

COMET '66

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FOR 1966: THE BIG, NEW-GENERATION COMETS

Mercury Comet takes on a dramatic new stance and sporty style. Conspicuously new and bigger on a longer wheelbase with a wider tread, front and rear. With new power, new features and refinements. But remember, this newest Comet carries with it an unmatched heritage of performance and durability records.

Why change? The 1966 Comet is keyed to a new America. An America going places as never before . . . on high-speed freeways and turnpikes . . . on congested city streets and winding suburban roads. Comet answers these modern driving requirements by offering you added regular safety features, more responsive passing performance and the greater ease of handling needed for today's motoring.

You also know more about automobiles and demand more of them. That's why Comet is for you. A big, new generation of Comets for a big, swift generation.

What you can expect in the Comet lineup: Cyclone, Cyclone GT (option), Caliente and the brand-new Capri, all with a substantial 203" overall length. Plus the 202 Series with its trim 195.9" overall package. And two big-cargo station wagons. Look for new engines, including the Cyclone GT 390 V-8 (4V). A full range of power options—a multitude of luxury features—five distinctly different body styles.

Look for all you want in this big, beautiful performance champion.



CYCLONE

The dramatic, racy design and unique grille herald potent action. And it's there with a Cyclone 289 V-8, standard. Offered in convertible (left) or 2-door hardtop. A neat, dual pinstripe emphasizes the flow-through sweep from front to rear. Another distinguishing mark—handsome moldings decorating the tucked-under rocker panels and extending full length between the wheelhousings. Deluxe wheel covers add even more flair. Interior appointments enhance Cyclone's sporty look: unique steering wheel, color-keyed vinyl door trim panels with a brushed-finish center area, black camera-case instrument panel and a full front floor console. Newly designed crinkle-vinyl bucket seats (below) are standard for both Cyclone models. Colors: black, red and blue plus 13 two-tone interiors . . . six featuring white bucket seats, seven parchment, each with color-keyed appointments.



Bucket seats are standard in Cyclone interiors



CYCLONE GT

Action lovers of the world—take heed! Want all-out performance? Responsive, road-hugging handling? Get 'em with the Cyclone GT option—makes driving other cars seem like walking! Available for both the Cyclone convertible and hardtop, and includes the spirited new Cyclone GT 390 four-barrel V-8 (335 hp), twin scoop GT hood, dual

exhausts for reduced back pressure to accent Cyclone's deep-breathing engine, console-mounted transmission controls, an engine dress-up kit and sporty GT stripes complementing the exterior color. Special handling package is standard and designed for high-performance driving; extra-heavy-duty springs and shock absorbers plus a large-

diameter stabilizer bar. Standard, too, are heavy-duty wheels with five and one-half-inch rims, fade-resistant brakes, 7.75 x 14" white side-wall nylon-cord tires and a power booster fan. Standard transmission: 3-speed manual, fully synchronized in all forward gears—makes "low" a driving gear. Just about everything an enthusiast could ask for—all

standard. If you want even more goodies, choose from two optional transmissions: all-synchronized 4-speed manual or the exciting, new Sport Shift Merc-O-Matic. The Sport Shift gives you unusual driving flexibility—fully automatic when in the "D" position, or a completely manual 1-2-3 shift. It's a Cyclone GT for town or turnpike going!

Comet Cyclone GT Hardtop



FEATURES OF CYCLONE GT

Spirited going added to bucket seats that give you firm support result in the best in comfortable, high-performance motoring. Bucket seats (far left) and rear seat have high-style padded parallel pleats. Interiors are upholstered in crinkle vinyl with a choice of red, black or blue . . . 13 two-tone combinations, too . . . white bucket seats with color-keyed appointments in black, red, blue, aqua, ivy gold and ember-glo, or bucket seats in parchment with black, red, blue, aqua, ivy gold, emberglo or palomino appointments.

(Left) All "dressed up" and ready to go—the new 4-barrel 335-hp V-8 engine has a bright air cleaner, radiator cap, dip-stick handle and rocker-arm covers with die-cast GT ornamentation.

(Right) With the GT Sport Shift Merc-O-Matic,* you can select either fully automatic for 'round-the-town cruising, or manual shifting and get full control of shift points. You choose the best gear to match the conditions.

*Available shortly after 1966 Comet introduction.



Highlighting the Cyclone GT interior is a black, camera-case-finish instrument panel with easy-to-read gauges plus a sports-style steering wheel.



Distinctive Twin Scoop GT Hood is glass fiber and is a standard component for both GT models.



CALIENTE

A great way to satisfy your desire for something special in the way of glamorous styling and luxurious interiors. The beautiful Caliente comes in three models: 2-door hardtop (above), convertible and 4-door sedan. Bright-metal trim and ornamentation are counted among the appealing

aspects of every Caliente. So is family-size roominess. Yet the Caliente remains a joy to park and handle. The inside story is one of elegance. A fashion designer would be hard-pressed to match Caliente's new upholstery of either attractive all-vinyl or beautiful cloth and vinyl.

Each is an invitation to the plush life of Caliente ownership. Added footnote: deep-loop carpeting matching the interior decor. The modern mode is carried on in the instrument panel cluster and door trim panels. Both are set off by a rich, simulated wood-grain finish. And Safety

Courtesy Lights are standard in the front door armrests. If you've a mind for even more luxury, how about power windows . . . steering . . . brakes . . . seats. There's a complete range of power assists to make your Caliente even more enjoyable and relaxing to drive.

Comet Caliente Hardtop with optional Oxford Roof



CALIENTE 4-DOOR

As luxurious as it is practical. The Caliente sedan is a car for going places in style. With people who appreciate comfort and distinction. The four doors swing wide-open to permit easy comings and goings. Six adults can relax in the spacious interior. A stylish and practical exterior highlight: bright drip moldings in addition to bright door frames.

Comet Caliente 4-Door Sedan



More dash in the Caliente instrument panel for '66. Simulated wood-grain finish outlines the big-dial speedometer and other conveniently located, easy-to-read instruments.



Caliente cloth and vinyl interiors are upholstered in rich pleated Cranbrook Fabric and crinkle vinyl. They say elegance in quiet, good taste. Four color combinations available for sedans: blue, aqua, ivy gold and parchment; hardtops: blue and parchment.

CALIENTE CONVERTIBLE

Top-down fans need look no further. The Caliente convertible is all-new for '66. Stylish curved side glass windows. A real tempered-glass back window—won't scratch or mar. A power-operated 5-ply top that's been laminated for maximum strength and durability. And side clamp retention makes it more convenient to raise or lower the top.



Comet Caliente Convertible



CALIENTE INTERIORS

Take a look at Comet elegance. Caliente interiors, for 1966, are sure to attract rave notices. For example: the all-vinyl bench-seat convertible pictured on the left. The inserts for both the cushion and the back have eight wide, foam-padded pleats framed by high-style English bolsters. These wrap around at the side and the top to give a finely tailored appearance to the back of the seats. Seven color-keyed choices—black, red, blue, aqua, parchment, ivy gold and emberglo—are available for Caliente models.

If you'd like to add optional bucket seats to either a Caliente convertible or hardtop, you have 16 color choices—solids in black, red or blue—plus a total of 13 two-color vinyl trim combinations with keyed appointments, six using white and seven with parchment as the basic color. Not only are these bucket seats sporty-looking, but they are also more comfortable because of all-foam padding and an increase in overall seat width.

When it comes to the Caliente instrument panel, you'll find a full complement of instruments and gauges located conveniently in front of the driver. And in Caliente: simulated wood-grain finish adding a decorative touch. Other things to notice—wall-to-wall, deep-loop carpeting, lighted heater-defroster controls, unique door trim panels with simulated wood-grain inserts, bright interior knobs, remote-control side-view mirror, plus luxury armrests with paddle-type door handles. One thing you won't notice. Noise. High levels of sound insulation help keep it quiet inside . . . give Caliente a ride comparable to that of more expensive cars.



CAPRI

Something new! Something exciting! Something called Comet Capri! First time out and destined to be a big pleaser among the young-at-heart of all ages. There's a 2-door hardtop (shown above) and a 4-door

sedan in the series. Each is a full 203* in overall length. Each features brightwork galore—wheel-cut moldings, rocker-panel moldings and door frames on the sedan. Inside, you'll find a delightful world of

tasteful refinements: color-keyed, curl-your-toes-into carpeting, rear seat armrests and ashtrays, door trim panels with a deep embossed design, glove-box lock, deluxe steering wheel with horn bars and seat

upholstery of either cloth and vinyl, or all-vinyl. Standard engines are the budget-minded Comet 200 "6" or the peppier Cyclone 289 V-8. For more action, take on the optional Cyclone 390 V-8 (2V).

Comet Capri Hardtop



CAPRI 4-DOOR SEDAN

All-around value at its very best. And, as in all Comets, it hosts a wide number of regular safety items such as a high-impact windshield, front and rear seat belts, padded instrument panel, wide-sweep windshield

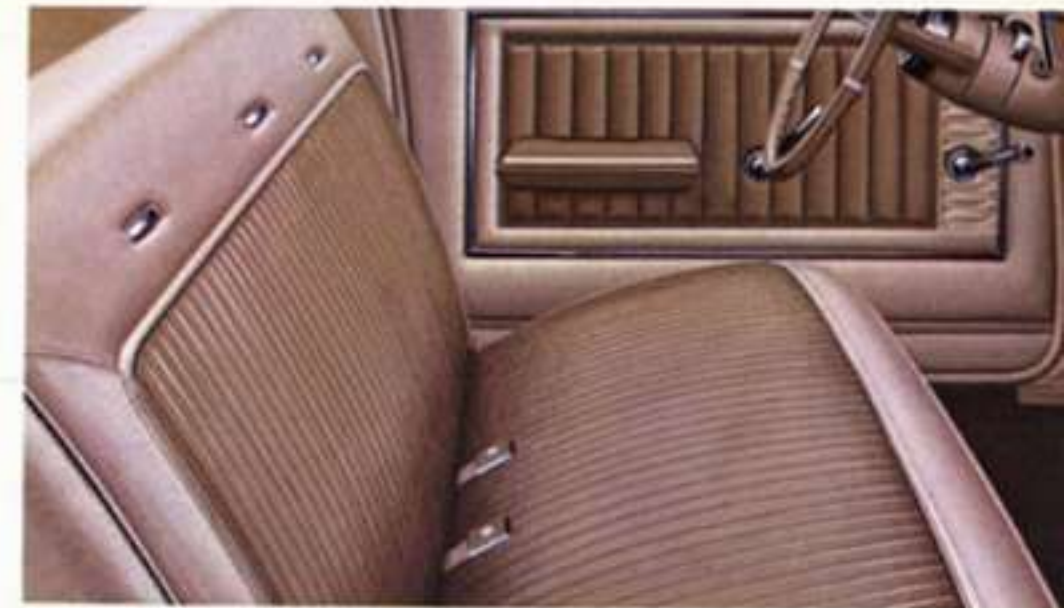
wipers with washer, padded sun visors, side-view mirror, backup lights, an emergency flasher and improved defroster performance. Optional Comet equipment includes: power steering, power brakes, heavy-duty

fade-resistant brakes, Interval Selector Windshield Wipers, non-glare inside mirror, remote-control side-view mirror and deluxe seat belts (front and rear) with front retractors and reminder light.

Comet Capri 4-Door Sedan



Coming your way . . . new Comet Capri action



CAPRI INTERIORS

As much downright luxury and comfort as you'd expect to find in a much higher priced car is yours in a Capri. For instance, there is the all-vinyl interior (above) in either blue, black, red, or parchment. Or you may want the crinkle vinyl and Parquet Fabric interior (below). If you do, choose from three colors: blue, aqua, or palomino. Both interiors are color-keyed and have foam-padded front seats.





Comet 202 2-Door Sedan with optional Oxford Roof

COMET 202

Styling, economy and comfort aplenty in the lowest priced Comets, with a 2-door sedan (above) and 4-door sedan on tap. Tasteful side decorations for the 2-door sedan are three vertical front fender orna-

mentations and a slender side crease. These, combined with a long-hood and short-deck, give the car a clean appearance—similar to that of much more expensive automobiles. Both models have foam-padded

front seats, front-door-operated dome light, dual coat hooks, a cigarette lighter, plus a full complement of safety features. Easy access to the rear compartment is achieved by wide-swinging doors that make it

easy to load groceries or a covey of kids. There's also more space between front and rear seats. More shoulder room. More hiproom. More entrance height. In short, more car for your money.



COMET 202 4-DOOR SEDAN

All the advantages of four doors along with a shape that is as stylish as only a big-generation Comet can get. Plus these standard Comet items: keyless door locking, wide-stance wheel tread, curved-glass side windows, reversible keys, front and rear deep-guard bumpers, suspended accelerator pedal, foot-operated parking brake and dual headlamps. You can add luxury options ranging from higher-performance engines to a deluxe built-in air conditioning system. (Check pages 28, 29 and 30 for a complete listing of options.)

COMET 202 INTERIORS

For 1966, there are five cloth and vinyl interiors available: red, blue, aqua, palomino and new silver. Fashionably striped Tabaret Cloth is used for the seat inserts. Bar and rib vinyl, along with crinkle vinyl, is used for the upper seat-back bolsters. All other seat areas feature crinkle vinyl.



DUAL-ACTION TAILGATE



A new feature sure to find favor with Comet station wagon owners. The Dual-Action Tailgate* can swing open like a door or it can function as a conventional tailgate.



Here the Dual-Action Tailgate is being used as a door—affording easy entrance to models with an optional third seat.



And here it's been swung down to accommodate a long load... the way a conventional tailgate should!

*Standard with the Villager; optional with the Voyager.



COMET VILLAGER

Two beautiful station wagons grace the '66 Comet lineup... the Villager (above) and Voyager. Both are four-door models on a 113" wheelbase. Each has a big 85.2 cu. ft. (up 9% from last year) of cargo capacity. And there's an additional 8.5 cu. ft. of space located below

deck for out-of-sight storage. Walnut-colored side and tailgate panels plus distinctive exterior identification help make the Villager the handsome wagon it is. The roomy interior features rich-looking seat and door trim, plus deep-loop carpeting. All-vinyl interiors are in black,

red, blue, aqua or parchment. You'll find the Villager ready for football excursions... theater trips... and hauling gardening supplies. Special station-wagon options: rear-facing third seat with seat belts, luggage carrier and a power rear window.

Comet Villager 4-Door Station Wagon



Comet Voyager 4-Door Station Wagon



COMET VOYAGER

Besides offering a full-measure of easy-to-load, easy-to-handle convenience, all Comet station wagons include many "extras" that come standard: from a foot-operated parking brake . . . to front-door-operated

dome light . . . and a cigarette lighter. Plus a deluxe steering wheel and instrument panel, rear seat armrests with ashtrays and bright upper door frames. People also buy wagons for their durability. And so, tex-

tured metal, that thrives on hard wear, is across the entire load floor. With the tailgate open, you have 109.5" of load length behind the front seat. Voyager interiors are all-vinyl in black, red, blue or parchment.

You'll find an ideal mating of beauty and practicality in both Comet wagons. The Voyager interior (shown here), like the Villager interior, has a foam-padded front seat and a full-width second seat. And, for rugged durability and easy-to-keep-clean convenience, seat upholstery is made of all-vinyl.

EXTERIOR COLORS		SOLID COLORS		TWO-TONE COMBINATIONS	
colors and trim EXTERIORS—15 solid Super Enamel colors and 39 two-tone combinations. Two-tone combinations are not available for convertibles or station wagons, and are optional at extra cost on all other models.		INTERIOR TRIMS CLOTH & VINYL ALL VINYL		ONVX POLAR WHITE CARDINAL RED BURGUNDY SHEFFIELD SILVER CASPIAN BLUE BLUE ICE TIFFANY BLUE TURQUOISE FROST OLIVE MIST SAGE GOLD JAMAICAN YELLOW BRONZE SANDSTONE EMBERGLO ONVX & POLAR WHITE-R CARDINAL RED & POLAR WHITE-R BURGUNDY & POLAR WHITE-R SHEFFIELD SILVER & POLAR WHITE CASPIAN BLUE & POLAR WHITE-R BLUE ICE & POLAR WHITE-R TIFFANY BLUE & POLAR WHITE-R TIFFANY BLUE & CASPIAN BLUE-R BLUE ICE & CASPIAN BLUE-R TURQUOISE FROST & POLAR WHITE-R OLIVE MIST & POLAR WHITE-R SAGE GOLD & POLAR WHITE-R SAGE GOLD & ONVX-R JAMAICAN YELLOW & POLAR WHITE JAMAICAN YELLOW & ONVX-R BRONZE & POLAR WHITE-R SANDSTONE & POLAR WHITE EMBERGLO & POLAR WHITE-R SAGE GOLD & OLIVE MIST-R	
		COMET 202 SEDAN SILVER (a) RED BLUE AQUA PALOMINO (b)		COMET CAPRI SEDANS & HARDTOPS BLUE AQUA PALOMINO (b) BLACK RED BLUE PARCHMENT	
COMET CALIENTE OR CYCLONE SEDANS, HARDTOPS & CONVERTIBLES BLUE AQUA (c) IVY GOLD (c) PARCHMENT		COMET CALIENTE OR CYCLONE BUCKET SEATS (f) HARDTOPS & CONVERTIBLES BLACK RED BLUE WHITE-BLACK (g) WHITE-RED (g) WHITE-BLUE (g) WHITE-AQUA (g) WHITE-IVY GOLD (g) WHITE-EMBERGLO (g) PARCH-BLACK (h) PARCH-RED (h) PARCH-BLUE (h) PARCH-AQUA (h) PARCH-IVY GOLD (h) PARCH-EMBERGLO (h) PARCH-PALOMINO (h)		COMET VOYAGER STATION WAGON BLACK RED BLUE PARCHMENT	
COMET VILLAGER STATION WAGON BLACK RED BLUE AQUA PARCHMENT		CONVERTIBLE TOP COLORS BLACK WHITE BLUE OXFORD ROOFS (vinyl-covered) (j)		BLACK WHITE BLUE	

X—Recommended O—Also available R—Reversible

- (a) Bolster is black vinyl.
(b) Bolster is parchment vinyl.
(c) Available only in 4-door sedan model.
(d) Available only in convertible model.
(e) Not available in 4-door sedan model.
(f) Std. on Cyclone models, optional at extra cost in Caliente 2-door hardtop and convertible.
(g) Interior appointments color-coordinated.
(h) Only dash and carpets color-coordinated.
(i) Available only with blue interiors.
(j) Optional at extra cost on 202 Series 2-door sedan, all 2-door hardtops and Caliente and Capri 4-door sedans.



Power Steering—helps take about 88% of the effort out of steering, while still giving you excellent road feel and driving control.



Power Brakes—give you efficient stopping power along with a 40% reduction in foot-pedal effort.



Power Windows—are a new item for '66. Beside the driver is a master control switch; an individual control is at each window.



4-Way Power Seats—move fore and aft as well as tilt up and down. Available for both bench and driver's side bucket seats.

convenience, comfort and appearance options

	202	Capri	Caliente	Cyclone	Voyager	Villager
Adjustable Dome Reading Lamp	X	X	X (a)	X (a)	X	X
Air Conditioner, Deluxe, Integral	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bucket Seats with Console	na	na	X (b)	std	na	na
Power Steering	X	X	X	X	X	X
Power Brakes	X	X	X	X	X	X
Courtesy Light Group (c)	X	X	X	X	X	X
Paint—Two-Tone (d)	X	X	X	X	na	na
Power Bench Seat—4-way	X	X	X	na	X	X
Power Bucket Seat—4-way (e)	na	na	X	X	na	na
Safety Seat Belts, Deluxe Front & Rear with Front Retractors and Reminder Light	X	X	X	X	X	X
Power Windows—Side (f)	X	X	X	X	X	X
Power Rear Window—Station Wagon	na	na	na	na	X	X
Mirror, Inside Non-Glare	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mirror, Side-View, Remote-Control	X	X	std	std	X	X
Windshield Wipers, Interval Selector	X	X	X	X	X	X
Seat with Seat Belts, S/W, 3rd (g)	na	na	na	na	X	X
Tailgate, Dual-Action	na	na	na	na	X	std
Tinted Glass, Full	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tinted Glass, Windshield	X	X	X	X	X	X
Twin Scoop GT Hood	na	na	na	X	na	na
Oxford Roof (black or white) (h)	X	X	X	X	na	na
Curb Molding	X	na (i)	na (i)	na (i)	X	X
Deck-Lid Release, Remote-Control	X	X	X	X	na	na
Electric Clock	X	X	X	X	X	X
Luggage Carrier—Roof—S/W	na	na	na	na	X	X
Radio, AM, Push Button with Antenna	X	X	X	X	X	X
Radio, AM/FM, Push Button with Antenna	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rear Seat Speaker	X	X	X (j)	X (j)	na	na
Wheel Covers, Deluxe	X	X	X	std	X	X
Wheel Covers, Wire	X	X	X	X	X	X
Wheel Covers, Cyclone	na	na	na	X	na	na

CODE: X—Extra-Cost Option
std—Standard Equipment
na—Not Available

- (a) Not available on convertibles.
(b) Not available on 4-door sedan.
(c) Includes two instrument panel lights (std. on convertible), glove-box light, ashtray light, luggage compartment light (cargo light on S/W) rear door jamb switches for 4-door models and parking brake warning light.
(d) Not available on convertibles or S/Wagons.

- (e) Available on driver's side only.
(f) Not available 202 series 2-door sedan.
(g) Includes: Tailgate scuff plate when the S/W is equipped with the Dual-Action Tailgate and 3rd-seat options.
(h) Available on all 2-door hardtops, 202 series 2-door sedan, Capri and Caliente 4-door sedans.
(i) Unique curb molding, standard.
(j) Not available on convertibles.



Oxford Roof (vinyl-covered)—lends a distinctive note of elegance to the 2-door sedan, all hardtops and the Caliente and Capri 4-door sedans.



AM/FM Radio—offers instant play of your favorite radio station. Five push buttons can be set to either your AM or FM broadcasting choice.



Tachometer—is sure to be wanted by most automotive buffs. Especially recommended for 3- and 4-speed manual transmissions.



Deluxe Air Conditioner—cools, dehumidifies, filters out dust and pollen. A built-in instrument panel unit.



Deluxe Wheel Covers—are an inexpensive bit of added style. Standard for all Cyclone models.



Wire Wheel Covers—have handsome simulated knock-off hubs and are made of gleaming, non-corrosive, spun stainless steel.



Cyclone Wheel Covers—for that special look of sporty luxury. Available only for Cyclone models.

THE POWER OF COMET



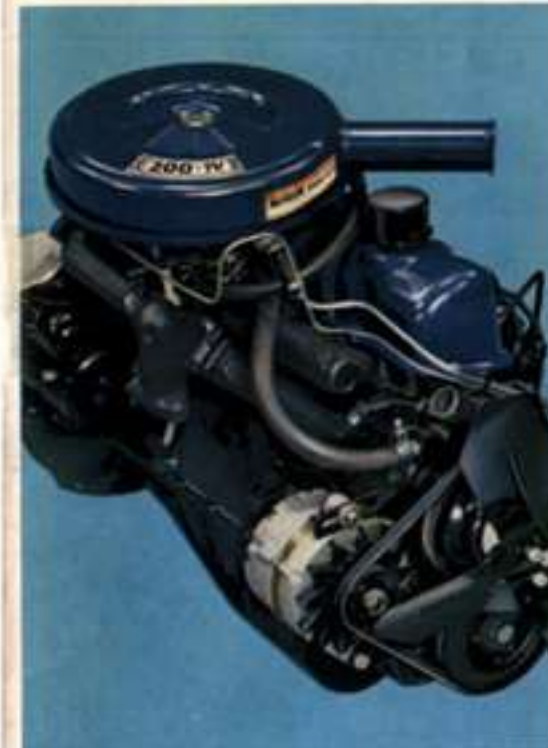
Cyclone GT 390 V-8 (4V)



Cyclone 390 V-8 (2V)



Cyclone 289 V-8 (2V)



Comet 200 "6"

power teams

Engines and transmissions other than standard are optional at extra cost.	Comet 200 "6" (a)	Cyclone 289 V-8	Cyclone 390 V-8 (b)	Cyclone 390 V-8 (b)	Cyclone GT 390 V-8 (c)
Displacement	200 cu. in.	289 cu. in.	390 cu. in.	390 cu. in.	390 cu. in.
Bore & stroke (in.)	3.68 x 3.13	4.00 x 2.87	4.05 x 3.78	4.05 x 3.78	4.05 x 3.78
Adv. hp @ rpm	120 @ 4400	200 @ 4400	265 @ 4400	275 @ 4400	335 @ 4800
Adv. Torque lb-ft @ rpm	190 @ 2400	282 @ 2400	401 @ 2600	405 @ 2600	427 @ 3200
Carburetor	1-bbl	2-bbl	2-bbl	2-bbl	4-bbl
Compression ratio	9.2 to 1	9.3 to 1	9.5 to 1	9.5 to 1	10.5 to 1
Fuel	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular	Premium
Fuel tank capacity (gals)	20	20	20	20	20
Exhaust	Single	Single	Single (d)	Single (d)	Dual
Valve lifters	Hydraulic	Hydraulic	Hydraulic	Hydraulic	Hydraulic
Alternator	38-amp	38-amp	38-amp	38-amp	38-amp
Crankcase capacity (including filter)	4.5 qts	5 qts	5 qts	5 qts	5 qts
Coolant capacity (with heater)	9.5 qts	15.0 qts	20.5 qts	20.5 qts	20.5 qts
Transmissions					
3-speed manual (synchronized 2nd & 3rd)	X	—	—	—	—
3-speed manual (all-synchronized)	—	X	X	—	X
4-speed manual (all-synchronized) (e)	—	X	X	—	X
Multi-Drive Merc-O-Matic	X	X	—	X	—
Sport Shift Merc-O-Matic	—	—	—	—	X

(a) Not available in Comet Cyclone 2-door hardtop or convertible. (b) Optional all models except Comet Cyclone and Cyclone GT 2-door hardtops and convertibles. (c) Available for Comet Cyclone GT 2-door hardtop and convertible only. (d) Dual on Comet Caliente convertible. (e) Not available for Comet station wagons. Note: An optional high-performance 427 CID engine will be available on special order after January 1, 1966.

performance options

	202	Capri	Caliente	Cyclone	Voyager	Villager
Battery: Heavy Duty—55 AMP (a)	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cyclone GT Option	na	na	na	X (b)	na	na
Performance Handling Package (c)	X	X	X	na	X	X
Power Transfer Rear Axle	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tachometer (d)	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tires: (e)						
6.95 x 14" 2-ply (4-ply rated) Rayon (f)	std	std	std	std (g)	na	na
7.35 x 14" 2-ply (4-ply rated) Rayon (h)	X	X	X	X (g)	na	na
7.75 x 14" 2-ply (4-ply rated) Rayon (i)	X	X	X	X (g)	std (j)	std (j)

CODE: X—Extra Cost Option
std—Standard Equipment
na—Not Available

(a) Mandatory in cars equipped with 390 CID engines and automatic transmission.

(b) Includes: 390 CID-4V engine, engine dress-up kit, unique interior and exterior "GT" identification ornamentation, 7.75 x 14" white sidewall nylon-cord tires, heavy-duty 5½" wheels, power booster fan, heavy-duty suspension with heavy-duty front and rear springs and shock absorbers, larger diameter front stabilizer bar, 3.25:1 axle ratio, dual exhausts and console-mounted transmission controls.

(c) Available only on models equipped with 390 2V engine and includes: higher rate front and rear springs, a larger diameter stabilizer bar and heavy-duty front and rear shock absorbers. (Cyclone GT option includes this equipment.)

(d) Not available with 6-cylinder engine.

(e) White sidewall tire option available for all tire sizes.

(f) Standard on all sedans, hardtops and convertibles with 200 1V or 289 2V engine except convertible and hardtop models with 289 2V engine and air conditioning.

(g) Not available with Cyclone GT option.

(h) Standard on 8-cylinder (289 2V) equipped convertibles and hardtops with air conditioning and all models equipped with 390 2V engines except station wagons or hardtop and convertible models with air conditioning.

(i) Standard on station wagons equipped with 200 or 289 CID engines, and convertible and hardtop models equipped with air conditioning and 390 CID engines—available on sedan, hardtop and convertible models when equipped with 390 CID engines, and hardtop and convertible models equipped with 289 2V engine and air conditioning.

(j) 7.75 x 14" 4-ply (8-ply rated) Rayon standard when 390 CID engine is ordered.

safety features

Every 1966 Mercury Comet was designed step by step to be a safer, more convenient, economical and enjoyable automobile. Such protective items as front and rear seat belts; padded instrument panel and sun visors; deep-dish steering wheel; safety-yoke door latches; turn signals; backup lights; emergency flasher and many more are regular Comet equipment—designed into the car for greater safety. Safety authorities agree: Safe driving means proper use of the automobile and its safety equipment, strict obedience to traffic laws at all times and—most importantly—development of the alert, defensive driving habits that are the motorists' best protection against unsafe conditions on the road.

rear axle ratios

	3-speed Manual			4-speed Manual*			Multi-Drive Merc-O-Matic*		
(Rear axle ratios to 1)	Std	Opt	Power Trans*	Std	Opt	Power Trans*	Std	Opt	Power Trans*
Comet 200 "6"—Sedan, Hardtop & Convertible	3.25	3.50	3.25	—	—	—	2.80	3.25	3.25
Station Wagon	3.25	3.50	3.50	—	—	—	3.25	3.50	3.50
Cyclone 289 V-8 Sedan, Hardtop & Convertible	2.80	3.25	3.00	3.25	3.00	3.25	2.80	3.00	3.00
Station Wagon	3.25	—	3.25	—	—	—	3.00	—	3.00
Cyclone 390 V-8 (2V) Sedan, Hardtop & Convertible	3.00	3.25	3.00	3.00	3.25	3.25	3.00	3.25	3.00
Station Wagon	3.00	3.25	3.00	—	—	—	3.00	3.25	3.00
Cyclone GT 390 V-8 (4V) Cyclone GT, Hardtop & Convertible	3.25	3.00	3.25	3.25	3.00	3.25	3.25	3.00	3.25

*Optional at extra cost.

axle ratio availability

Standard Mercury Comet power teams—engine, transmission and rear axle ratio—have been carefully matched for a balance between performance and economy under all normal driving conditions. However, the owner who desires greater acceleration can select the higher ratio axle. For better gasoline economy, a lower ratio axle should be selected.

specifications

BODY CONSTRUCTION—Every Comet body is built with four torque boxes, one at each corner of the passenger compartment. Body side rails and rear underbody rails are welded directly to the rear torque boxes. In the front, isolated torque boxes are featured. These torque boxes afford high strength; yet they can twist or flex slightly to absorb shock or vibration.

TIRES—All Comet convertibles and hardtops with air conditioning and the Cyclone 289 V-8 engine have 7.35 x 14" tires. In addition, all models with the Cyclone 390 2V engine also use 7.35 x 14" tires. All station wagons and all models with the Cyclone 390 2V engine and air conditioning have 7.75 x 14" tires. The Comet Cyclone GT 2-door hardtop and convertible feature 7.75 x 14" white sidewall nylon-cord tires. All other Comet models have 6.95 x 14" tires.

FRONT SUSPENSION—Highlights contributing to Comet's plusher, smoother ride: longer, deeper front coil springs with more coils, increased front wheel jounce travel, new butyl-rubber bumpers of longer size and improved shape, wider and heavier upper suspension arm, a longer lower suspension arm, larger, contoured front bushing on the compliance strut and revised front shock absorber valving.

REAR SUSPENSION—Comet's rear suspension incorporates fully insulated semielectrical leaf-type rear springs isolated from the rear axle with butyl-rubber iso-clamps and double-acting hydraulic shock absorbers. Among the improvements contributing to Comet's better ride and wide-stance stability are longer rear springs, increased rear suspension jounce travel and six inches of big-car rebound travel.

STEERING—Longer, heavier steering gear with reduced manual steering effort required. New steering linkage with low-friction, tube-for-life polyethylene seats for tie-rod. A flexible coupling has been added to all models with optional power steering for improved noise isolation.

BRAKES—Comet's hydraulic brakes are duo-servo type with self-adjusters that can keep the brakes adjusted mechanically for the life of the linings. The self-adjusting mechanism, consisting of a cable, cable guide, ratchet and adjuster screw assembly, adjusts the brakes when applied during reverse braking. Vacuum-assisted power brakes are available at extra cost.

TRANSMISSION—Standard for the Comet 200 "6" engine is a 3-speed manual transmission with helical-cut gears that have forged-bronze synchronizers for 2nd and 3rd gears. Standard transmission for all V-8's is the 3-speed manual, synchronized in all forward gears. Optional transmissions: all-synchronized 4-speed manual, Multi-Drive Merc-O-Matic (not available Cyclone GT) and Sport Shift Merc-O-Matic (available only Cyclone GT).

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM—All 1966 Comets have a premium-quality vibration-guarded, Autolite Sta-Ful battery as standard equipment. The vibration-guard construction has all plates anchored to raised elements and rests in the bottom of the container. A 38-ampere alternator is also standard.

EXHAUST SYSTEM—The Comet muffler is a reverse-flow type with a six-inch diameter and aluminized inner and outer shells. Muffler length: 27" with V-8's. A 22" muffler is installed with the Comet 200 "6". Dual exhausts are standard for the Cyclone GT 2-door hardtop and convertible and for the Caliente convertible with the Cyclone 390 V-8 (2V) engine.

Comet dimensions

	COMET 202		COMET CAPRI		COMET CALIENTE			COMET CYCLONE		COMET
	2-door Sedan	4-door Sedan	4-door Sedan	2-door Hardtop	4-door Sedan	2-door Hardtop	Convertible	2-door Hardtop	Convertible	Station Wagons
Wheelbase	116"	116"	116"	116"	116"	116"	116"	116"	116"	113"
Wheel tread—front	58"	58"	58"	58"	58"	58"	58"	58"	58"	58"
—rear	58"	58"	58"	58"	58"	58"	58"	58"	58"	58"
Overall length	195.9"	195.9"	203"	203"	203"	203"	203"	203"	203"	199.9"
Overall height—design	55.0"	55.0"	55.0"	54.3"	55.0"	54.3"	54.0"	54.3"	54.0"	55.8"
Overall width	73.8"	73.8"	73.8"	73.8"	73.8"	73.8"	73.8"	73.8"	73.8"	73.8"
Usable luggage capacity (AMA)	15.0 cu. ft.	15.0 cu. ft.	17.0 cu. ft.	17.0 cu. ft.	17.0 cu. ft.	17.0 cu. ft.	17.0 cu. ft.	17.0 cu. ft.	17.0 cu. ft.	—
Interior—Front compartment (a)										
Headroom (eff.)	38.8"	38.8"	38.8"	38.1"	38.8"	38.1"	38.3"	38.1"	38.3"	38.6"
Legroom (eff.)	42.1"	42.1"	42.1"	42.1"	42.1"	42.1"	42.1"	42.1"	42.1"	42.1"
Hiproom	59.5"	59.5"	59.5"	59.5"	59.5"	59.5"	59.5"	59.5"	59.5"	59.5"
Shoulder room	58.0"	58.0"	58.0"	58.0"	58.0"	58.0"	58.0"	58.0"	58.0"	58.0"
Interior—Rear compartment (a)										
Headroom (eff.)	37.3"	37.5"	37.5"	36.7"	37.5"	36.7"	36.5"	36.7"	36.5"	39.1"
Legroom (eff.)	33.9"	36.0"	36.0"	33.9"	36.0"	33.9"	33.8"	33.9"	33.8"	34.5"
Hiproom	58.3"	59.5"	59.5"	58.3"	59.5"	58.3"	48.8"	58.3"	48.8"	59.5"
Shoulder room	56.7"	58.0"	58.0"	56.7"	58.0"	56.7"	56.7"	56.7"	56.7"	58.0"
Distance between front and rear seats	31.1"	33.3"	33.3"	31.1"	33.3"	31.1"	30.8"	31.1"	30.8"	31.7"

(a) Measurement with seat in rearmost position.

CYCLONE SERIES



Comet Cyclone Convertible



Comet Cyclone Hardtop

CYCLONE GT (option)



Comet Cyclone GT Convertible



Comet Cyclone GT Hardtop

CALIENTE SERIES



Comet Caliente Convertible



Comet Caliente Hardtop



Comet Caliente 4-Door Sedan

CAPRI SERIES



Comet Capri Hardtop



Comet Capri 4-Door Sedan

202 SERIES



Comet 202 2-Door Sedan



Comet 202 4-Door Sedan

STATION WAGONS



Comet Villager 4-Door Station Wagon



Comet Voyager 4-Door Station Wagon

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