IMPERIAL



THE TRIUMPHANT IMPERIAL

... AMERICA'S NEW FINE-CAR STYLE LEADER

Imperial. Sleek, low, glittering. A car of matchless good looks, good taste and quality. Of silent, surging, magnificent power. Of silken handling. Of floating velvet ride. Here it is—in all its splendor—for 1958. Here is the fine car that has emerged as the foremost preference of knowing people among all fine cars. The beautiful, dramatic new leader, the finest product of Chrysler Corporation. The triumphant Imperial.



One of the outstanding features of the Imperial 4-Door Southampton is its luxurious roominess and comfort—not found in similar body styles of other makes. It has the extraordinary spaciousness of the Imperial 4-Door Sedan . . . with head, leg, and elbow room that makes Imperial motoring the most relaxing and comfortable in the fine-car field. Doors swing generously wide so you can get in and out of the car easily and gracefully.

Once inside the beautiful Imperial, you are surrounded by light and freedom, thanks to the world-of-tomorrow airiness of compound windshield and curved sideglass. You revel in the comfort of the air foam cushioning. The soft thickness of the sheared pile wool carpeting. The polished elegance of every smallest appointment. The subtle, fashionable beauty of textures, colors, weaves. You sense the sheer quality that goes through and through this beautiful car—the very finest quality an automobile can offer.

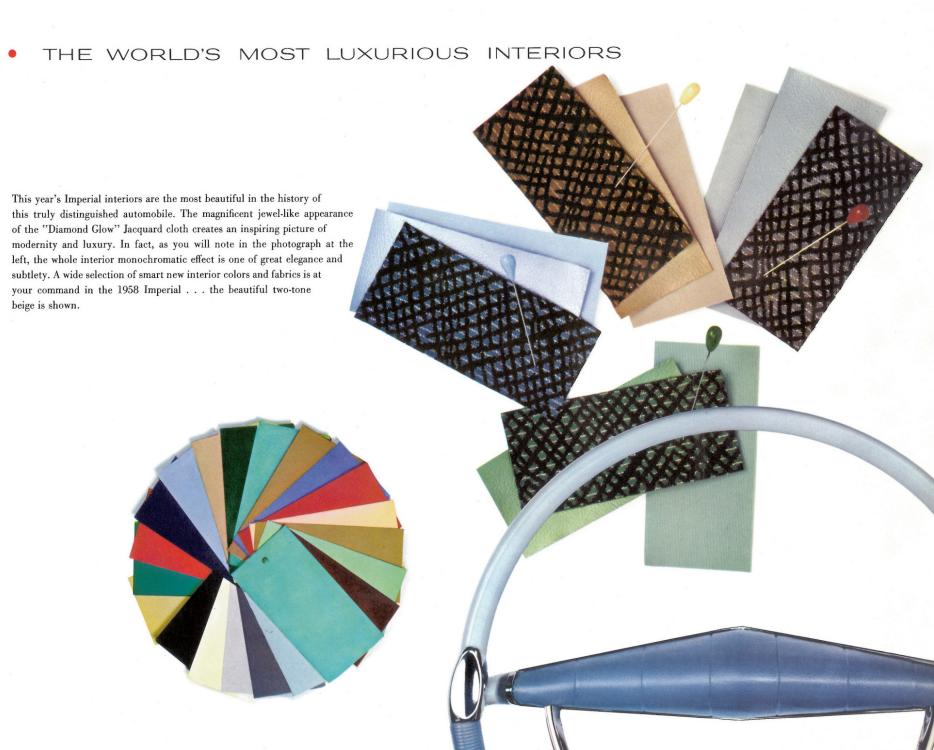




The jewel-like instrument panel—with its massive sunshading brow—clusters the neatly arranged instruments directly in front of the driver for easy and instant readability. Covering both top and bottom of the panel is harmonizing leather-covered, foam-lined padding that softly cushions any contact... greatly reduces sunlight glare, too. To the left are the famous Imperial pushbutton controls for the smoothest, most economical automatic transmission ever built.











Wherever the Imperial Crown 4-Door Southampton goes it attracts tremendous interest and enthusiasm. Whether parked or in splendid motion, heads turn and eyes follow admiring the smooth uncluttered Flight-Sweep lines, vastness of the compound curved front windshield and the unique distinction of the Imperial landau top. Won't you permit your Imperial dealer to put this magnificent new car at your disposal so that you might experience the swell of pride that comes with driving and owning the triumphant 1958 Imperial?



EXPECT HEADS TO TURN WHEN YOU DRIVE IMPERIAL

Those who appreciate truly fine things quickly recognize the 1958 Imperial Crown sedan as an automobile of greatness and majesty. Note in the car illustrated at the right the tasteful, restrained use of chrome, the clean, unbroken flow of the body design . . . the overall dignity of appearance. Here is a car that among all fine cars stands out as a masterpiece of automobile designing and engineering.





Imperial . . . significantly different . . . from every view!

The soaring rear fins with their exclusive gunsight taillights, the gracefully sculptured rear bumper with integral
back-up lights, dramatically announce to other motorists
that the triumphant Imperial has just swept ahead.

• EXQUISITE NEW APPROACHES TO INTERIOR DESIGN AND COMFORT







· TODAY ... SO MANY

KNOWING PEOPLE DRIVE THE IMPERIAL





The wisdom of owning Imperial was never more apparent than in this magnificent 1958 version of America's fine car leader. For the Imperial LeBaron brings back the almost forgotten meaning of the word "coachwork." Its interior and appointments alone suggest the word "palatial." In a fashion unique in the automotive world, it combines beautifully advanced, clean, crisp styling with a luxuriously quiet interior and exterior decorating motif. The eye is rested, not startled, with the decor of the Imperial LeBaron, so tastefully upholstered in the world's finest wool broadcloth. It is really no wonder that discriminating people across the land . . . people who know and appreciate the ultimate in quality . . . are changing to the triumphant new leader in the fine-car field . . . Imperial!

The great and good things of the world are quickly recognized. From the day the magnificent Imperial LeBaron swept on the scene, people of discerning taste and judgment realized that a new fine car leader had arrived. But Imperial owners are finding much more than grace and beauty beneath that dazzling surface. They've discovered the ease and assurance of America's finest engineering. For the first time in their lives, they're enjoying a truly level ride, as delivered by Imperial's precision engineered torsion-bar suspension system. They've felt the tremendous energy of Imperial's airplane-type V-8 engine power . . . silent, satiny, instantly responsive. And they are reveling in a new kind of elegance, a true elegance. To own and drive the Imperial LeBaron is to drive the right fine car . . . but to have the pleasant feeling of being just a little different from the rest of the world.





The elegant Imperial landau top adds an extra grace and flare to this magnificent design. Curving upward, the top points forward on the roof to a wind-split center crest.

• THE EPITOME OF AUTOMOTIVE INTERIOR CRAFTSMANSHIP





IMPERIAL'S NEW

TOTAL-CONTACT BRAKES

Of any part of a car, the braking system is probably the most important. That's why Imperial engineers devoted so much of their time to the development of a superior design . . . a system called "Total-Contact Brakes." With this design, the large brake linings come in contact with all of the brake drum, giving you much greater stopping power. Smaller brake linings of many other cars touch the drum only at isolated points (as shown at the left) and lose their braking efficiency.





1958 IMPERIAL BRAKES

NEW IMPERIAL SURE-GRIP DIFFERENTIAL

Ever had the experience of having a rear wheel stuck or skidding in mud, sand, snow or ice while the other rear wheel was on solid, dry ground? Chances are you sat there with the one wheel ineffectually spinning. Imperial's new Sure-Grip differential (optional at extra cost) ends all that by insuring delivery of engine power to the wheel that has traction. You move out of all annoving situations without hesitation with this ingenious new Imperial device.



IMPERIAL-ENGINEERED TORSION BAR SUSPENSION SYSTEM

Outmoding all other types, Imperial's torsion bar suspension system, coupled to the new antifriction ball joints, smooths out the roughest roads, takes the sway and swerve out of turns. The torsion bar, as illustrated here, absorbs shocks and other annoving motions by a twisting action of the bar itself . . . bumps and bounces never reach the passengers.

> NO SWAY . . . no swerve on turns with the Imperial torsion bar system. You ride perfectly level on even the sharpest curves. Notice the perfectly horizontal position of both Imperial headlights in the photograph below.

1958 IMPERIAL... THE SUPREME ACHIEVEMENT IN AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING

"Finest product of Chrysler Corporation" . . . these words most perfectly describe the quality of the 1958 Imperial. Yet to the people who are associated with designing and building this great automobile this phrase goes deeper still . . . it is a creed by which they work. In every phase of development . . . the fundamental ideas, the designing, engineering, testing and actual building . . . Imperial craftsmen take great pride in their product. The results of this tremendous skill, effort and enthusiasm are obvious at first glance . . . and even more apparent after you have had the opportunity to own and drive your new Imperial for a period of time.

NO REAR-END DIP-when you accelerate your 1958 Imperial . . . you take off in one steady, level sweep of motion. The unretouched photograph shown here illustrates perfectly the level take-off and complete lack of rear-end dip.

The Imperial ride, for example, is unequaled for smoothness, comfort and motoring ease. The Imperial torsion-bar suspension system that gives you this remarkable ride is exclusive in its field. Such is the case with Imperial's new Constant-Control Power Steering, Total-Contact Braking system, Pushbutton automatic transmission and rear-end suspension system with its Oriflow shock absorbers. With exclusive engineering advancements such as these coupled to the industry's highest quality production control that has precision as its keynote, it is readily understandable that the 1958 Imperial is truly the supreme achievement in automotive engineering.

NO DIVE-with Imperial's torsion bar suspension. The front-end nosing down action found in many other cars is completely eliminated. You come to a smooth, steady stop even under emergency braking conditions. See how level the front end of the Imperial in the photograph below remained as it came to a sudden stop.





BOUNDLESS PLEASURE... AUTOMATICALLY YOURS WITH

IMPERIAL-DESIGNED OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES

STANDARD ON IMPERIALS:

TorqueFlite Automatic Transmission Constant-Control Power Steering Total-Contact Power Brakes Safety Cushion Instrument Panel Back-up Lights Directional Signals Windshield Washers Electric Clock

Dual Headlamps

Factory Undercoating and hood insulating pad

1958 IMPERIAL STANDARD EOUIPMENT

STANDARD ON IMPERIAL CROWNS:

All Imperial standard equipment plus the following: Electric Window Lifts 6-Way Power Front Seat Visor Vanity Mirror Inside Tilt-Type Rear View Mirror License Plate Frame (rear) Outside Rear View Mirror

STANDARD ON IMPERIAL LE BARONS:

All Imperial and Crown equipment plus the following: White Sidewall Tires (Rayon)







6-WAY ELECTRIC POWER FRONT SEAT* gives you perfect seat position with a simple touch of the convenient controls. Just touch the bar and you can move up or down, forward or back or tilt through an angle of 18 degrees to place the front seat in the exact position you desire.



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maximum speed you desire. Should

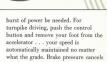
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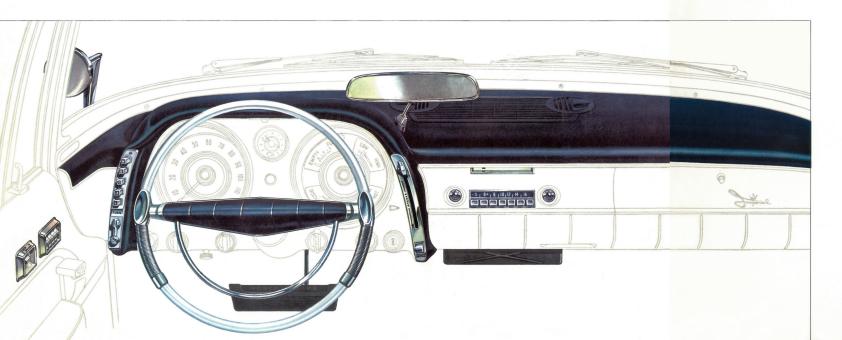
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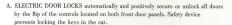
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speed-maintaining mechanism.





- B. ELECTRIC WINDOW LIFTS*, controlled by a master panel on the driver's door and individual controls for the passengers, lets you raise and lower all vertical moving windows by the touch of a switch . . . eliminates reaching and hand cranking.
- C. NEW REMOTE CONTROL OUTSIDE REAR VIEW MIRROR lets you adjust mirror position from inside the car. Ideal for night driving when the glare of headlights to your rear can be easily eliminated.
- D. SOLEX TINTED GLASS throughout the car cuts glare and filters out the sun's heat rays. The soft tinting, barely noticeable to the eye, relaxes tension due to brightness and lets you drive for longer periods.
- E. HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING! Four outstanding systems are available for the 1958 Imperial:
 - 1. COMBINED HEATER AND AIR CONDITIONER in one compact unit, cools, heats, defrosts, dehumidifies and filters out pollen quickly and automatically,

F. INSIDE TILT-TYPE MIRROR* stops blinding glare from the rear simply by the flip of the mirror tab, vet still provides a view of the road behind you. Another flip of the tab and the mirror returns to normal driving position.

2. NEW DELUXE DUAL COMBINED HEATER AND AIR CONDITIONER

gives you all the advantages of the regular Imperial combined unit PLUS extra

CONDITIONAIRE HEATER AND DEFROSTER gives you warm 100° air just

for the engine to warm up, 4, CUSTOM CONDITIONAIRE HEATER AND

DEFROSTER, one of the most efficient heating and ventilating systems built,

large cooling capacity. The addition of the second evaporator quickly lowers the inside temperature even under the most extreme conditions. 3. INSTANT

fifteen seconds after you slide the control to "Warm" position . . . no more waiting

G. IMPERIAL TOUCH-TUNER RADIO, with current-saving transistors, automatically tunes in the strongest nearby station by the mere touch of your hand or foot. Permanent pushbutton settings for your favorite stations are also provided. Rear shelf speaker and power antenna included.

NOT ILLUSTRATED

VISOR VANITY MIRROR*, an ideal accessory for women, fits snugly onto the visor.

LICENSE PLATE FRAMES, front and rear*, protect your license from scratches, nicks,

WHITE SIDEWALL TIRES**, both rayon and nylon cord available, beautify your Imperial.

FLIGHT-SWEEP REAR DECK LID sets your Imperial off from other cars.

IMPERIAL HOOD ORNAMENT, modernistic version of the Imperial eagle, is fashioned of gleaming chrome.

gives you comfortable, even heat throughout the car.

SHADED REAR WINDOW (Two- and Four-Door Hardtops only) screens out strong sunlight through the large rear window on the brightest days.

CAPTIVE AIR TIRES, allow you to drive for miles on a flat tire until service facilities are found.

*Standard on Crown and LeBaron models, optional on Imperial. **Standard on LeBaron models.



SPECIFICATIONS

BODY STYLES—Imperial—Sedan; 2-Door Southampton; 4-Door Southampton. Imperial Crown—Sedan; 2-Door Southampton; 4-Door Southampton; Convertible Coupe. LeBaron—Sedan; 4-Door Southampton

ENGINE—High compression 90° Imperial V-8, airplane-type, with hemispherical Combustion Chambers and overhead, Interally inclined valve arrangement. Bore 4.0 in., Stroke 3.9 in. Piston displacement 392 cu. in. Compression Ratio 10 to 1. Brake horsepower, 345 at 4000 r.p.m. Slipper-type cam ground, sted band aluminum alloy pistons. Three rings per piston. Full pressure lubrication. Waterproof ignition. Slicon chromium sted intake and exhaust valves. Replaceable element air cleaner. New spool-type engine mountings. Full-Flow oil filter. Twin exhaust vastem with two mullifers and two resonators.

FUEL SYSTEM—Four-barrel carburetor with mechanically controlled secondary draft system. Integral automatic choke. Plastic fuel filter in gas tank, ceramic filter at engine. Tank capacity 23 gallons.

COOLING SYSTEM—Thermostatic by-pass control. Six-bladed fan. Fin and tube radiator core. Full-length water jackets around cylinders. Capacity 25 quarts (with heater).

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM—12 volt battery, 78-plate, 70 amp. hr. 30 amp. acapacity generator. 14 mm "Long Reach" Resistor-type, Power-Tip spart plugs. Sealed Beam Dual Headights; Back-up Lights; Directional Signals; Map Light; Neutral Pushbutton Starter; Electric Window Lifts and 6-Way Power Seat, Imperial Crown and LeBaron (available on Imperial), Electric, Variable-speed Windshield Wipers (with automatic Windshield Washer); Cigar Lighter, two lighters in rear compartment, Crown and LeBaron; Electric Glock; Rear Compartment Light; Glove Compartment and Luggage Compartment Lights; Parking Brake Warning Signal.

TRANSMISSION—Torque-Flire—fully automatic torque converter, with 3-speed planetary gear set. Torque converter ratio 2.3 to 1. Transmission gear ratios—First gear 2.45 to 1; Second gear 1.45 to 1; Third gear 1 to 1. Push-Button Control located on dash panel to left of steering wheel. Neutral push-button starting.

DRIVE—Hotchkiss Drive through rear springs. Hypoid rear axle. Axle ratio 2.93 to 1.

SUSPENSION—Independent front wheel suspension with torsion bar springs. Oriflow Shock Absorbers in both front and rear. Tapered-leaf outboard rear springs with interliners and rear axle strut.

STEERING—Full-Time Constant-Control Power Steering, with symmetrical idler-arm steering linkage. From full right to full left, only 3.3 turns of steering wheel.

BRAKES—"Total-Contact" hydraulic braking system, with Power Brakes and independent Parking Brake. Brake diameter 12 in. Two cylinders on each front wheel brake. Cycle-bonded brake linings. Parking Brake actuated by foot pedal—released by control on dash panel. Red warning signal on panel.

WHEELS AND TIRES—14-inch, low pressure, Rayon Super-Soft-Cushion Tubeless Tires, 9.50 x 14. Safety Rim Wheels. Stainless Steel Wheel Covers. Rayon White Sidewall (standard on LeBaron). Nylon White Sidewall or Captive-Air Tires available.

DIMENSIONS—Wheelbase 129 inches. Front tread 61.8 inches, rear 62.4. Overall length 225.7 inches. Width 81.2 inches. Height (loaded) 56.7 inches.

1958 IMPERIAL V-8 ENGINE

The true excitement of Imperial motoring can never be fully appreciated until you touch your toe to the accelerator and experience the tremendous rush of silken power that is at your command with the 1958 Imperial V-8. Its highly efficient 10 to 1 Compression Ratio, 345 horsepower and dome-shaped combustion chamber combine to give you the immediate response and agailty you need for smooth, safe,

dependable motoring. But performance alone is not the only great attribute of this mighty engine for it is the great new successor to the Imperial engine that won over all classes in the 1957 Mobilgas Economy Run. Such performance excellence can be appreciated only by personal experience. Won I you allow your Imperial dealer to put a triumphant 1958 Imperial at your disposal for a thrilling test drive?

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