet ventilation; electric rear window defogger (also standard on the TL); side window defogging outlets; a removable parcel shelf over the rear area; optional jumbo-size sun roof; combination coat hooks/assist handles; etc.

All of which means that Le Car is very comfortable for four adults (or two adults and an enormous amount of luggage) to get around in—on short trips or cross country. Not a bad excuse to have fun.



Le Style. Think of it as Freedom from Conformity

In a world of conformity, Le Car stands out. Combining world-famous engineering with the art of the best stylists in France, Renault gave Le Car a shape unique on Earth. The only thing it has in common with other small cars is its size. (And even its wheelbase is longer than theirs, to give Le Car its remarkable ride). Aerodynamically efficient, esthetically fulfilling, the graceful, rounded contours of Le Car mark it as a truly modern but timeless design.

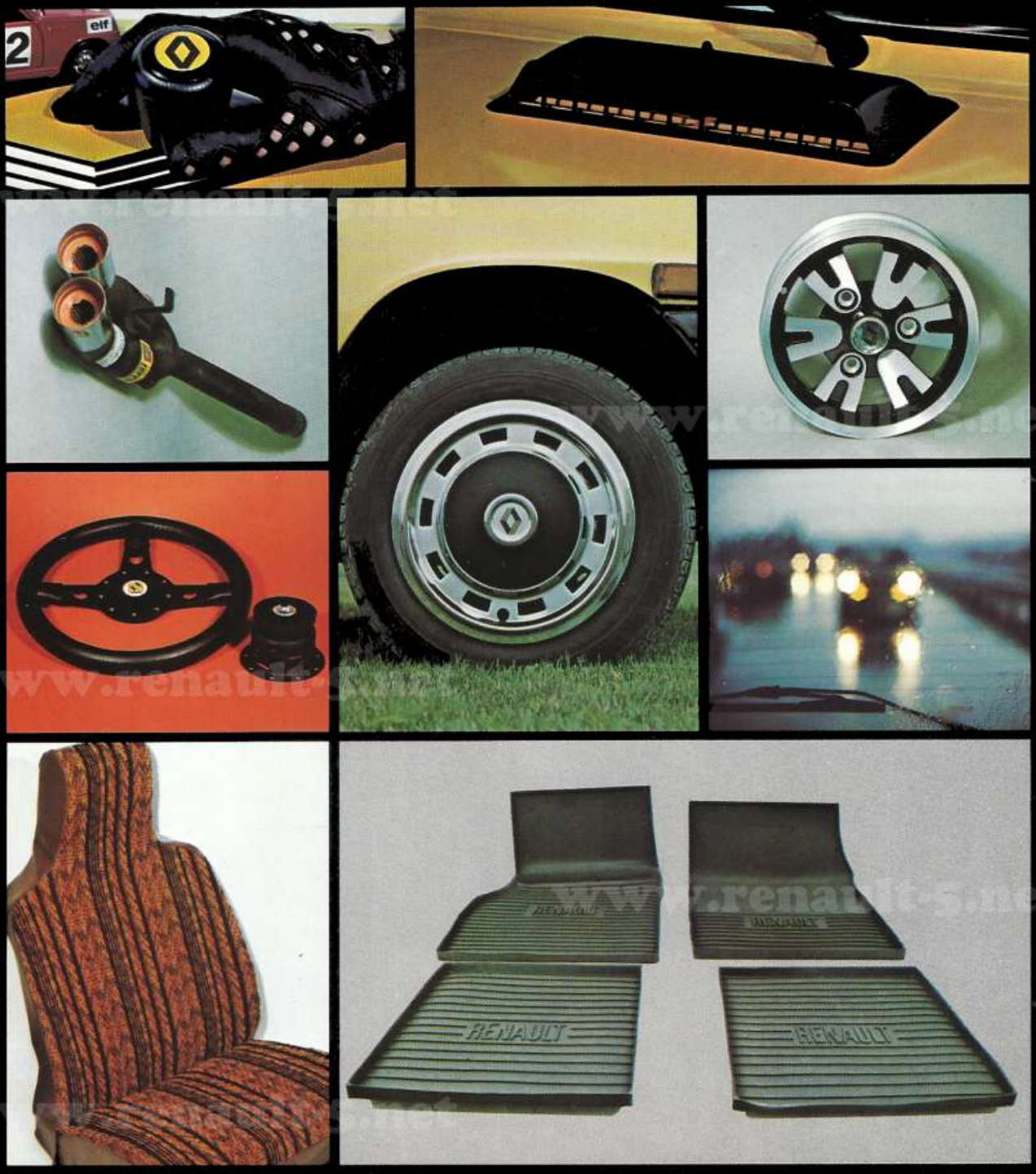
You feel it as soon as you settle into the luxuriously padded seats. This is a small car that doesn't know small cars aren't supposed to be roomy inside. Or flatteringly fashionable. Go ahead. Drive it as hard and as far as you can. By sunset, you'll step out, amazed. No typical small car aches, no strain.

There's a reason. Renault has always believed that form should follow function, as in Nature. And as natural things are beautiful, so Renault made Le Car eye-appealing, available in exciting colours (some metallic at no extra charge).

It's a small car you can be proud of, perhaps as much a contemporary objet d'art as you can buy. But what other sculpture will carry you and your friends into the mountains?

Le wide choice of accessories

For those who wish to add a personal touch to their Renault 5, the Renault Boutique offers: sports wheels, sports steering wheels, sports mufflers, rear window washer/wipers, protective mats (rubber or coco), seat covers (front and rear), paint spray touch-up kits, hood deflectors, gear stick knob with Renault emblem, block-heaters, central consoles, radios (complete range of Blaupunkt models), fog and spot headlights, sunroof deflectors, etc. (some of which are illustrated below).



Specifications

Engine
No. of cylinders/4 in-line
Bore/2.874 in. (73 mm)
Stroke/3.031 in. (77 mm)
Displacement/78.66 cu. in. (1289 cc)
Compression ratio: 9.5:1
Horsepower (SAE Gross): 68.5 @ 6000
Maximum torque (SAE Gross): 72 @ 3500
Water cooled/Front-mounted behind the drive wheels
Engine block/Cast iron
Cylinder head/Aluminum alloy
Valve arrangement/OHV
Cooling system/Liquid, pressurized closed circuit
Fuel/Air supply/Weber two-barrel carburetor
Main bearings/5

Electrical System
Rated voltage/12 V/Negative-ground
Battery/50 amp. hrs./Alternator

Chassis and Suspension
Unitized body/chassis, monocoque structure, anti-corrosion protection, undercoating
Front suspension/Independent with torsion bars, double-acting hydraulic telescopic shock absorbers and stabilizer bar
Rear suspension/Independent with torsion bars, double-acting hydraulic telescopic shock absorbers & stabilizer bar

Estimated fuel consumption (litres per 100 km)*

Urban:	8.1
Highway:	5.5 GTL
Comparative rating:	6.4
Urban:	7.8
Highway:	5.0 TL
Comparative rating:	6.1

Brakes & Wheels
Brakes/Dual hydraulic, (vacuum power booster GTL only); Front, self-adjusting disc brakes; rear drum brakes, load sensitive pressure limiting valve
Rims/4.50 B 13
Tires/steel-belted Michelin ZX radials:
145 SR 13 (GTL)
135 SR 13 (TL)

Capacities
Engine crankcase/3.5 qts. (3.25 liters)
Transaxle lubricant/2 qts. (1.8 liters)
Fuel tank/10 gallons U.S. (38 liters)
Cargo volume/9.5 cu. ft. (270 dm^3)
rear seat folded 31.5 cu. ft. (900 dm^3)

Steering
Rack and Pinion
Ratio/20.0:1
Turning circle/32.0 ft. (9.74 m)
Steering turns (lock to lock)/3.75

Drive Train
Front-wheel drive
Transaxle, including transmission/4-speed manual fully synchronized floor mounted shift lever
Clutch/Single dry disc

Dimensions
Wheelbase/95.2 in. (2419 mm)
Overall length/142.0 in. (3609 mm)
Overall width/60.0 in. (1525 mm)
Overall height (empty)/55.0 in. (1402 mm)
Ground clearance (loaded/5.5 in. (147 mm)
Curb weight/1819 lbs. (825 kg) GTL
1792 lbs. (815 kg) TL

Other Features
(standard unless otherwise specified)
Metallic paint
Front reclining bucket seats (GTL)
Front passenger assist handle (GTL)
Rear passenger ashtrays (GTL)
Padded sun visors/courtesy mirror
Day/Night rear view mirror (GTL)
Front lap/shoulder seat belts with automatic locking retractors
Rear lap belts with automatic retractors
Side window defogging outlets
Center adjustable fresh-air vent
Swing-open rear side window (GTL)
Rear cargo area removable parcel shelf (GTL)
Rear window defogger

Options
Jumbo sun roof
AM, AM/FM radio, cassettes and 8 track

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TWO YEARS/40 000 KM

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