

Spirit



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There's a new excitement in small cars. The 1979 Spirit from American Motors! Snappy styling, loads of standard features, surprisingly peppy 4-cylinder performance and a smooth, quiet ride — that's the Spirit! Add to this the unprecedented level of interior comfort and luxury designed into the Spirit DL and Spirit Limited models, and you have a truly unique small car — and a totally new driving experience.

Spirit is offered in two body styles. The sleek AMC Spirit liftback, with its flip-up rear hatch and fold-down rear seat, provides easy access to plenty of cargo space for load-and-go lifestyles. The AMC Spirit Sedan, with the standard features one would expect in a practical small car, also offers a sensible balance of styling, performance and interior comfort. The opportunities to personalize your Spirit are many — simply make your selection from the Base, DL or Limited models.

Both Spirit liftback and Sedan have a longer wheelbase and a wider track than either the 2-door Pinto or Chevette. That may help explain Spirit's great ride and stability.

And like all cars from American Motors, Spirit gives you added peace of mind with AMC's exclusive BUYER PROTECTION PLAN, — which includes the only full 12-month/12,000-mile new car warranty offered by any U.S. car maker.

All of this plus an astoundingly sensible price tag makes Spirit the outstanding small car value today. Let the Spirit move you!



On cover and backcover Spirit DL liftback
(remote control exterior mirrors and
bumper nerf stripes shown are optional)

Spirit Limited interior in genuine leather
with luxury woodgrain adjustable tilt
steering wheel. Walnut Burl woodgrain
instrument panel, custom door

trim panels, power door locks and
electronic quartz digital clock. Air
conditioning, AM/FM stereo radio and
automatic transmission are optional.

The Spirit G.T. liftback with its black
accent exterior treatment captures the
sporty, competitive look and feel of
imported performance cars. If you
enjoy responsive motoring, get into
the Spirit G.T.



Spirit G.T. liftback
(righthand remote rear view
mirror shown is optional)

The Spirit Limited Sedan. A pleasing new
concept in small cars that offers an
exceptional level of luxury, comfort and
convenience for a car its size.



Spirit Limited Sedan
(Sprint Rally stripe optional)

The Spirit DL Sedan. It's no ordinary small car. It's a luxurious small car. With a long list of luxurious extras included at no extra charge. Like custom bucket seats in Caberfae corduroy or Sport Vinyl. White sidewall tires. Plush carpeting. Fold down

split rear seat back. Electronic quartz digital clock. Front disc brakes. And much more. The Spirit DL is also available in liftback — another way to get out of the ordinary.



Spirit DL Sedan
(lefthand remote rear view mirror
and Sprint Rally stripe optional)

The Spirit G.T. — an exhilarating new approach to personal transportation combining refined European-type styling with precise handling for the ultimate driving experience. Check our list of carefully selected G.T. equipment including glass belted

radials, spoke styled wheels, special instrumentation, black sport steering wheel, remote lefthand sport mirror, and more. In addition, you will find an impressive array of heavy duty items in the optional G.T. Rally-Tuned Suspension Package, such as heavy duty front and

rear sway bars, adjustable Strider shocks, heavy duty front disc and rear drum brakes and unique steering gears that result in positive, tight handling. Take a Spirit G.T. out on the open road, and you'll feel a new exhilaration . . . it's the G.T. experience. Let the Spirit move you!



Spirit G.T. liftback
(righthand remote rear view
mirror shown is optional)

For 1979 . . . a bold new way to spell "excitement": AMX. Exciting to look at, exciting to be in. With performance to match. An attention-getter any way you look at it.



AMX

If you're wondering what makes the AMX tick, just look over the long list of standard design and performance features, and you'll understand. It all adds up to a very moving experience.



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STANDARDS

SPIRIT BASE models include these standard features: 121 CID 4-cylinder engine • 4-speed manual floor shift (except California — see engine/trans/axle chart) • front disc brakes • white sidewall tires • Sport Vinyl bucket seats or no cost optional notched bucket seat (Sedan only) • folding rear seat back • custom steering wheel • color-keyed carpeting (12 oz.) and seat belts • inside hood release • lighted ashtray • full wheel covers • high pressure compact spare tire with cover • dual body side pin stripes • quad rectangular headlamps • anodized aluminum bumpers with black end caps • rear bumper guards • fuel tank capacity 21 gal. (Sedan, 4 cylinder engine 13 gal.) • front sway bar (except Sedan).

SPIRIT DL models include, in addition to or in place of base model equipment: custom bucket seats in Caberfor corduroy fabric or Sport Vinyl • folding split rear seat back • custom door trim panels • AM radio • Walrus Burl woodgrain instrument panel overlay • luxury woodgrain steering wheel • electronic quartz digital clock • day/night mirror • courtesy lights • extra quiet insulation • custom headliner and sunvisor • white sidewall tires • color-keyed styled wheelcovers • front and rear bumper guards • instrument panel parcel shelf • dual horns.

SPIRIT LIMITED models include, in addition to or in place of Spirit DL model equipment: bucket seats in genuine leather • full length console with center armrest • plush color-keyed carpeting (18 oz.) • power steering • power door locks • adjustable tilt steering wheel • power liftback release (liftback only) • dual remote mirrors • fiberglass belted radial white sidewall tires • light group • visibility group • convenience group • dual horns.

AMX includes these standard features: 258 CID 6-cylinder engine • 4-speed manual floor shift • G.T. Rally-tuned Suspension • high beam Halogen headlamps • performance tuned exhaust sound (6-cylinder with manual transmission; or V-8) • gauge package and tachometer • intermittent wipers • inside hood release • power liftback release • extra quiet insulation • dual horns • courtesy lights • custom bucket seats in Caberfor corduroy or Sport Vinyl • folding split rear seat back • custom door trim panels • full length console with integral center armrest • brushed aluminum instrument panel overlay • color-keyed leather wrapped sport

OPTIONAL GROUPS: convenience group¹ • visibility group² (not available on AMX) • handling package (not with G.T. package or 4-cylinder engine) • light group • protection group³ • heavy duty cooling system (included with air conditioning) • auxiliary automatic transmission cooler (with V-8 engine only) • cold climate group • altitude driveability option (all models destined for principal usage at high altitudes)

¹Standard on Limited model.

Engine/Transmission/Axle Specifications	Spirit	AMX
engine	transmission	axle ratio ¹
121 CID four	4-speed/floor	3.08 / NA / 3.31
	automatic/column	3.31 / 3.31 / NA
	automatic/floor	3.31 / 3.31 / NA
232 CID six	3-speed/floor	2.73 / NA / NA
	4-speed/floor	2.53 / NA / NA
	automatic/column	2.53 / NA / NA
	automatic/floor	2.53 / NA / NA
258 CID six	4-speed/floor	2.53 / 2.73 / 2.53
	automatic/column	2.53 / 2.73 / 2.73
	automatic/floor	2.53 / 2.73 / 2.73
304 CID V-8 ²	4-speed/floor	2.87 / NA / 2.87
	automatic/floor	2.56 ³ / NA / 2.87

¹Axle ratios are listed in the following order: 49 states/California/high altitudes (NA indicates engine/transmission combination unavailable)

²Not available Spirit Sedan
³2.67 with twin grip



steering wheel • custom headliner and sunvisor • color-keyed carpeting (12 oz.) • color-keyed seat belts (front) • spare tire cover • instrument panel parcel shelf • black bumpers with guards and nerfing strips (front and rear) • front air dam and rear deck spoiler • fender flares with orange accents • black grille insert and black headlight bezels • Turbocast II aluminum wheels (4) with black accents • ER60 x 14 Flexlen belted radial OWL tires • dual black remote mirrors • AMX graphics and AMX flame decal on hood.

OPTIONAL PACKAGES

G.T. PACKAGE (with Spirit Base and DL liftback only) • glass belted radial BSW tires • spoke styled wheels (4) • performance tuned exhaust (6-cylinder with manual transmission or V-8) • sport steering wheel with black steering column • black instrument panel • tachometer • black bumpers with nerfing strips and guards • black left-hand remote mirror • black grille insert, headlight bezels and wiper arms • black exterior trim moldings and rear Venturi area • G.T. medallions

G.T. RALLY TUNED SUSPENSION PACKAGE (standard on AMX, optional only with G.T. package, not available with 4-cylinder engine) • heavy duty front and rear sway bars • adjustable "Strider" shock absorbers • heavy duty strut rod bushings • heavy duty rear spring-o-clamp pads • heavy duty high-control rear springs • unique steering gears • heavy duty front disc and rear drum brakes

GAUGE PACKAGE (standard on AMX, not available with 4-cylinder engine) • electric tachometer • ammeter • oil pressure gauge • manifold vacuum gauge • clock

AIR CONDITIONING PACKAGE: air conditioning • heavy duty cooling system • heavy duty alternator • flex fan • tinted glass (all windows) • power steering • instrument panel parcel shelf (standard on AMX, Spirit DL and Limited models)

OPTIONAL GROUPS: convenience group¹ • visibility group² (not available on AMX) • handling package (not with G.T. package or 4-cylinder engine) • light group • protection group³ • heavy duty cooling system (included with air conditioning) • auxiliary automatic transmission cooler (with V-8 engine only) • cold climate group • altitude driveability option (all models destined for principal usage at high altitudes)

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

Many of these options are included as standard features on specific models and are also available on models not so equipped.

ENGINES: 232 CID 6-cylinder engine • 258 CID 6-cylinder engine; standard AMX • 304 CID 8-cylinder (Sport liftback and AMX only)

POWER ASSISTED COMPONENTS: power steering • power front disc brakes • power door locks • power liftback release (Sport liftback only)

AUDIO: AM radio • AM/FM stereo radio with 4 speakers • AM/FM/CB radio with 4 speakers

CONVENIENCE: air conditioning system • tachometer • high beam Halogen headlamps • electronic digital quartz clock (not available with tachometer) • tinted glass • electric rear window defroster • dual horns • cruise control (not available with 4-cylinder engine or manual transmission) • adjustable tilt steering wheel • left remote control mirror • roof rack (Sedan only, with moon roof) • tallgate air deflector (Sedan only) • pop-up moon roof (not available with roof rack) • console with integral center armrest

APPEARANCE: 2-tone paint (not available with Spirit Sedan or AMX, or with rally stripe) • rally stripe • leather wrapped sport steering wheel

WHEEL TRIM: styled wheel covers (argent) • color-keyed styled wheel covers • spoke styled wheels (4) • rubing forged aluminum wheels (4) • Turbocast II aluminum wheels (4)

PROTECTION: bodyside skull molding • locking gas cap • protective inner coating • extra quiet insulation • bumper guards (front)

HEAVY DUTY: heavy duty battery • air shocks, manual • heavy duty shock absorbers • twin grip differential • front sway bar (Sedan only)

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Dimensions (in inches)	Spirit	AMX
dimensions	Liftback/Sedan	
wheelbase	96.0/96.0	96.0
overall length	168.5/166.8	166.5
overall width	71.8/71.9	71.8
overall height	51.6/51.7	51.6
track	58.1/58.1	58.1
front	57.5/57.5	57.5
rear	37.8/38.1	37.8
head room	37.8/38.1	37.8
leg room	33.5/36.4	33.5
front	40.8/40.8	40.8
rear	27.7/27.8	27.7
cargo vol.	(cu. ft.) 24.6/28.6	24.8
curb weight	(lbs.) 2632/2518	2970



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