

Rekord



REKORD . . . an international success

Many reasons have made the Rekord an international success: its European concept combines years of experience with knowledge gained from the most modern market research techniques. Its styling is clean and attractive, featuring large windows and a low belt line, and the discreet use of bright metal. Beneath its timeless lines is a technically sophisticated design, the result of refined engineering and continuous testing. Yet another reason for the Rekord's success is its ruggedness and reliability. Inside and out, the Rekord is carefully built. Its functional interior with deeply padded seats, hard-wearing carpets and practical facia fulfils all the demands of the discerning driver. A powerful 1.9 litre 107 bhp engine, servo assisted dual circuit brakes, and balanced suspension create a feeling of confidence and ensure a minimum of fatigue even on the longest journey. Quality engineering and workmanship have made the Rekord a success from the Arctic to the Mediterranean.

There are three models from which to choose, each powered by the rugged cam-in-head 1.9 litre engine, and all very well equipped. There is the roomy 4-door De luxe Saloon, sporting 2-door Coupé and practical 5-door De luxe Estate, all of them powerful, elegant and superbly comfortable.







REKORD DE LUXE – roomy and refined

Spacious saloon or sporty coupé, cars that on looks alone will stand the test of time. Both have very clean and functional lines, created with the help of extensive wind-tunnel testing during their development. This has resulted in an attractive and efficient shape, with compact overall dimensions. You'll find it an easy car to manoeuvre in city traffic. The roomy interior will hold five people in comfort – ideal for business trips, motoring with your family at weekends and for touring holidays.

Considerable attention has been paid to the reduction of noise. The wrap-round headlight lenses fit flush with the front body panels, the drip rails on the windshield pillars have been turned in and hinged quarter-windows, always a serious source of wind noise, have been excluded from the front windows. These refinements, combined with the careful insulation of engine and road noise, help to make the Rekord quiet and untiring to drive, particularly at constantly high speeds on motorways.

Detailed refinements abound. The windshield wiper arms are finished in matt black to prevent dazzle, the instruments have non-reflecting lenses. The illuminated push-button switch for the heated rear window is located below the dashboard. The console-mounted ashtray and cigarette lighter are both illuminated at night, and there is provision for twin radio or stereo speakers on the rear parcel shelf.

These are some of the details which are easily visible, but there are many more. The rust protection, for example: any part of the body that could be exposed to excessive corrosion is built of galvanised steel and the whole underbody area is wax protected. The highly refined chassis which was developed to utilise the characteristics of radial-ply tyres and the Rekord is fitted with 175/70 SR14 tubeless radials on 5J rims. The headlights are fitted with quartz-halogen bulbs to give you better visibility at night, and all the switches and heater controls have illuminated symbols. Take a close look at a Rekord soon – it has a boot big enough for all the family luggage and the spare wheel is thoughtfully mounted vertically at the side to allow easy access even when the boot is full. Sit in the seat, you'll find everything in the right place. Drive the Rekord and experience its stimulating performance and excellent feel on the road. Drive it – you'll want to keep it.



REKORD ESTATE – space for everything

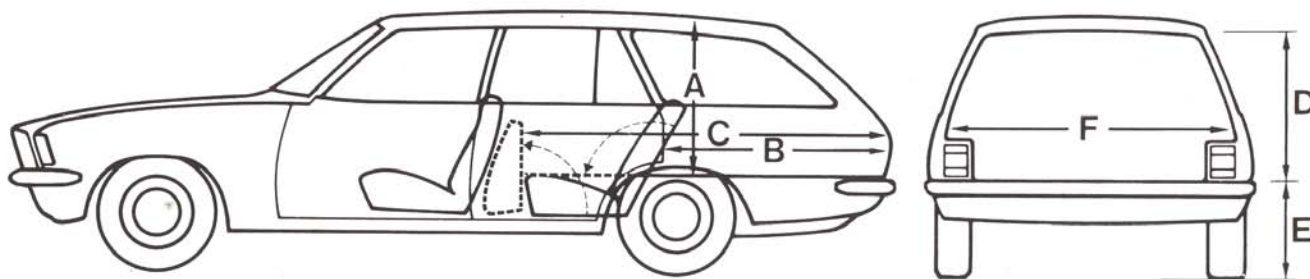
There are some activities that require even more space than the Rekord Saloon can offer.

If your requirements dictate more space, the Rekord Estate car is the ideal choice for you – but still maintaining the style, comfort and luxury of the Rekord Saloon.

It is equipped with hard-wearing, loop-pile carpets, and even the load area is fitted with removable soft matting.

Ideal for any hobby, the family holiday or all the demands of the working day. Space for all the family and their luggage or with the rear seat folded flat, almost van-like capacity for that bulky load. This sturdy estate will carry up to 1265 lb (575 kg), and to increase space the rear shock absorbers have been mounted at an angle.

Loading is easy through the large rear door. Under the floor of the load area, there is a concealed compartment so that valuables can be stowed away out of sight. But don't take our word for it, find out for yourself. Take a comprehensive test drive with the whole family – you'll find its worth it – and don't forget the dog, no matter how big he may be!



(A) 31.2 in (B) 48.3 in (C) 70.5 in (D) 28.4 in (E) 25.3 in (F) 53.1 in







Spacious interior comfort

The moment you get inside the Rekord, either in the front or rear seats, you will be impressed by the feeling of space. Large doors open wide for easy access and the solid 'clunk' as they close attests to the quality built into this famous car.

The low belt line and deep windows create a light airy feel to the interior and provide exceptionally good all-round visibility. The sporty coupé model has frameless windows. All the side windows are deeply curved to provide more shoulder room.

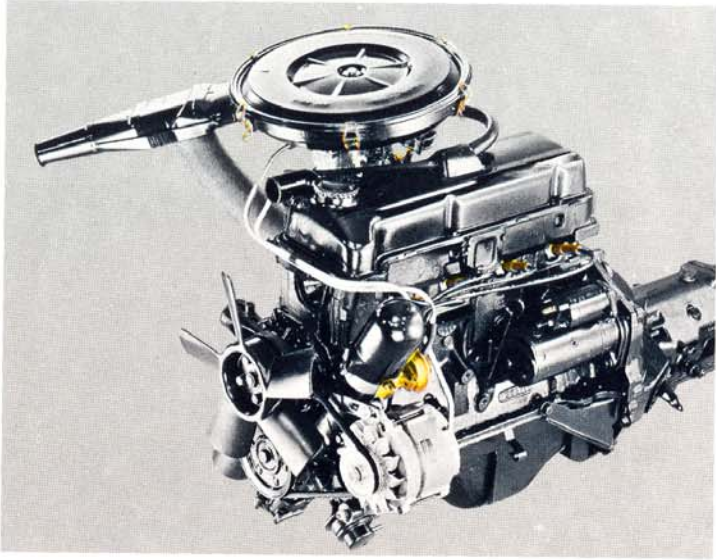
The seats feel just right, and so they should. They are the result of years of engineering experience and testing. Really comfortable, not too soft and not too hard, with proper side and back supports to hold you firmly on corners and reduce fatigue. The front seats are fully reclining with a fine adjustment to enable you to get exactly the right driving position, and there is a folding armrest in the centre of the spacious rear seat.

Tough loop-pile carpet covers the floor, and the seats are trimmed in carefully selected ventilated vinyl, or with luxury cloth.

Large round instruments can be read at a glance, and a combination of rocker and pull-and-turn switches can be quickly located even at night. Everything at your finger-tips. A combination switch on the steering column controls the two signals, headlight main beam and flasher, the two-speed windshield wipers and the windshield washers.

The clock is electronic for greater accuracy and the controls for the fresh-air heating and ventilation system have illuminated symbols. Multi-therm jets on the dashboard allow you to select just the right temperature and flow of fresh air through the interior, keeping you free from fatigue even on the longest journey.





REKORD power

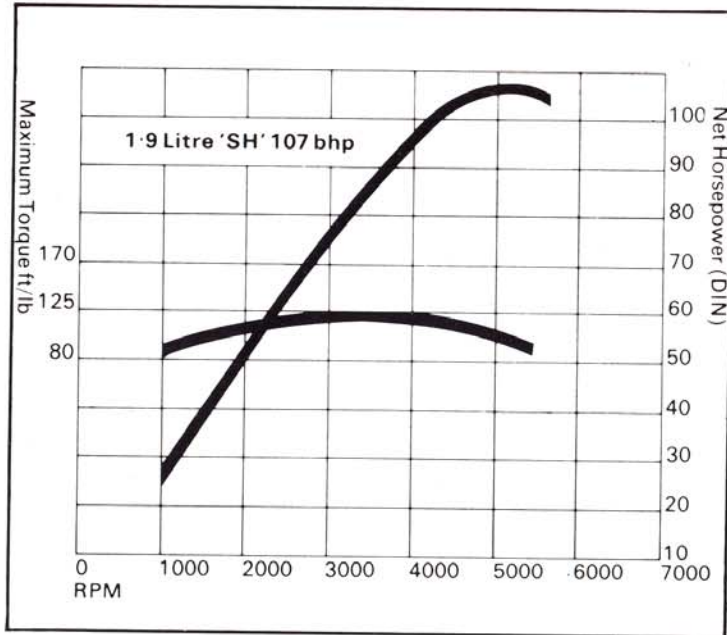
The Rekord's stimulating performance comes from a powerful 1.9 litre cam-in-head engine. Maximum power of 107 hp SAE (97 hp DIN) and the pulling power of 124 ft/lb of torque combine to give great flexibility in city traffic, powerful acceleration on the open road, and, on motorways, quiet and economical high-speed cruising.

Like all Opel engines, it is a modern oversquare unit, having a 5-bearing crankshaft and 4-bearing camshaft. Hydraulic valve lifts make valve adjustment unnecessary and contribute towards the smoothness and quiet running of these tough engines.

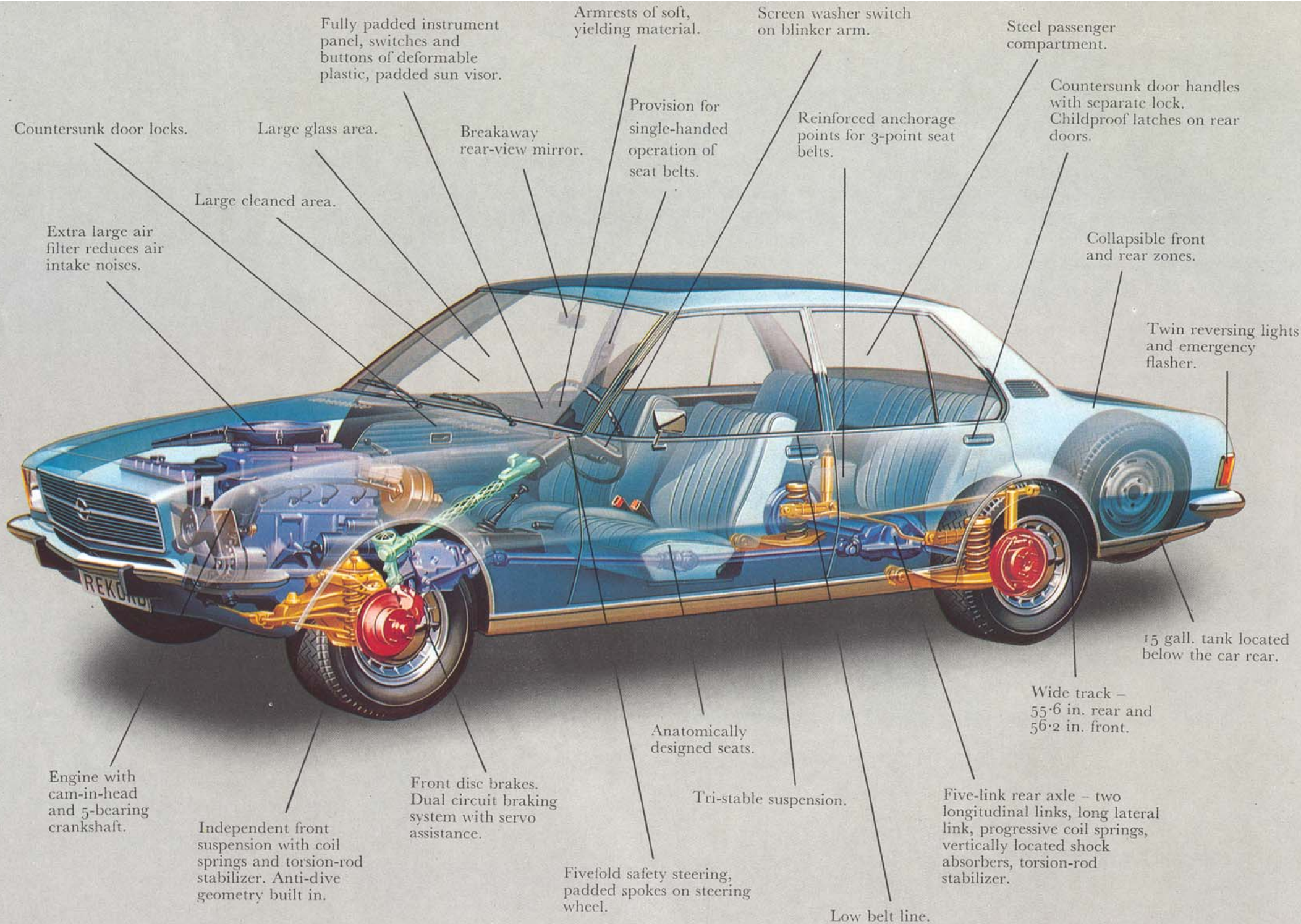
This toughness and reliability has been proved over millions of miles all over Europe, and the engine is famous for its long life. An extra large air filter reduces air intake noise, giving quieter more relaxed motoring.

A large 15-gallon tank provides a generous cruising range, and for added safety it is located outside the body under the boot floor. The lockable filler cap is located on the right rear wing.

Rekord's power is transmitted to the rear wheels through a fully synchronised 4-speed manual transmission. The light, precise gear change is operated by a short gear lever mounted on a centre console.







Fully padded instrument panel, switches and buttons of deformable plastic, padded sun visor.

Armrests of soft, yielding material.

Screen washer switch on blinker arm.

Steel passenger compartment.

Countersunk door handles with separate lock. Childproof latches on rear doors.

Provision for single-handed operation of seat belts.

Reinforced anchorage points for 3-point seat belts.

Collapsible front and rear zones.

Twin reversing lights and emergency flasher.

15 gall. tank located below the car rear.

Wide track – 55.6 in. rear and 56.2 in. front.

Five-link rear axle – two longitudinal links, long lateral link, progressive coil springs, vertically located shock absorbers, torsion-rod stabilizer.

Low belt line.

Anatomically designed seats.

Tri-stable suspension.

Fivfold safety steering, padded spokes on steering wheel.

Front disc brakes. Dual circuit braking system with servo assistance.

Independent front suspension with coil springs and torsion-rod stabilizer. Anti-dive geometry built in.

Engine with cam-in-head and 5-bearing crankshaft.

Countersunk door locks.

Large glass area.

Breakaway rear-view mirror.

Large cleaned area.

Extra large air filter reduces air intake noises.

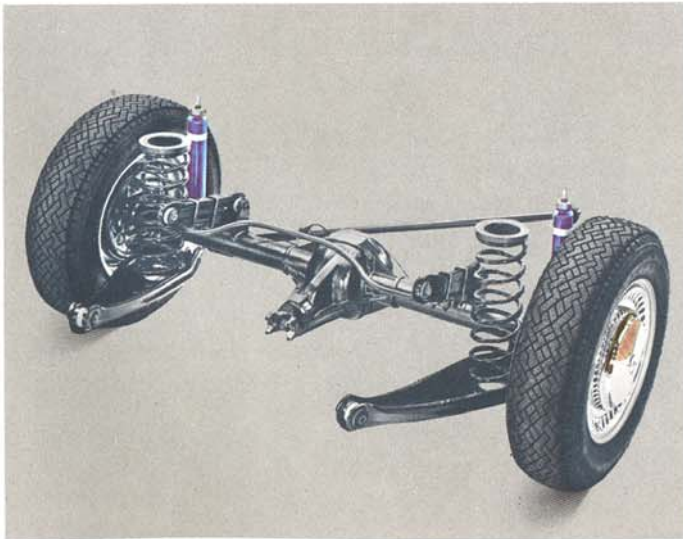
Engineering for your safety

Opel engineers have built the Rekord so that it provides the best in modern active and passive safety features – and so that even when the situation becomes critical, you remain in charge.

Suspension

The Rekord's outstanding suspension is the result of first-class engineering, rigorous testing and careful tuning. It provides a degree of balanced handling and road-holding that will put most sports cars to shame.

Front suspension is independent with unequal length wishbones. Built-in negative camber improves road-holding, and the anti-dive geometry increases stability under heavy braking. To improve ride comfort, the coil springs are progressive and telescopic shock absorbers keep the wheels on the road.



The five link rear axle features progressive coil springs and vertically mounted telescopic shock absorbers for a well-controlled and comfortable ride. An extra long lateral track bar ensures excellent straight-line stability and helps to provide first-rate handling even over the worst surfaces.

But it is the careful tuning of the front and rear spring rates, shock absorbers and the torsion-bar stabilisers which give Rekord its superb cornering power and completely predictable handling.

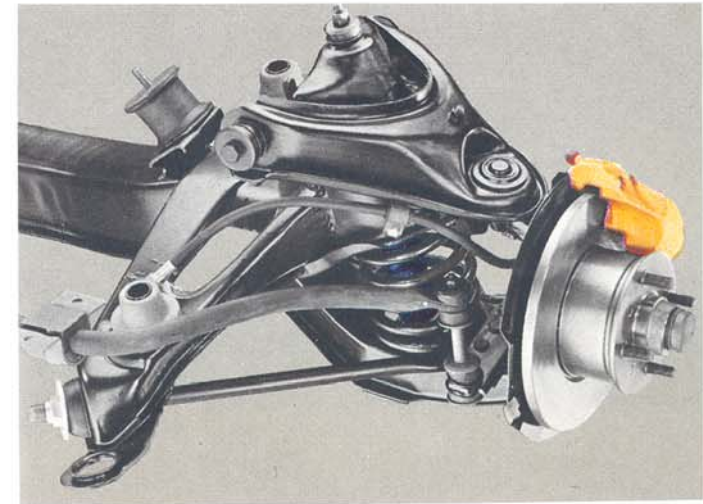


Braking and steering

The Rekord has a servo-assisted dual-circuit braking system with big discs at the front and drums at the rear. The dual-circuit ensures that should one circuit fail, the other will still provide powerful stopping power. To improve stability and control under heavy braking, a pressure-limiting valve has been built into the rear brake circuit.

The responsive recirculating ball steering is light and precise. The energy-absorbing steering column is of mesh section, with telescopic spindle and a breakaway toe. The steering wheel has a newly developed no-slip rim and fully padded centre spoke.

The Rekord is more than just the sum of its technical features. It is a car that was designed by men who enjoy driving – to be driven fast and safely over all kinds of roads.





Automatically – you drive better

The Opel 3-speed Automatic is built for Opels by Opel. So, not surprisingly, it suits the engine and the driving characteristics of the Rekord to perfection.

It shifts fast and smoothly and at exactly the right speed, too. If you need quick acceleration – when overtaking, for example – just press the accelerator to the floor and the ‘kick-down’ will give you the best possible acceleration. You can select the gears manually, too, down – shifting for engine braking on steep hills or approaching tight corners on a winding road.

Not only is this a very sporty automatic, it is reliable, too. Both these characteristics were convincingly demonstrated during the 1973 Monte Carlo Rally. As an experiment, two Opel Ascona Automatics, powered by 170 hp 1.9 litre engines were entered for this gruelling event. Out of 321 cars that started, only 51 finished – with the two Opel Automatics in 12th and 13th places overall.

Anders Kulland, the famous Swedish rally driver, said: ‘The Automatic gives more options than a manual transmission. I can shift with the “kick-down” and have the best acceleration possible with maximum revs. If I wish, I can shift with the selector lever – or I can leave the whole job up to the Automatic’.

You drive better and more safely with both hands on the wheel and your attention where it belongs – on the road. For your own comfort and increased safety, think seriously about the Opel 3-speed Automatic.

Perhaps you have considered an Automatic before, but have had no chance to see how the Automatic behaves on the road. Do it now! Take a test drive with an Opel Automatic – let it prove to you that with an Opel Automatic transmission you automatically drive better.

Add a personal touch

Choose the option you want from the extensive Opel range and have them built into your new car at the factory.

Try headrests for your increased comfort and safety. They are tiltable fore and aft and are also adjustable for height. Reinforced mountings are built into the backs of the front seats.

Quartz-halogen driving lights provide improved long-range visibility and make fast driving at night safer and less tiring.

Enjoy sunshine and more fresh air with the crank-operated all-steel sun-roof. For greater convenience and safety, equip your Rekord with the new headlight washer and wiper system which will keep your headlights free of grime from wet and salty winter roads.

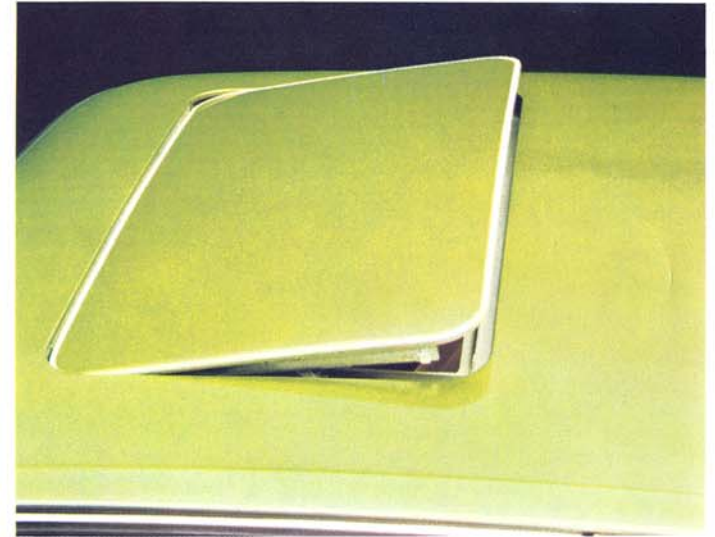
If you tow a boat, horse-box or caravan, you will find a limited slip differential useful when driving on unmade roads or across muddy fields.

Your Opel dealer also has a wide range of accessories that can be added to your car in his Service Department.

A radio will keep you informed and entertained on long journeys. Wing mirrors or door mirrors

make driving easier in crowded city streets or on motorways.

Fog lights are a must for safer driving in snow and foggy conditions. And with a tow bar you can tow a trailer weighing up to 2205 lb, equipped with brakes.





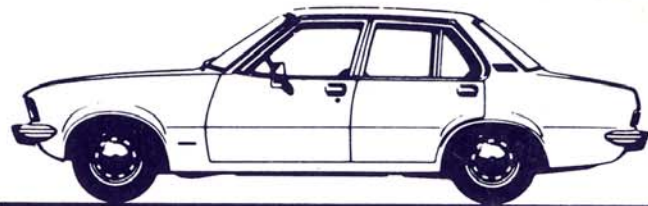
Opel Rekord Specifications

Rekord Model Range

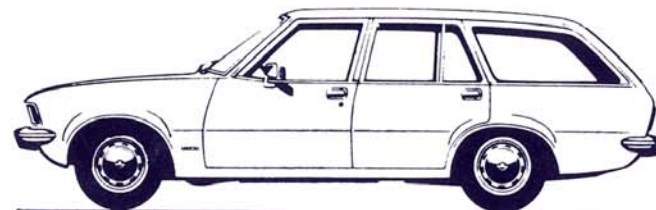
The Rekord range in the U.K. consists of the following right-hand drive models: two-door de luxe coupé (model 12), four-door de luxe saloon (model 17), 5-door de luxe estate (model 67).

Standard Equipment

Multi-control ventilation and heating system with two-speed blower, two rotary air nozzles in facia panel and two additional outlets to passenger foot wells. Halogen headlights with asymmetric passing beams including direction indicator lamps. Two-speed electric windscreen wipers, windscreen washer with wiper contact. Facia panel padded. Instrument panel with matching speedometer with odometer, electric clock, fuel gauge and temperature gauge. Control warning lights for oil pressure, direction indicator, high beam, charge control, emergency flashers and parking brake. Rotating switch for parking lights, headlights and instrument panel lights. Push-button switch for heated rear window. Push-button switch for emergency flashers on steering column. Heater control illuminated. Combination lever on steering column for two speed windscreen wiper, turn single lights, parking light, high beam and optical overtake signal and windshield washers. Combined steering and ignition lock. Glare-proof safety interior rear view mirror. Two padded sun visors with vanity mirror on passenger sun visor. Fully reclining front bucket seats. Rear seat back with foldable centre armrests (model 12 and 17 only). Ventilated vinyl upholstery, also cloth trim available. Tunnel console with ashtray and illuminated cigarette lighter. Pockets in front doors, door armrests, front and rear, passenger assist handle, roof rail, rear, left and right. Coat hooks, vinyl headlining, fully carpeted floor. Light in the glove box, engine and luggage compartment. Self-locking boot lid, spare wheel upright at luggage compartment side. Two rear lights units including tail light, stop light, front single lamp and reversing lamp. Lockable tank filler cap, towing hooks, front and rear. Polyurethane bumper guards. Chrome plated tail pipe extension. Wheel trim rings. 45 amp alternator. An electrically heated rear window. Brightwork around radiator grille, window frames, headlamps, wheel arches and side sills.



4-Door Saloon



5-Door Estate

Engines

The Rekord engine is a liquid cooled four cylinder in-line high cam unit. Hydraulic valve lifters. Steel forged crankshaft. Twin choke downdraught carburetter with automatic choke. Automatic ignition advance by centrifugal force and vacuum. Replaceable full flow oil filter.

Engine – 19SH

Capacity:	1897 cc
Bore:	93 mm
Stroke:	69.8 mm
Compression ratio:	9.8:1
Maximum output (SAE):	107 b.h.p. at 5,200 r.p.m.
Maximum torque (SAE):	124 ft/lb at 3,800 r.p.m.
Normal fuel:	four star

Transmission

Diaphragm spring type clutch, single dry plate. Four-speed (all synchromesh), remote control gear shift, floor mounted. GM three-speed automatic transmission with floor mounted selector optional.

Chassis

Independent front suspension on unequal length wishbones with coil springs. Telescopic shock absorbers. Torsion bar stabiliser. Live rear axle, coil springs located by twin trailing arms. Lateral track bars. Vertically mounted telescopic shock absorbers (model 12 and 17). Torsion bar stabiliser. Recirculating ball steering. Energy absorbing steering wheel. Dual circuit servo-assisted brakes. Discs front, drums rear. 175 SR 14 tubeless radial tyres by 5J x 14" wheels.

Weights

	Coupé	4-door Saloon	5-door Estate
Kerb weight, lb	2381	2403	2547
Max. gross weight, lb	3307	3406	3717
Max. load (incl. driver), lb	926	1003	1168
Max. weight of trailer with brakes, lb	2205	2205	2205

Dimensions

	105	105	105
Wheelbase, in			
Overall length, in	181	181	182
Overall width, in	68	68	68
Max. height (kerb weight), in	54.6	56	57

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