

Suburban

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Suburban with available ZY5 paint combination.

GMC Suburban...The Big Multipurpose Wagon

Drivers demand different things in a wagon—swift appearance, dependable performance, large passenger and cargo capacity, big trailer towing ability and 4-wheel drive. Depending on how it is equipped, GMC Suburban can combine all these characteristics—and more—in one tough package.

Suburban is big and roomy. With standard front seat there is ample room for three adults and 144 cubic feet of cargo capacity for their gear. Add the available second and third seats and you can carry nine plus 35 cubic feet of luggage to the beach or on a cross-country trek.

Suburban can carry. It's built with tough-truck muscle to carry up to 3,130 lbs. of payload when properly equipped. That's over a ton and one-half of people and cargo.

Suburban has big trailer towing talent. A properly equipped Suburban can tow up to 9,525 lbs. of payload just about any place you want to go. GMC Truck does not offer a trailer hitch for over 7,000 lbs. See your GMC dealer. Suburban is available in two-wheel and four-wheel drive models.

Suburban is good lookin'. Dressed up with available Sierra Grande or Sierra Classic trim levels or available paint combinations, you'll be proud to take it to church on Sunday or to the country club on Saturday night. You'll get rave reviews when you pull into the campsite, too.

Suburban is practical and maneuverable in congested traffic or parking at the supermarket. Generous, rear loading cargo area makes Suburban ideal for weekly shopping trips or bulky merchandise pick up.

And for '79, the GMC Suburban features a new front-end appearance with new integral head/parking lamp bezels and new lower grille outline molding of bright metal plus a new paint treatment for the grille itself, new hood aerodynamic contour modification to help improve airflow, new concealed fuel filler, and new interior and exterior colors. And there's more. Read on and see why the GMC Suburban may be your wagon for '79!



POWER VENTILATION

Switching on the ignition activates Suburban's full-time, flow-through power ventilation. Outside air is blower circulated through the interior, exiting stale air via side door air vents which also relieves the pressure that occurs when closing the doors with the windows up.

Eye-catching available Exterior Decor Package (ZY3) offers a choice of six two-tone color combinations. Dual color-coordinated stripes on either side of the hood complement secondary color on hood, side and rear panels. Package includes bright upper and lower side and rear body moldings and stand-up hood ornament. See your GMC dealer for details.

Tough-Truck Muscle... GMC Suburban

GMC Suburban's swift appearance and smooth ride may give the impression that it is only a luxurious estate wagon. But it's a lot more than that. Suburban is a tough, hardworking truck. Here's why we think so!

- 1 Tough, all-steel frame construction of deep-section channel side rails and sturdy cross members with drop-center frame allows low body mounting for easy entry and exit.
- 2 Standard all-steel, double-wall fender construction adds structural rigidity. Bath-tub-type front wheelhousings help protect fenders and underhood from road spray and debris.
- 3 Standard floating-caliper front disc brakes with dust shields and finned rear drum brakes are computer matched at the factory to the GVW rating of Suburban. Wear indicators give an audible signal when front disc brake lining needs replacing.
- 4 Massive independent front suspension with large coil springs on 2-wheel-drive models allows wheels to step individually over rough spots and helps smooth the ride. Large, one-inch-diameter shock absorbers also help smooth the ride.
- 5 Coolant recovery system returns overflow to engine to maintain coolant level. Helps protect against coolant loss.
- 6 Standard maintenance-free Delco Freedom battery is sealed, never needs water, features a built-in state-of-charge indicator and side-mounted terminals.
- 7 Double-wall steel hood construction for torsional rigidity. Heavily embossed inner panel helps maintain rigidity.
- 8 Energy-absorbing steering column telescopes on front-end impact to provide a cushioning effect on impact. Anti-theft steering column lock is included with all models.
- 9 Two-stage, multileaf rear springs provide soft, load-cushioning ride. Spring eyes and shackles are rubber bushed to help reduce noise.
- 10 Salisbury rear axle features a large ring gear and roller bearings, broad ratio coverage and easy access for service.
- 11 Rear drum brakes are finned for efficient cooling.
- 12 Staggered rear shock absorbers help control power hop.
- 13 Standard 25-gallon fuel tank and available 31- or 40-gallon tank for extended driving range.
- 14 Compression-positioned exhaust hangers compensate for heat expansion and help isolate

vibration from interior. Full-loop exhaust pipe hanger offers secondary support.

- 15 Durable, impact-resistant, wraparound Lexan® taillight lenses function as rear and side running lights as well as stop and backup lights.
- 16 Radio antenna is embedded in windshield with available factory-installed radios.
- 17 HEI eliminates the points and ignition condenser of a conventional ignition system. Produces up to 35,000 volts at each spark plug to help ignite marginal fuel/air mixtures. Helps make cold starts easy.
- 18 The Delcotron generator has its transistorized built-in voltage regulator in standard and increased capacity units. Standard output is 37 amps. 55- and 60-amp units are available.
- 19 Tough muffler design. A double-wrapped aluminized outer shell and heavy-gage, fully aluminized interior baffles help make them tough.
- 20 New fuse panel (not shown) with plug-in-type fuses makes replacement easy.
- 21 Dual function brake warning light is new for '79. Lights up when parking brake is engaged or in the event of a service brake malfunction.
- 22 GMC Suburbans help protect your truck investment dollar. Here's how: Corrosion-fighting, precoated steels of various types are used for such areas as side door outer panels, front door opening frames, rear rocker panels, the windshield frame and plenum panel assembly, vent frames and side door glass channels, radiator grille lower filler panel and the tool storage retainer. For 1979, the usage of precoated steels is extended to side door hinges and inner panels, front fender outer panels, standard rear door outer panels, optional tailgate and radiator grille upper panel. Then protective coatings are used for certain inner surfaces like front fender inner panels, front rocker panels and lower rear quarter panels. Before priming, all parts are thoroughly cleaned and dried. The complete body with doors is completely submerged in a prime paint emulsion that is electrically charged opposite to the body to coat hard-to-get-at nooks and crevices. Then sealing compounds are applied to various joints. After, a tough coat of acrylic enamel is applied as a finish coat. And in certain inner areas an aluminum wax preservative is applied.



RUGGED V8 OR IN-LINE SIX POWER

Suburban's engine lineup starts with the 4.1 Litre (250) In-Line Six—standard on C-1500 models, except in the State of California where the 350 V8 is available. This year's version of the 250 engine features new staged 2-bbl. carburetor; new cylinder head with improved porting; a new dual takedown exhaust manifold for improved horsepower over previous designs; tough, precision-cast cylinder block; water-cooled valve guides; hydraulic valve lifters; and precision-ground camshaft.

Standard engine for all K-1500 and C-2500 Suburbans is the 5.0 Litre (305) V8, except in California where the 350 V8 is available. The 5.7 Litre (350) is standard in K-2500 Suburbans. Tailored to standard and available GVW ratings, Suburban's available V8 engine lineup includes the 5.7 Litre (350), 4-bbl., V8 (except as noted above), the powerful 7.4 Litre (454), 4-bbl., V8 for C-1500/2500 models and the 8.6 Litre (400), 4-bbl., V8 for K-1500/2500 4-wheel-drive models.

The standard transmission is a 3-speed manual with the 4-speed transmission available. An automatic transmission is also available. Ask your GMC dealer for details.

The GMC Trucks shown in this catalog are equipped with GM-built engines produced by various divisions. Please refer to the engine chart included in this catalog and see your dealer for complete details about engine sources and availability.

SUBURBAN ENGINES FOR ALL STATES EXCEPT CALIFORNIA

DISPLACEMENT—LITRE (CC, IN.)	6.7 LITRE (410) V8	6.5 LITRE (396) V8	5.7 LITRE (350) V8	5.0 LITRE (305) V8	4.1 LITRE (250) I-6
Engine Ordering Code	213	128	139	114	119
Base & Stroke (in.)	3.5 x 3.5	3.75 x 3.48	4.0 x 3.5	4.1 x 3.4	4.1 x 4.0
Compression Ratio	9.1 to 1	8.4 to 1	8.5 to 1	8.7 to 1	8.5 to 1
SAE Net Horsepower @ 3000	140 hp @ 3000	140 hp @ 3000	105 hp @ 3000	105 hp @ 3000	70 hp @ 3000
SAE Net Torque (lb.-ft.) @ 2000	210 @ 2000	240 @ 2000	170 @ 2000	160 @ 1400	110 @ 2000

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Base & Stroke (in.)	4.0 x 3.5	4.1 x 3.4	4.1 x 4.0
Compression Ratio	8.7 to 1	8.7 to 1	8.5 to 1
SAE Net Horsepower @ 3000	110 hp @ 3000	110 hp @ 3000	70 hp @ 3000
SAE Net Torque (lb.-ft.) @ 2000	160 @ 2000	160 @ 1400	110 @ 2000

SUBURBAN EXTERIOR PAINT

Solid colors are standard. Available two-tone paint combines a secondary color between bright body side and rear moldings with a choice of 15 primary colors and complementary secondary colors. Available simulated wood grain between bright body side and rear moldings creates a rich appearance.

SUBURBAN 4-WHEEL DRIVE—FULL-TIME OR CONVENTIONAL

Suburban 4-wheel drive models let you follow the back trails or cruise the freeways, all in station-wagon comfort. There are two different systems available. Your GMC dealer can help you select the one best suited for your needs.

Full-Time 4-wheel drive is standard with the available automatic transmission on K models. The interaxle differential in the transfer case permits the gear box to remain in the 4-wheel-drive mode at all times. It also compensates for variations in speed between the front and rear axles and delivers good traction for off-road operations and on-highway speeds.



For off-road operation requiring extra traction, both axles can be rigidly locked together (bypassing the differential) by moving the transfer case shift lever to the "High Loc" (1:1 gear ratio) or "Low Loc" (2:1 reduction) position.

All Full-Time 4-wheel-drive controls are available to the driver from inside the cab. There is no need to shift into or out of 4-wheel drive or to get out to lock or unlock front free-wheeling hubs.



CONVENTIONAL 4-WHEEL DRIVE

A conventional 4-wheel drive is standard on 4-wheel drive GMC Suburbans when equipped with standard 3- or available 4-speed manual transmission. The 2-speed transfer case allows operation in either 2- or 4-wheel drive and includes a standard power take-off opening and free-wheeling front hubs.



Available Sierra Classic custom velour cloth and vinyl seat trim shown.

Versatile Interiors

Standard Sierra trim level has a durable, 60-inch-wide, full-foam cushion front bench seat trimmed in houndstooth-pattern vinyl; color-keyed instrument panel with bright-trimmed black instrument cluster bezel; black rubber floor mats; and color-keyed plastic trim panels with integral armrests on side doors.

Available Sierra Grande trim level includes the same seat as the Sierra model with a choice of custom vinyl or custom velour cloth and vinyl trim, available color-keyed rubber floor mats; bright-trimmed front and rear dome lights, Mystic color perforated headliner with color-keyed sunshades and full-length door sill scuff plates.

Available Sierra Classic trim features color-keyed carpet on floor and rear wheelhousings; custom steering wheel; instrument cluster with bright-metal bezel with voltmeter, oil pressure gauges replacing warning lights, and front seat is trimmed in either custom vinyl or custom velour cloth and vinyl trim. Front bucket seats are available in Camel Tan custom vinyl trim.

New for '79 Sierra Classic models is an available two-tone interior featuring Mystic (Oyster White) velour cloth seat trim, door trim panels, headliner, related garnish moldings and sun visor. Other trim components are either Blue, Camel Tan or Carmine as elected.

All three single-tone trim levels are available in a choice of Blue or Camel Tan, with Carmine also available for Sierra Classic models.

Please consult your dealer for more information on each trim level.

REAR DOORS . . . STANDARD PANEL OR AVAILABLE TAILGATE

Suburban rear area is accessible through either standard double rear doors or available wagon-type tailgate. Standard doors, 40 inches high and nearly 60 inches wide, have fixed glass and an outside key lock in the right-hand door. By removing door check retaining pins they can be fully opened for backing up to loading docks.

Available bottom-hinged, wagon-type tailgate has a manually



Available third seat is easy to remove.



operated drop glass that can be locked from the outside. Power-operated drop glass is available with both remote instrument panel and key lock operation.

SEATING

Suburban can have more people room than ordinary wagons, easily seating six with its 60-inch-wide standard front bench seat and available 3-passenger second seat that has independent left- and right-hand folding sections. To carry a crowd, add available third seat (that can be easily removed) to accommodate nine passengers with ample head, leg and shoulder room.

GMC SUBURBAN TECHNICAL INFORMATION

SERIES		C-1500		C-2500		K-1500		K-2500	
GVW Ratings, Lbs.		6,050-7,000		7,100-8,200		6,200-7,300		6,800-8,400	
Front Suspension		Independent Coil Springs				Salisbury Axle Hypoid Drive, Single-Stage 2-Leaf			
Axle, Front, Cap. lbs.		3,400		3,800		3,600		3,800	
Springs, Front, Rated at Ground, Ea., Lbs.	Std.	1,625		1,750		1,850		1,850	
	Avail.	1,700		1,900		2,250		2,250	
Rear Suspension		Hypoid, 2-Stage Multileaf				Hypoid, 2-Stage Multileaf			
Axle, Rear, Cap., Lbs.		3,750		5,700		4,000		5,700	
Springs, Rear, Rated at Ground, Ea., Lbs.	Std.	2,000		2,000		2,000		2,100	
	Avail.	—		2,600, 2,850		—		2,800	
Axle Ratios		Std.	Avail.	Std.	Avail.	Std.	Avail.	Std.	Avail.
4.1 Litre (250 CID) In-Line Six, 2-bbl.*		3.40	3.73, 4.11	—	—	—	—	—	—
5.0 Litre (305 CID) V8 2-bbl.*		3.07, 3.40	3.40, 3.73, 4.11	4.10	—	3.07, 3.40	3.40, 3.73	—	—
5.7 Litre (350 CID) V8 4-bbl.		3.07, 3.40	3.40, 3.73, 4.11	3.73	4.10	3.07, 3.40	2.76, 3.40, 3.73	3.73	4.10
6.6 Litre (400 CID) V8 4-bbl.		—	—	—	—	3.07	2.76, 3.40, 3.73	3.73	4.10*
7.4 Litre (454 CID) V8 4-bbl.		2.76	3.07, 3.40, 3.73	3.21	3.73, 4.10	—	—	—	—
Brakes, Service Front Rear	Std.	Vacuum/Hydraulic/Power Disc/Drum							
	Avail.	—		H.D. Vacuum Power		—		H.D. Vacuum Power	
Clutch, Dia., In. In-Line Six, 305 V8 350 V8		11 12		11 12		11 12		12 —	
Engine, Type	Std.	4.1 Litre (250 CID) L6, 2-bbl.*		5.0 Litre (305 CID) V8, 2-bbl.*		5.0 Litre (305 CID) V8, 2-bbl.*		5.7 Litre (350 CID) V8, 4-bbl.	
	Avail.	5.0 Litre (305 CID) V8, 2-bbl.*		5.7 Litre (350 CID) V8, 4-bbl.		5.7 Litre (350 CID) V8, 4-bbl.		6.6 Litre (400 CID) V8, 4-bbl.	
		5.7 Litre (350 CID) V8, 4-bbl.		7.4 Litre (454 CID) V8, 4-bbl.		7.4 Litre (454 CID) V8, 4-bbl.		6.6 Litre (400 CID) V8, 4-bbl.	
Steering	Std.	Manual		Manual		Power		Power	
	Avail.	Hydraulic		Hydraulic		—		—	
Transmission	Std.	3-Speed		3-Speed		3-Speed W/2-Speed Transfer Case			
	Avail.	4-Speed†, Automatic		4-Speed, Automatic‡		4-Speed‡, Automatic W/Full-Time 4WD			
Tires, Ply Rating	Std.	H78-15B (4 PR)		8.75-16.5C (6 PR)		H78-15B (4 PR)		8.75-16.5C (6 PR)	
	Max.	7.00-15C (6 PR)		9.50-16.5D (8 PR)		10-15B (4 PR)		10-16.5D (8 PR)	

*Not available in the State of California.

†Except with 454 V8.

‡With 350 V8 only.

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With respect to factory-installed extra cost optional equipment make certain you specify the type of equipment you desire on your vehicle when ordering it from

your dealer. Some options may be unavailable when your vehicle is built. Your dealer receives advice regarding current availability of options. You may ask the dealer for this information. GM also requests the dealer to advise you if an option you ordered is unavailable. We suggest you verify that your vehicle includes the optional equipment you ordered or, if there are changes, that they are acceptable to you.

The GMC Suburban described in this brochure (Series C/K-1500 and C/K-2500) are assembled at facilities of General Motors Corporation operated by Chevrolet Motor Division. This vehicle is also available from Chevrolet dealers under the name Chevrolet Suburban (Series C/K10 and C/K20).

Vehicles shown illustrate standard or available factory-installed equipment unless noted as dealer-installed accessories. Items referred to as options or available are at extra cost. Different model applications of the components that are listed in accompanying tables as well as other items of the factory-installed equipment may be ordered through your GMC dealer.

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