

BMW 1500





BMW 1500-A NEW CLASS

The BMW 1500 is the right car for sophisticated tastes. It has something special to offer in every respect. Since its introduction it has proved itself in all conditions, and has gained a multitude of friends in a short time. Its reputation is based on three main characteristics.

The exemplary way in which the structural units are matched—the thrilling driving performance—the exceptional safety.

The BMW 1500 is however distinguished not only because of this "technical harmony". It is the answer to your dreams in appearance, equipment, comfort.

By improvements in equipment, model 64 has been made even more handsome, more elegant, more comfortable.



From left to right: Padded anti-glare instrument panel • Control for parking lamp and dipped beam, combined with infinitely variable instrument illumination • Speedometer with daily mileage indicator. Electric clock • Instrument panel with control lamps for battery charge, oil pressure, main beam,



choke, direction indicators, scale for fueland operating temperature • 2-speed electric windshield wiper • Operating lever for fresh air and heater. Switch for 2-stage fresh air fan • Ashtray • Cigar lighter • Glove box • Handle for front seat passenger • Nonslip safety steering wheel with recessed hub and continuous annular twin-tone horn ring • Control for main beam, asymmetrical dipping beam and overtaking signal • Control for direction indicators and automatic windshield washer • Ignition steering column lock with garage position and repeated starting lock.



The man who sits behind this steering wheel drives for the sheer joy of it. You need only sit in this car to realise that it must be fun to drive. It's all there: whatever you handle, whatever you look at: engineering in the service of your safety.

One example: The automatic BMW windshield washer. Operated on a finger-tip. No need to take your hand off the steering wheel to give you clear vision when overtaking on a wet and dirty road. The windshield is automatically rinsed, washed, and wiped clear.



You feel at home in this car. Everything inside is light and clean. The view is unimpeded from all seats and on all sides. The carefully selected materials, the harmoniously matched interior provide a comfortable atmosphere. The wide and solid upholstered seats are shaped so that they support the back, firmly hold the body, and permit fatigue-free driving even on long journeys. The quick-acting fresh-air heater provides comfortable warmth. It mixes cool fresh air and hot air according to choice and uniformly distributes it inside the car. The natural atmospheric humidity is maintained, providing healthy air-conditioning even on long trips.

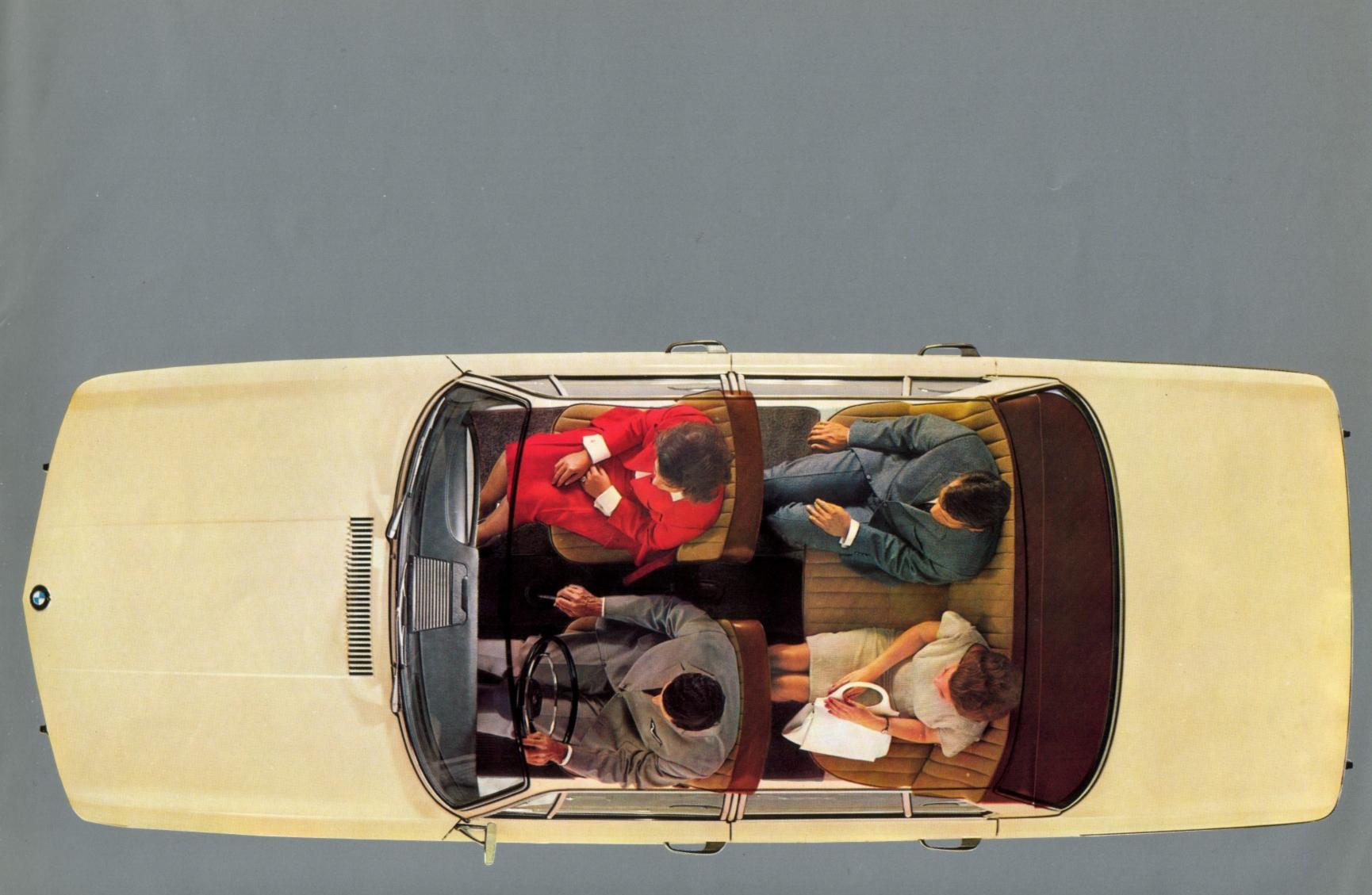
Obvious but pleasant:

Safety door handles recessed under the arm rests • Both front doors can be locked and bolted from inside • Safety catches to prevent accidental opening (children) while the car is in motion. Four fully retractable winding windows • Front: 2 swivelling quarter-

lights with rotary knob and self-locking device • 2 handles in the rear of the car, with clothes hooks • 2 ashtrays in the rear of the car • Full-width rear window shelf • Washable headlining. Pockets in both front doors • Pockets on backs of front seats

A view from above on to and into the BMW 1500. You can see for yourself: There is plenty of space and comfort for every-body—and everybody has his own wide door.

What you cannot see (but it is reassuring to know): you sit in allsteel chassis—in a car body which offers you maximum safety. The distortion-resistant floor unit is welded to the body unit. Rigid stability in all directions is provided by the high-webbed longitudinal members and the integrally arranged struts.





And now—bon voyage
You soon become familiar with the BMW 1500. Whether
you are just ambling along or travelling at speed, the car
always conveys a pleasant and reassuring sense of safety.



Up to 75 m. p. h. (120 km/h) even in third gear.

Powerful acceleration always.





Masters all situations.

You can drive the BMW 1500 like a sports car. You have 80 metric hp under the bonnet. In 16,8 sec. you can reach 62 m.p.h. (100 km/h) from 0. The power reserves of the engine provide additional safety during overtaking. Should you find yourself in difficult situations, change down, accelerate . . . and away you go.

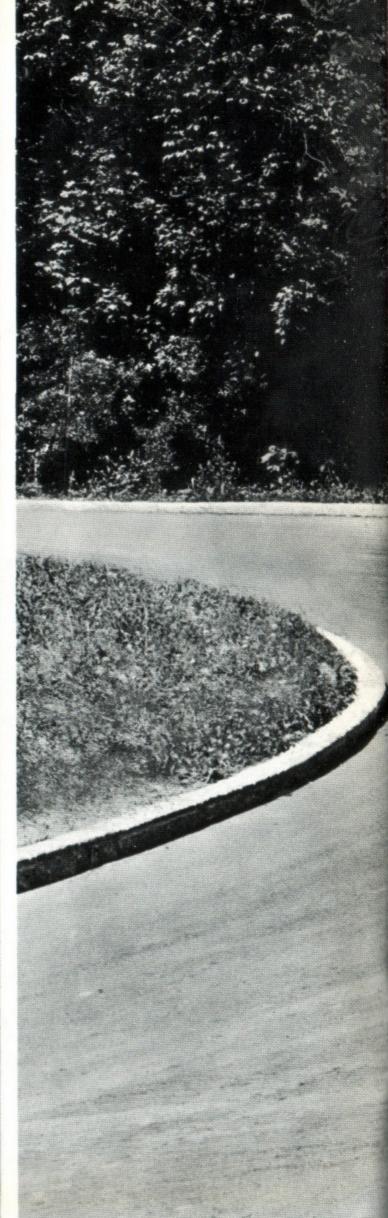
And if an emergency arises—the firmly gripping disc brakes permit shortest braking distances.





Roads are not just bad, not just rough. They have tight bends, bends within bends, potholes and ridges in the potholes.
Roads are full of surprises. Whatever action you are forced to take, the BMW 1500 follows you. This is where the balanced design of the vehicle, the unrivalled combination of springleg front axle and rear wheels suspended from longitudinal arms, the excellent springs, the accurate track-holding, light-touch steering system come into their own.









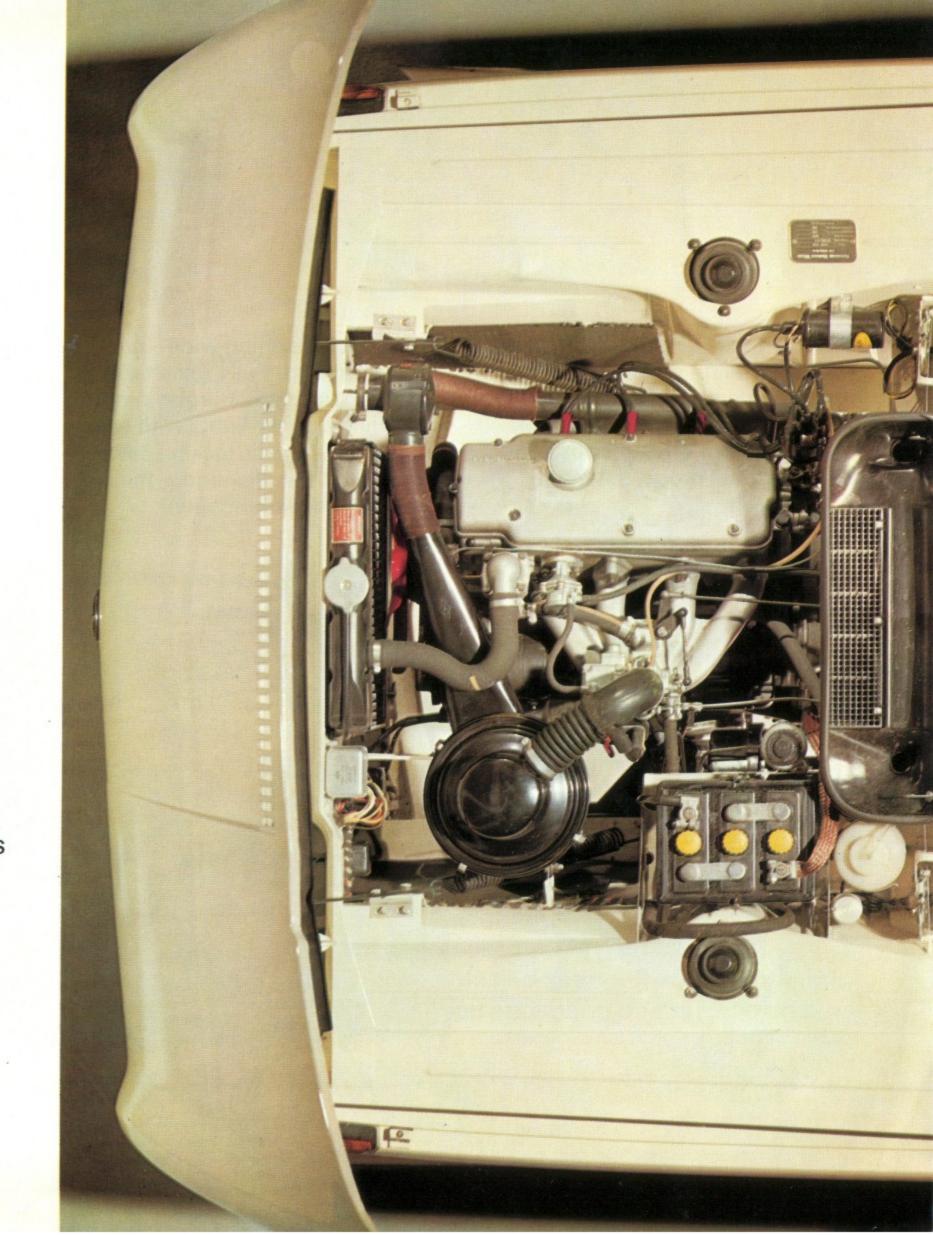


The large luggage boot is neat and tidy, without recesses and corners. Note: The spring-assisted lid. Easy to operate with one hand. The low-level edge makes loading easy. The spare wheel is under the floor of the boot, where it is not in the way, soils nothing, and is yet readily accessible.

Open the bonnet – what you see is the robust "power unit" of the BMW 1500. Big and strong. Confidence-inspiring! Here slumbers the 80 metric h. p. which you can bring to life by gentle pressure on the accelerator. 80 h. p. which make you the master of the road. Everywhere – in town – in country – even in the mountains.

The engine compartment is neat and tidy. The safety bonnet opens forward. Inadvertent opening while the car is in motion is impossible.

The highly flexible 4-cylinder 4-stroke in-line engine with inclined valves guarantee high performance and safety in operation. It is mounted at an angle of 30°. Constant oil circulation gives excellent lubrication. The combustion space is designed as a turbulence pan so that the air-gas mixture is subjected to controlled turbulence. Complete ignition gives optimum fuel utilisation, which means economic running and high performance. The crankshaft has five 4-layer journal bearings which ensures smooth running over the entire range of revolutions.





Custom-built seats. Superbly finished. Provide firm support for sides and shoulders and back. By turning a knob you can place the rear of the seat in four different positions and select the proper setting to suit yourself.

Broad doors opening wide – providing easy access. Fully retractable winding windows. Burglar-proof swivelling quarter-lights with rotary knob and automatic locking device. Safety door handles under the arm rests. No inadvertent opening.

The mirror can be made anti-glare by a simple adjustment.







General equipment

Speedometer with daily mileage indicator; instrument panel for indication of cooling water, fuel, oil pressure, main beam, direction, battery charge, and starters; ignition switch with lock and repeated starting lock; electric clock; infinitely variable instrument illumination; interior lamp with door contacts; cigar lighter; luggage boot lamp; parking lamp: 2-speed windshield wiper; automatic windshield washer; continuous annular horn ring on safety steering wheel; 3 ashtrays; 2 padded sun visors, one with beauty mirror; recessed handle for front seat passenger; flexible handles with clothes hooks for rear seats.

Floor carpet in the rear; washable headlining; 2-tone doorlining; pockets on front doors; safety belt anchoring points; 2 pockets on backs of front seats.

Height: 4 ft. 9¹/₈" (1450 mm) unladen Engine: Water-cooled BMW 4-cylinder Rear: Independently sprung wheels, Luggage boot: Spring-assisted lid, capacity 21.2 cu.ft. (600 l), high 4 ft. 7¹/₈" (1400 mm) laden 4-stroke in-line engine inclined wheels on inclined longitudinal Wheel base: 8 ft. $4^3/_8$ " (2550 mm) at 30°, with overhead camshaft bars; helical springs with storage capacity, level floor, Track front: 4 ft. 4" (1320 mm) and inclined valves. auxiliary rubber-air spring; spare wheel covered under floor Turbulence pan spring deflection 77/16" rear: 4 ft. 6" (1374 mm) Engine Turning circle Cubic capacity: 91.4 cu.ins. (1499 c.c.), (190 mm); double-action compartment: Front-hinged bonnet with stroke 213/16" (71 mm), telescopic shock absorbers safety lock diameter: about 31 ft. 6" (9.60 m) bore 31/4" (82 mm) Ground clearance: about 57/8" (150 mm) with long travel Heating: Quick action, high capacity Weight, dry: 2196 lb. (996 kg) Maximum output: 80 DIN metric h.p. at fresh-air heater with immediate Steering: ZF-Gemmer steering with Unladen weight: 2315 lb. (1050 kg) 5700 r.p.m. worm and roll, 3-part track rod; response, fine-adjustment Load: 882 lb. (400 kg) temperature control for cold Maximum torque: 166 ft. lb. (12 DIN mkg) at transmission ratio: 17.58 Permissible total and hot air mixing. Natural 3000 r.p.m. Tyres: 6.00-14 tubeless, low crossweight: 3197 lb. (1450 kg) 163 ft. lb. (12.5 SAE mkg) at section with rounded shoulder atmospheric humidity 3200 r.p.m. maintained, giving healthy Permissible trailer Front brake: Self-adjusting disc brake, disc diameter 101/2" (268 mm) air-conditioning; distributed load: 2646 lb. (1200 kg) braked; Compression ratio: 8.8:1 Rear brake: Simplex drum type, 97/8" 1102 lb. (500 kg) unbraked; Ignition: with centrifugal and vacuum according to choice to demisters and foot space; Maximum speed: 93 m.p.h. (150 km) (250 mm) diameter control Carburettor: Solex downdraught carburettor 2-stage electric fan Acceleration: from 0 to 62 m.p.h. (100 km) Handbrake: On rear wheels only, brake lever in 16.8 sec. standing km: with acceleration pump and between front seats Windows: 4 fully retractable winding windows. Front: 2 swivelling in 36.8 sec. choke valve Petrol quarter-lights with rotary knob Body: Distortion-free all-steel body consumption: 28.6 m.p.g. (9.9 I/100 km) at Transmission: welded to floor unit, lightand self-locking device; Clutch: Hydraulically operated single 68.3 m.p.h. (110 km) window area 25 sq.ft. weight construction (23000 cm2); 85% free dry plate clutch with torsional-Doors: 4 front-hinged doors, opening all-round vision to almost 90°. Width, front: vibration damper Gear box: 4-speed synchromesh, 1 reverse about 11 gallons (53 I) 37¹/₂" (953 mm), rear: 34¹/₈" Fuel tank capacity: gear: centre position 867 mm). Front doors individ-Gear ratios: 1st gear: 3.816; 2nd gear: 2.07; ually lockable; rear doors

Suspension, steering, tyres,

brakes:

Suspension, front: Springleg axle with transverse guiding link, rubber-mounted,

Rear axle gear: 4.375; hypoid drive; casing

Rear wheel drive: 2-double-jointed shafts

spring deflection 611/16"

3rd gear: 1.33; 4th gear: 1;

reverse gear: 4.153

flexibly mounted.

(170 mm)

Individual adjustable seats, rounded at shoulder width,

adjustable backs, fabric wearresistant and self-ventilating

Rear seat: Bench seat with long support for thighs

Seat width: Front 2x23" (585 mm), rear 4ft.53/4" (1366 mm)

with inside locks

Front seats:

Elbow width: Front 4ft.6" (1375 mm), rear 4ft.6" (1375 mm)

Shoulder width: Front 4ft.43/4" (1340 mm), rear

4ft.4³/₈" (1330 mm)

Electrical equipment

Battery: 6 V, 77 Ah, with large capacity

Dynamo: 200/300 W

Lights: Asymmetrical dipping beam, rear light panel with flashing

indicators, stop light, reversing lamp, tail light, and parking

light

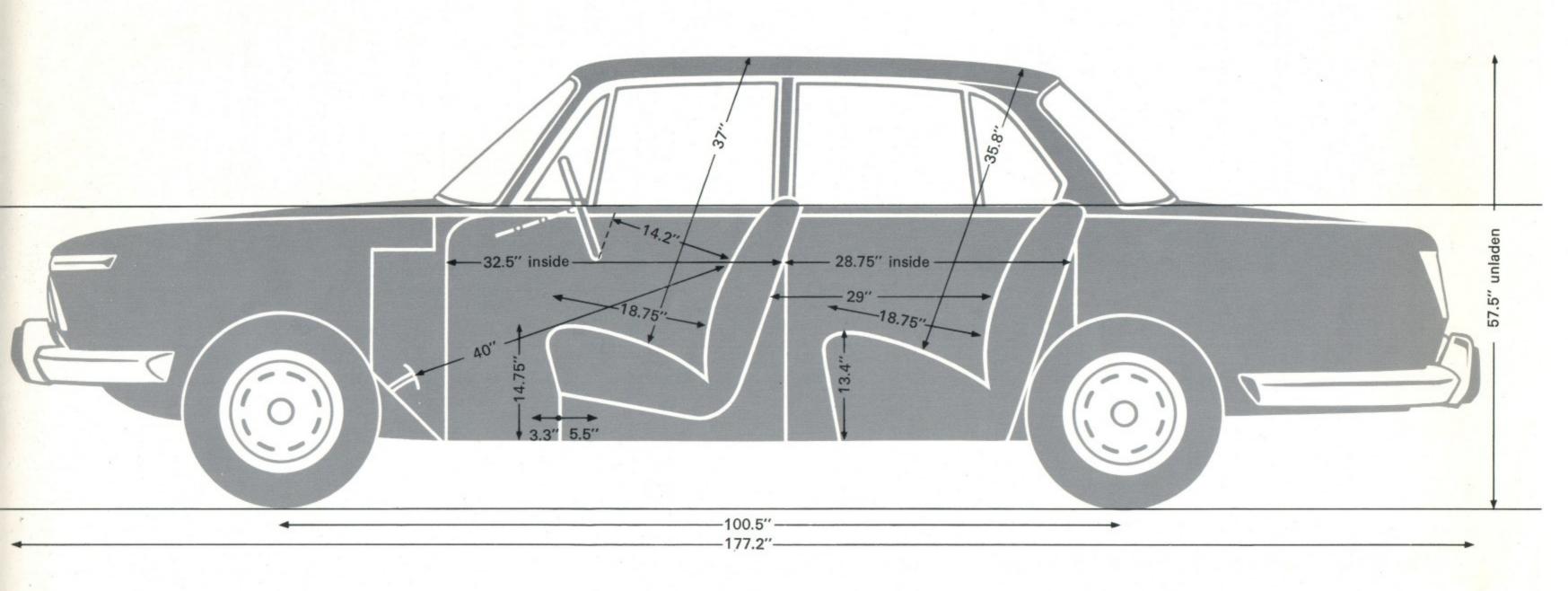
Dimensions:

Length: $14 \text{ ft. } 9^1/_8$ " (4500 mm) Width: 5 ft. 73/8" (1710 mm)

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