

# 1983 CHEVY S-10 BLAZER

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# THE 1983 CHEVY S-10 BLAZER IS HERE TO TAKE CHARGE.

PREPARE YOURSELF FOR A NEVER-BEFORE SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE.

There has, quite honestly, never been one like it. The Chevy S-10 Blazer is a totally new-size Blazer that comes in both 2- and 4-wheel-drive models, with available seating for up to four people. It's an exciting follow-up to the Chevy S-10 Pickup (the hottest-selling new-size truck in Chevy history).

**A revolutionary 4-wheel-drive system.** The newly patented Insta-Trac system in the 4X4 Chevy S-10 Blazer is the first to allow shifting from rear-wheel drive to 4 High and back—at any speed. There's never been a system quite like it. Insta-Trac is a true revolution in off-roading that will make you a 4-wheeler fan for the first time—or all over again. Details are on pages 4, 5 and 10.

**New-size trucking, new-size surprise.** Compare it to a full-size Chevy Blazer and you'll find the Chevy S-10 Blazer is over 15 inches shorter and almost that much narrower, too. So it's trimmer, even more maneuverable, and here's the surprise. With the optional rear seat folded down, Chevy S-10 Blazer has 68.6 inches of cargo length—more than any full-size sport utility vehicle.

**The 2WD model: Family handy as a station wagon.** The 2-wheel-drive Chevy S-10 Blazer is just the ticket for people who rarely leave the pavement but love the open road. People who tow boats and trailers. People on the move. None of these people should miss reading page 6, which details this S-10 Blazer's remarkable payload and towing capacities.

**New-size fuel economy.** It just stands to reason that a smaller Blazer will have an appreciably smaller fuel bill. Both the 2- and 4-wheel-drive Chevy S-10 Blazers

have impressive EPA gas mileage ratings—with either a standard L4 or optional V6 engine.

**Don't just read about the S-10 Blazer. Experience it.** Ask your nearby Chevy dealer for the keys to a 1983 Chevy S-10 Blazer. Drive it. Feel it. Shift the one-of-a-kind Insta-Trac 4X4 system. Enjoy this totally new Chevy truck's comfort and pure driving-for-the-fun-of-it appeal. There's absolutely never been anything like the Chevy S-10 Blazer before. And the further you read, the more you realize it.

**Important: A word about this catalog.** We have tried to make this catalog as comprehensive and factual as possible and we hope you find it helpful. However, since the time of printing, some of the information you will find here may have been updated. Also, some of the equipment shown or described throughout this catalog is available as factory-installed options, dealer accessories and specialized equipment from various independent suppliers at extra cost. Your dealer has details and, before ordering, you should ask him to bring you up to date.

The right is reserved to make changes at any time, without notice, in prices, colors, materials, equipment, specifications, and models. Check with your Chevrolet dealer for complete information.

**To obtain EPA fuel economy estimates for Chevrolet light-duty trucks, check the wall poster at your dealer's showroom.**

SHOW ON COVER:  
4X4 Chevy S-10 Blazer Sport includes  
Sport Two-Tone paint. Shown in Midnight Black  
and Apple Red.

4X4 Chevy S-10 Blazer has high ground clearance and independent front suspension. Massive 15-inch wheels are standard!





## 4X4 CHEVY S-10 BLAZER.

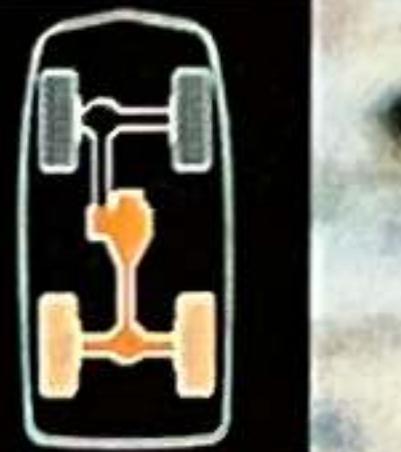
### A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH.

When the road turns to rocks and mud, or you have to face a hill that seems to go straight up, you'll be glad you're in a 4X4 Chevy S-10 Blazer, shown here with the available Tahoe trim level.

A 4X4 action-display shift console never offered before. Every 4X4 Chevy S-10 Blazer has a floor-mounted transfer case shift console with a lighted action display of the gear position. For the first time, you can shift from rear-wheel-drive to 4-wheel-drive high and back while driving at any speed—with Insta-Trac. It's also easy

to shift from 4 Low back to 2 Wheel and get the fuel economy and mechanical efficiency of a freewheeling front axle and rear-wheel drive. More information on this revolutionary system is on page 10.

- 2 WHEEL
- 4 HIGH
- NEUTRAL
- 4 LOW



Transfer case in 2 Wheel. Shift into 4 High at any speed, with one lever.

- 2 WHEEL
- 4 HIGH
- NEUTRAL
- 4 LOW



Transfer case in 4 High. Shift into 2 Wheel at any speed, with one lever.

**Ground-grabbing Independent front suspension.** Independent front suspension with torsion bars is featured, computer-matched to your 4X4 Chevy S-10 Blazer as ordered. It lets each front wheel work independently to stay on the ground for impressive traction. Toe-in, caster and

camber settings are fully adjustable for proper alignment.

**Hard-charging yet handsome.** With the available Tahoe exterior trim level, a 4X4 Chevy S-10 Blazer shines in the rough and on the road. The Tahoe package is also available on 2WD models. It has selected items from the Standard trim level, with special Tahoe features.

Special Tahoe-accented aero wheels have hubcaps and trim rings. Body side and other molding help protect a brilliant paint finish.

Tahoe's roomy interior is shown and detailed on page 8.

# 2WD CHEVY S-10 BLAZER.

## HIGH-MILEAGE GETAWAY TRUCK.

Here's another Chevy new-size way to go truckin', get away from it all and get away from frequent gas stops.

If you don't need the off-road capability of a four-wheel-drive Chevy S-10 Blazer, look into the versatility of this tough, high-mileage, two-wheel-drive model. With the optional folding rear seat, Chevy S-10 Blazer can carry four adults, plus 28.8 cu. ft. of cargo. It's as family-handy as a mid-size wagon and can be equipped for serious towing, too.

**4000/5000-lb. Heavy-Duty Trailering Package Option.** Tough Chevy S-10 Blazer 2WD and 4X4 models can carry 1000 lbs. of payload, including people and cargo. But that's not all.

Properly equipped with a Heavy-Duty Trailering Package, a Chevy S-10 2WD or 4WD Blazer can tow up to 5000 lbs., including cargo and trailer. That's 3000 lbs. more than any imported 4WD truck!

The 5000-lb. Trailering Package Option includes a 5000-lb.-capacity trailer hitch platform, 7-wire trailering harness and heavy-duty flasher. It requires the available heavy-duty radiator, engine oil cooler, 2.8 Liter V6 engine, automatic transmission, power steering, power brakes, 3.73 rear-axle ratio, heavy-duty alternator, and heavy-duty shocks.

The 4000-lb. Trailering Package Option includes the same items except for a 3.42 rear-axle ratio. It requires the same items

Standard 2.0 Liter L4 engine with 4-speed manual transmission  
Federal  
33 EST. HWY. 23 EPA EST. MPG

California estimates not available at time of printing. See the EPA wall poster at your dealer's showroom. Use estimated MPG for comparisons. Your mileage may differ depending on speed, distance, weather. Actual highway mileage lower.

except the engine oil cooler, which is simply recommended.

**2000-lb. Light-Duty Trailering Package Option.** This includes a 2000-lb.-capacity deadweight trailer hitch and the optional 5-wire trailer wiring harness. It requires a heavy-duty radiator, automatic transmission, and a 3.73 rear-axle ratio with an L4 engine, or any ratio with available V6.

See your dealer for complete information and the 1983 Chevy Recreation & Trailering Guide which lists the Chevrolet required and recommended optional equipment to meet your trailering needs.

**Much of the beauty comes standard.** The standard exterior trim, shown to your right, makes the Chevy S-10 Blazer stand out wherever you go. Exterior items include a dramatic chrome and black grille, headlamp and parking lamp bezels with chromed finish and black trim, chromed front and rear bumpers, with rub strips, black windshield and rear window moldings, left and right black outside mirrors, radial ply tires, and 15-inch argent wheels with hubcaps. Notice, too, the dual-action, fold-down endgate and lift-glass that greatly simplify loading and unloading. The standard Chevy S-10 Blazer also gives you a choice of 10 exterior colors (plus optional Two-Tones). The attractive S-10 Blazer standard interior is shown and detailed on pages 8 and 9.



The punch of a 5-speed manual transmission with overdrive is available on all models. Add an available 2.8 Liter V6 for a performance combination no import truck in S-10's class offers.



# COMFORT IN WIDE, OPEN SPACES.

**Standard interior** lets you stretch out with more front leg room than in any full-size pickup. It comforts you with bucket seats for two, trimmed in custom vinyl with four color choices. The front passenger bucket seat has a new, easy rear-entry design. As you tilt the backrest forward, the seat slides forward on rails to allow easy entry to the rear. After you return the backrest to its normal position, the seat returns to its preset position when pushed to the rear. It's a seat with a memory.

The instrument panel, door trim, sunshades, headliner and windshield pillar moldings come in four color choices. Also included are a headlights-left-on warning buzzer, rubber floor coverings, interior light, door/roof sound deadener and front floor insulation.

On 4X4 models, front and rear passenger assist handles are included to provide support during off-road operations.

**Available Tahoe interior** welcomes you with selected Standard trim level items, plus bucket seats in Custom Vinyl or Special Custom Cloth, side window defoggers, deluxe color-keyed steering wheel, insulation package, gage package with trip odometer, zippered rear armrest pocket, and other trim details.

**Available Sport interior** combines luxury with the go-for-it look of performance. Selected Standard and Tahoe items are included, plus reclining bucket seats in Sport Cloth with two color choices, a locking console between the seats, color-keyed carpeting, Sport steering wheel, special interior trim, fiberglass hood blanket and cab/door/floor insulation. Beautiful!



Standard interior shown in Carmine.



Available Sport interior with Sport Cloth seat trim in Almond.



Available Tahoe interior with Special Custom Cloth seat trim in Almond. Full-folding rear seat is optional, as shown below.



The Chevy S-10 Blazer seats up to four with an available full-folding rear seat, shown left. This handy seat provides seating for two more adults or quickly folds flat for 68.6 inches of cargo length—more than any full-size sport utility vehicle. To fold the seat, just pull forward on the backrest and the seat automatically folds into the floor.



# A REVOLUTION IN 4-WHEEL DRIVE.

SHIFT FROM REAR-WHEEL DRIVE TO 4 HIGH AND BACK... WHILE DRIVING AT ANY SPEED... WITH INSTA-TRAC.

The new-size 4X4 Chevy S-10 Blazer has the first 4X4 system that allows you to shift between rear-wheel drive and four-wheel-drive high at any speed. No other 4X4 system does this. Insta-Trac is also the first 4X4 system with a lighted action display of the gear position, shown on page 5.

**One-lever shifting.** To shift from rear-wheel drive into four-wheel-drive high, just move the shift lever on the lighted shift console from 2 Wheel to 4 High. There is no other lever to move. Unlike some competitive 2-lever 4X4 system, you don't have to stop or even slow down to complete the shift.

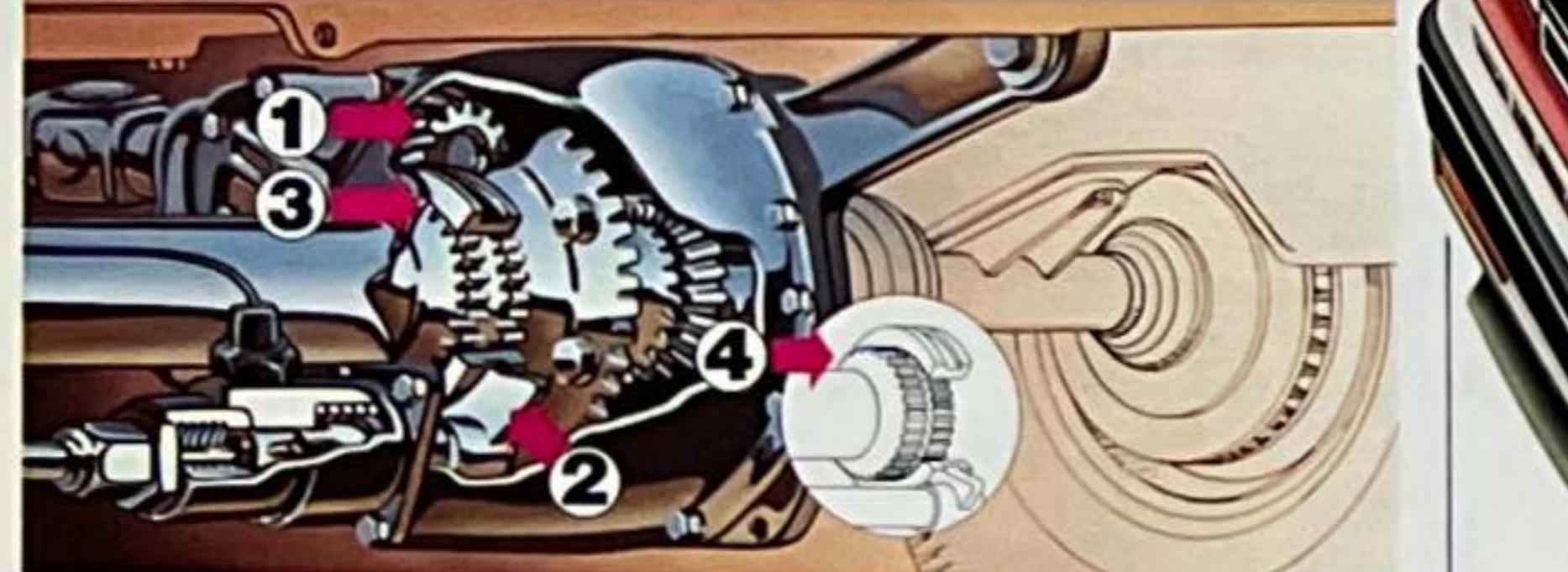
When you move the shift lever from 2 Wheel to 4 High, the transfer case divides the torque. Half goes to the rear axle and half to the front axle. At the same time, a locking sleeve in the front axle engages the central disconnect to provide power to both front axle shafts.

**Shift into freewheeling economy from the driver's seat, too.** Shifting from 4X4 back to fuel-squeezing rear-wheel drive is simple and neat. You don't have to get out of the cab to fool with the front hubs. At any speed, just shift from 4 High to 2 Wheel and the locking sleeve will disengage the central disconnect, allowing the front axle to freewheel—reducing wear and increasing fuel economy.

**No reversing necessary.** You stop the truck only when shifting into and out of four-wheel-drive low. For example, to go from rear-wheel drive into four-wheel-drive low, just stop, shift from 2 Wheel to 4 Low and drive on. To return to rear-wheel drive, just stop, shift from 4 Low to 2 Wheel and resume driving. That's it. You don't have to reverse the vehicle, leave it, or move any other lever.

**Newly patented.** This brand-new Insta-Trac 4X4 system is GM-designed and American-built. It is enclosed and protected against the elements, stones, and road debris. The front-axle differential runs submerged in oil for cooling and lubrication efficiency.

**Revolutionary front-axle 4X4 differential.**



1. Power comes from the transfer case.
2. A locking sleeve engages the right side of the axle to transmit power to both front wheels.
3. As shown here in 4X4, both front wheels turn under power.
4. When the locking sleeve is disengaged, power is withdrawn and both front wheels freewheel for added fuel efficiency.



## NEW FOUR. POWERFUL V6.

Shown left, a new 2.0 Liter 4-cylinder engine is standard on all models, except in California—where a 1.9 Liter 4-cylinder engine is standard. A 4-speed manual

transmission is also standard on all models.

A 2.8 Liter V6 is optional for added hill-climbing torque and heavy-duty jobs, such as trailering. It's the same V6 that's helped make the Chevy S-10 Pickup an overwhelming success. No imported small truck offers a V6 engine.

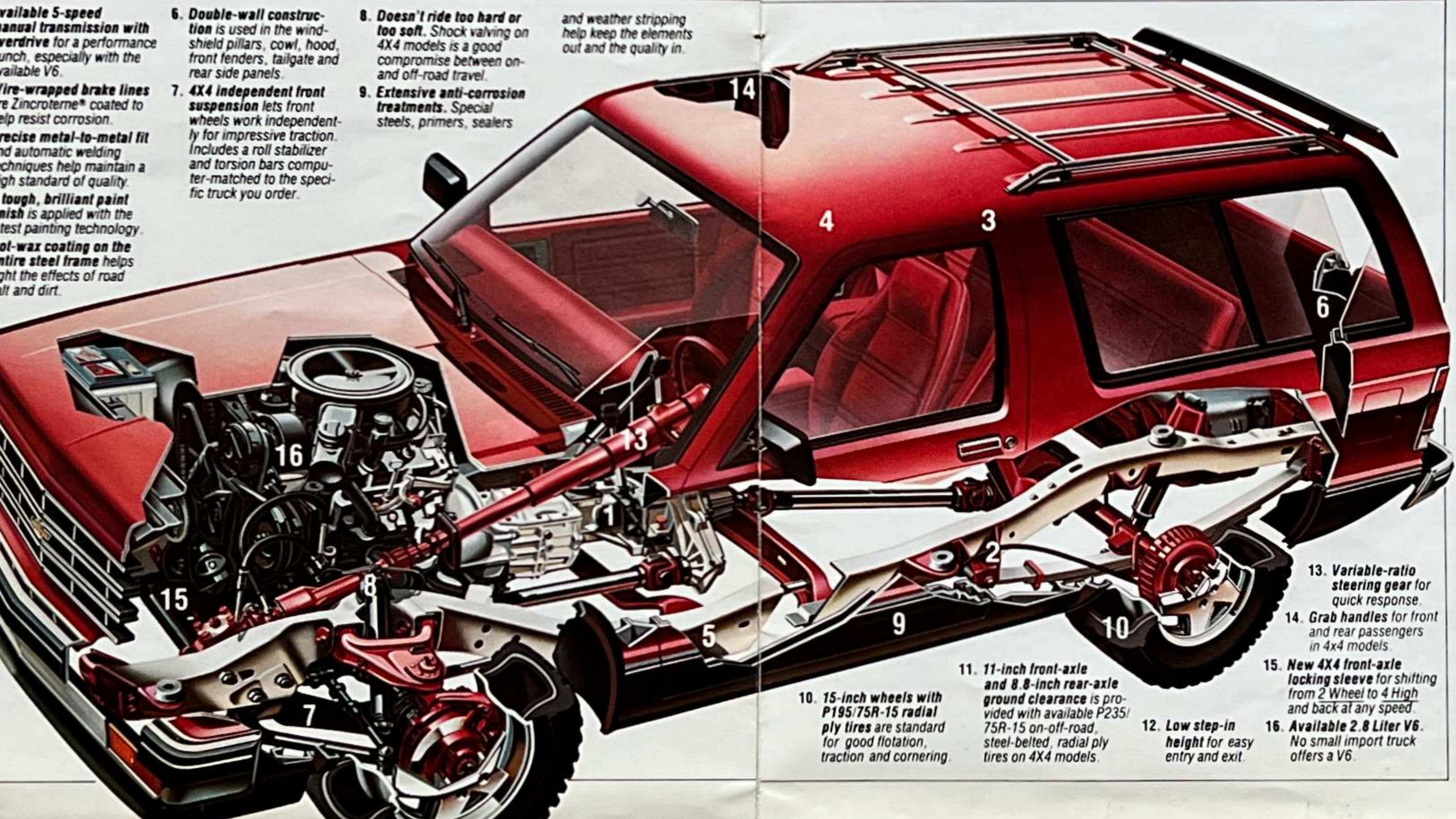
A 5-speed manual transmission with overdrive is available for all models.

For 2WD models, a 4-speed automatic

transmission with overdrive is available in all applications, except in California, where a 3-speed automatic transmission is available.

For 4X4 models, the 4-speed automatic transmission with overdrive is also available when ordered with the optional V6.

## ANATOMY OF AN OFF-ROAD ANIMAL. THE CHEVY S-10 BLAZER.



1. Available 5-speed manual transmission with overdrive for a performance punch, especially with the available V6.
2. Wire-wrapped brake lines are Zincorene® coated to help resist corrosion.
3. Precise metal-to-metal fit and automatic welding techniques help maintain a high standard of quality.
4. A tough, brilliant paint finish is applied with the latest painting technology.
5. Hot-wax coating on the entire steel frame helps fight the effects of road salt and dirt.
6. Double-wall construction is used in the windshield pillars, cowl, hood, front fenders, tailgate and rear side panels, and weather stripping help keep the elements out and the quality in.
7. 4X4 independent front suspension lets front wheels work independently for impressive traction. Includes a roll stabilizer and torsion bars computer-matched to the specific truck you order.
8. Doesn't ride too hard or too soft. Shock valving on 4X4 models is a good compromise between on- and off-road travel.
9. Extensive anti-corrosion treatments. Special steels, primers, sealers
10. 15-inch wheels with P195/75R-15 radial ply tires are standard for good flotation, traction and cornering.
11. 11-inch front-axle and 8.8-inch rear-axle ground clearance is provided with available P235/75R-15 on/off-road, steel-belted, radial ply tires on 4X4 models.
12. Low step-in height for easy entry and exit.
13. Variable-ratio steering gear for quick response.
14. Grab handles for front and rear passengers in 4x4 models.
15. New 4X4 front-axle locking sleeve for shifting from 2 Wheel to 4 High and back at any speed.
16. Available 2.8 Liter V6. No small import truck offers a V6.

### SPECIFICATIONS

CHEVY S-10 BLAZER	TWO-WHEEL DRIVE	FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE
Payload (lb.)	1000	1000
GVWR Range (lb.)	3800-4535	4074-4850
Engine—liter (cu. in.)	2.0 (121) L4	2.0 (121) L4
Opt.	*1.9 (119) L4	*1.9 (119) L4
Opt.	2.8 (173) V6	2.8 (173) V6
Front Suspension	Independent/Coil Springs	In. Driving/Torsion Bar
Capacity	2100	2300
Rear Suspension	Semi-floating	Semi-floating
Capacity	2550	2700
Brakes—Disc/Drum	Std. Manual	Manual
Opt.	Power	Power
Steering—Type	Std. Manual	Manual
Opt.	Power	Power
Transmission	Std. 4-Sp. Manual	4-Sp. Manual
Opt.	5-Sp. Manual	5-Sp. Manual
Opt.	*3-Sp. Automatic	1-5 Sp. Automatic
Opt.	4-Sp. Automatic/OD	—
Transfer Case	—	P 207
Tubeless Tires	Std. P195/75R-15	P195/75R-15
Opt.	Larger Size Tubeless Tires*	*
<b>ENGINE SPECIFICATIONS</b>		
Displacement—Liter/Cu. in.	1.9/119 L4	2.0/121 L4
Engine Ordering Code	LR1(A)	L02(B)
Bore & Stroke (in.)	3.42 x 3.23	3.50 x 3.15
Compression Ratio	8.4 to 1	9.3 to 1
SAE Net Horsepower @ RPM	82 @ 4600	83 @ 4600
SAE Net Torque (lb.-ft.) @ RPM	101 @ 3000	108 @ 2400

\*California only. \*\*Including P235/75R-15 on/off-road tires, which do not accept tire chains.

(A) Produced by Isuzu Motors Limited, Japan. (B) Produced by GM—Chevrolet Motor Division.

**A WORD ABOUT ENGINES.** Some Chevrolet trucks are equipped with engines produced by other GM divisions, subsidiaries, or affiliated companies worldwide. See your Chevrolet dealer for details.

**A WORD ABOUT ASSEMBLY, COMPONENTS AND OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT IN THESE CHEVROLET PRODUCTS.** The Chevy Blazers described in this catalog (Series S-10: 2WD and 4WD) are assembled at facilities of General Motors Corporation operated by GM Assembly Division or GMC Truck & Coach Division. These Chevys incorporate thousands of different components produced by various suppliers to General Motors. From time to time during the manufacturing process, it may be necessary, in order to meet public demand for particular vehicles or equipment, or to meet federally mandated emissions, safety, and fuel economy requirements, or for other reasons, to produce Chevrolet products with different components or differently sourced components than initially scheduled. All such components have been approved for use in Chevrolet products and will provide the quality performance associated with the Chevrolet name.

With respect to factory-installed extra-cost optional equipment, make certain you specify the type of equipment you desire on your vehicle when ordering 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 that you verify that your vehicle includes the optional equipment you ordered or, if there are changes, that they are acceptable to you. These vehicles are also available under the GMC nameplate (Jimmy, Series S-15: 2WD and 4WD).

For information on any new Chevy truck... see your Chevy dealer for a complete selection of 1983 Chevy truck catalogs. They cover ■ the new-size Chevy S-10 Blazer ■ full-size 4X4 Blazer ■ Chevy LUV ■ Chevy S-10 Pickup ■ full-size Chevy Pickup ■ Suburban ■ El Camino ■ Van/Sportvan ■ all Light-Duty Chevys ■ all Medium-Duty Chevys and ■ the Chevy Recreation & Trailering Guide.

