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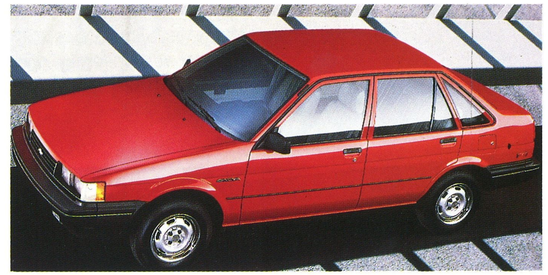


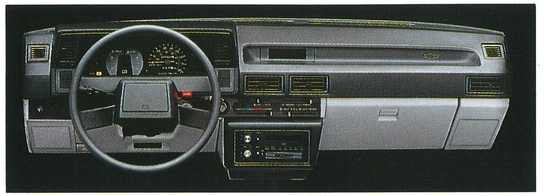
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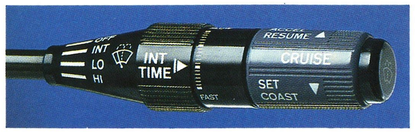


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To say that the base Nova is rich in content is an understatement, considering the rear-seat heat ducts, AM/FM stereo radio with digital clock, rear and side window defoggers, trip odometer and much more.

14 *NOVA TWIN CAM 16-VALVE*

Cool gray interior. Black metallic exterior. High-output twin cam 16-valve 1.6 Liter engine. Smooth-shifting 5-speed. Red-hot body accents. And much more to arouse the performance buff. The newest Nova model is a definite contender.



18 *NOVA OPTION PACKAGES*

Maybe it'll take air conditioning, electronic speed control or other comfort/performance/appearance options to round out your conception of what a Nova should be. No problem. Nova offers several option packages to accommodate you.

Shown on cover: Nova Twin Cam 16-Valve.

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NOVA

1988

High quality. Contemporary technology. Classy styling. Precision manufacturing. We are talking excellence here. Distinctly affordable automotive excellence.

Since its arrival on the compact car scene in 1985, the Chevrolet Nova has won uniformly rave reviews from impartial automotive publications.

The product of an innovative joint-manufacturing venture between General Motors and Toyota Motor Corporation, Nova comes in three models for '88:

- *Nova Four-Door Sedan.*
- *Nova Four-Door Hatchback.*
- *The new-for-'88 Nova Twin Cam 16-Valve Sedan – a born performer.*

All three Nova models are covered by the new General Motors 6-year/60,000-mile powertrain warranty. (See your Chevrolet dealer for the terms and conditions of this limited warranty.)

Standard Equipment

One important reason for Nova's popularity – either as personal car or family car – is its long list of standard equipment, which includes:

- *A 1.6 Liter OHC 4-cylinder engine.*
- *A 5-speed manual transmission with 4th and 5th gear overdrive.*
- *Four-wheel independent suspension with front and rear MacPherson struts and rear gas-charged shocks.*
- *Rack-and-pinion steering.*
- *Power front disc/rear drum brakes.*
- *Unit body construction.*
- *Protective body-side moldings.*
- *All-season steel-belted radial ply blackwall tires.*
- *Cloth reclining front bucket seats with adjustable head restraints.*
- *Wall-to-wall cut-pile carpeting.*
- *AM/FM stereo radio with Seek and Scan and digital clock.*

The Sedan can also be ordered with various optional CL (Custom Luxury) packages that substantially enhance the Nova's appeal, inside and out.

No matter which Nova you select or how you equip it, you will enjoy a carefully engineered balance of interior comfort and spaciousness, exterior beauty, nimble road-worthiness and cost-conscious value.

Nova for '88. Three models strong, not quite fourteen feet long. Yet every bit enough car to do right by you and yours, at an affordable Chevrolet price.



Nova Hatchback. *Nova Sedan.* *Nova Twin Cam 16-Valve Sedan.*

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SEDAN/HATCHBACK

What's your pleasure? The classic notchback styling of the Nova Sedan or the saucy runabout style and versatility of the Nova Hatchback?

Both Nova models have an aerodynamic wedge-shape front end, plus some other standard exterior features in common:



Nova Four-Door Hatchback.

- *Aerodynamic front valance panel and air dam.*
- *Expansive six-window design with thin pillars for excellent all-around visibility.*
- *All-season steel-belted radial tires.*
- *Locking fuel filler door.*

Sedan and Hatchback also share advanced technology and proven Nova engineering – engineering with millions of owner-driven miles behind it. Some good examples:

- *Nova's 1.6 Liter 4-cylinder engine features an overhead camshaft design that delivers high output from a small cylinder displacement. Nova's net horsepower is 74 at 5200 RPM; net torque is 86 at 2800 RPM.*
- *Nova's front drive provides traction and eliminates the space-robbing drive shaft, allowing a nearly flat passenger floor.*
- *Rack-and-pinion steering is a design that provides direct, precise response and excellent road feel.*
- *Nova uses many nonmetallic, rustproof components for bumpers, engine undercover and body-side moldings. Every Nova also gets comprehensive corrosion protection with heat-treated galvanized steel on front fenders, doors, rockers, wheelhousings and hood outer panels. What's more, polyvinyl chloride coatings with excellent anti-chipping qualities have been utilized in front and rear wheelhousings and front floor side members.*
- *Standard Cold Area Specifications, standard on every Nova, include a Delco Freedom II 60-amp-hour battery, heavy-duty washers/wipers system with a 2.6-quart washer tank capacity and a heavy-duty heater with rear-seat ducts in the console.*



Nova Four-Door Sedan.

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STANDARD INTERIOR

Nova standard instrument panel.



Nova Sedan standard interior.

Getting into a standard '88 Chevrolet Nova Sedan or Hatchback has three immediate benefits:
(1) You become comfortably aware that Nova is a genuine five passenger automobile.
(2) You become acquainted with a highly functional, attractively designed instrument panel with easy-to-read gages and easy-to-reach controls.
(3) You experience the standard Nova's impressive interior appointments, many of which are extra-cost items on other, more expensive cars.

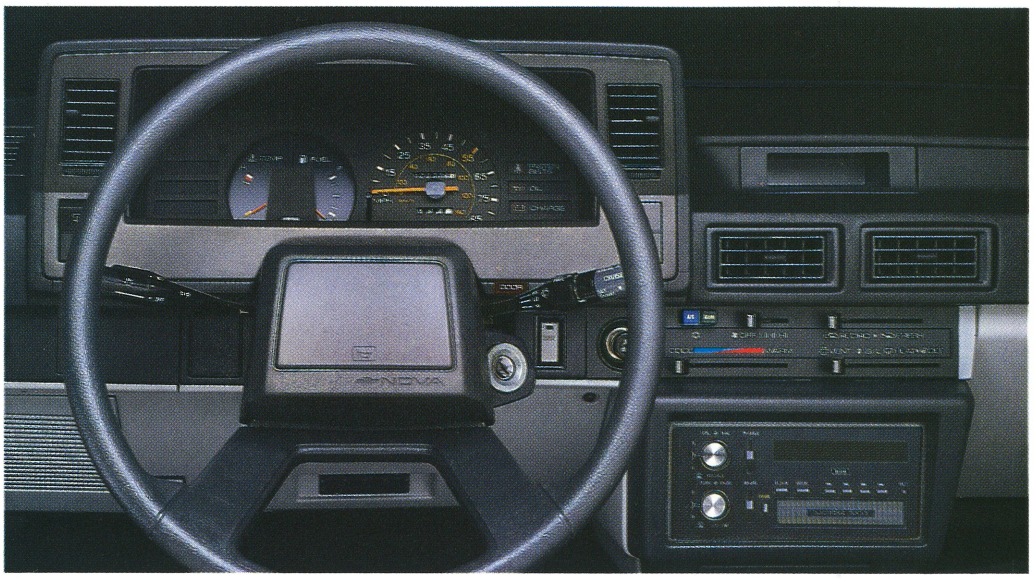
- *Low-back reclining front bucket seats with adjustable head restraints.*
- *Cloth and vinyl seat trim in a choice of three colors.*
- *Front and rear shoulder belts for outboard seating positions.*
- *Wall-to-wall cut-pile carpeting.*
- *A molded fabric headliner that won't sag or wrinkle.*
- *AM/FM stereo radio with Seek and Scan and digital clock.*
- *Fully upholstered door trim panels with cloth inserts.*
- *Day/night inside rearview mirror.*
- *Convenient front door pockets.*
- *Tinted glass on all windows.*
- *Rear-seat heat ducts.*
- *Rear window defogger.*
- *Side window defoggers.*
- *Windshield wipers with mist cycle control.*



Nova Four-Door Sedan with optional CL package.

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Nova CL features a special soft-feel steering wheel.

How do you go about improving on the standard Nova Sedan? Well, that has been made easy with CL (Custom Luxury) option packages (described in detail on page 18) which can render Nova Sedan an extremely well-appointed automobile.

No matter which CL option package you ultimately decide on, each provides certain identical uplevel changes to Nova's exterior and interior. First, look what happens on the outside when you specify Nova CL.

- *"CL" identification on sedan trunk lid.*
- *Body-side stripes.*
- *Wide body-side moldings with silver stripe.*
- *Bright roof drip and door belt moldings.*
- *Black paint applied to door upper frames.*
- *Black trunk lid applique with simulated reflective lens.*
- *Body-colored bumpers with silver/black stripe.*
- *Full wheel covers.*

So much for what a CL option package can do for Nova's good looks. A major part of the CL story is on the inside, beginning with the special CL soft-feel steering wheel, shown above.

The Nova instrument panel, also shown above, is standard for both CL-enhanced and base Nova models. It's color-keyed with easily readable analog gages under a glare-resistant hood. Panel features include temperature gage, trip odometer, low-fuel warning light and door-ajar warning light.

Now turn the page and see how completely the CL option enriches Nova's driving environment.

NOVA

CL INTERIOR

Isn't it comforting to know that, no matter which CL option package you select, your Nova CL Sedan will end up this elegant inside? The CL Custom Feature Package that upgrades every Nova CL interior includes:

- *Full-fabric velour upholstery on seats and door panels.*
- *Soft-feel steering wheel, gear shift knob and parking brake handle.*
- *Tilt steering column.*
- *Lumbar support and vertical adjustment to driver's seat.*
- *Console between the front bucket seats has a storage box with lid and an armrest.*
- *Front seat headrests have fore and aft adjustment feature.*
- *Tinted windshield has a shaded top.*
- *Passenger assist grips.*
- *Right-side visor mirror.*

Additional Nova CL conveniences include a remote fuel filler door opener and a remote trunk lid opener. There is also needle-punch carpet and a courtesy lamp in the CL Sedan's luggage compartment.

That's the Nova CL environment, regardless of which CL option package you like best on page 18. It's a very plush environment in which to enjoy your optional air conditioning, power steering and whatever else you determine is essential in a Chevrolet Nova CL.



Nova Sedan interior with optional CL package.



Nova Sedan with optional CL package features a carpeted trunk with luggage compartment lamp.

NOVA

TWIN CAM 16-VALVE



Nova Twin Cam interior.

Big things can happen to a small car. Case in point: the design and development of this brand-new Nova model, the 1988 Twin Cam 16-Valve Sedan.

Special Performance

At the heart of the Nova Twin Cam 16-Valve Sedan there's (what else?) a 1.6 Liter twin cam 16-valve gasoline engine with Multi-Port Fuel Injection, a variable induction system, electronic spark advance and engine oil cooler. This compact, high-efficiency, high-output powerplant is linked to a standard 5-speed manual transmission that transfers torque to P175/70HR-13 Goodyear Eagle GT tires mounted on cast-aluminum wheels. Or select the optional 4-speed automatic overdrive with its innovative Pattern Select Switch – the "Power" position for fun, "Normal" for more economical driving.

This never-before Nova offers up numbers that will do a driving enthusiast's heart good:

- *110 HP at 6600 RPM.*
- *98 lbs.-ft. of torque at 4800 RPM.*

High-performance-oriented equipment includes:

- *Sport suspension.*
- *Front and rear stabilizer bars.*
- *Front and rear suspension braces.*
- *Special spring rates, front and rear.*
- *Heavy-duty gas-charged shocks, front and rear.*
- *Four-wheel disc brakes (front discs are ventilated).*
- *Halogen headlamps.*



1.6 Liter twin cam 16-valve engine.

Special Outside

- *Black metallic paint.*
- *Body-colored front and rear bumpers with red accent stripe.*
- *Body-colored wide body-side moldings with red accent stripe.*
- *Body-colored rocker panels.*
- *All-black grille with Chevrolet red-bowtie performance logo.*
- *Black roof-drip and door-belt moldings.*
- *Blackout door and window frames.*
- *"TWIN CAM 16-VALVE" badging on sides and rear.*

Special Inside

- *Leather-wrapped steering wheel with red "TWIN CAM 16-VALVE" graphic insert on the horn pad.*
- *Leather-wrapped gear shift selector knob (with manual transmission only).*
- *Color-keyed accordion-type shift selector boot.*
- *Tachometer.*
- *Passenger assist grips.*

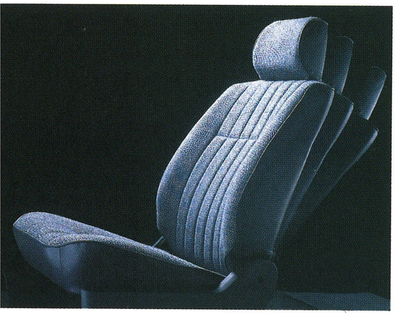


Nova Twin Cam 16-Valve.

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STANDARDS / COLORS

Nova offers a most impressive list of standard equipment, including many items which are extra-cost on other, more expensive cars.



Low-back reclining front bucket seats with adjustable head restraint.



Front door pockets.



5-speed manual transmission with 4th and 5th gear overdrive.

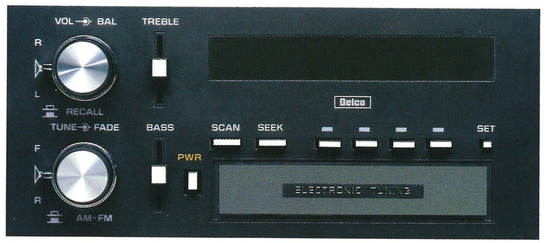


Nova Hatchback offers up to 35.5 cubic feet of cargo room with seats folded flat.

The Hatchback Advantage

People obviously buy the Nova Hatchback for more than its sporty hatchback styling. They want true people- and cargo-carrying versatility – and they get it in spades. Nova's wide rear hatch opens right at bumper level for handy loading. With the standard split-back rear seat up, you have room for five adults and their luggage. Fold one rear seat-back down for more luggage space and room for three.

With both rear seat-backs folded forward, Nova offers up to 35.5 cubic feet of cargo room. This versatile hatchback has more cargo capacity than many full-size sedans. Other Nova Hatchback features covered in the base price include full load floor carpeting and a removable security cover which extends over the rear area when the back seat is upright to protect your valuables from prying eyes.



AM/FM stereo radio with Seek and Scan and digital clock.

White

Silver Met.

Black Met.*

Lt. Blue Met.

Dark Blue

Lt. Brown Met.

Med. Brown Met.

Red

Med. Gray Met.

*Available only on Twin Cam.

EXTERIOR FEATURES	Nova Sedan and Hatchback	Nova CL Sedan	Nova Twin Cam Sedan
Antenna retracts into windshield pillar	S	S	S
Anti-chip paint on rocker panels	S	S	S
Black door frames	NA	S	S
Black grille	NA	NA	S
Black, patch-mounted OSRV mirrors	S*	S*	S*
Black roof drip moldings	S	NA	S
Black bumpers	S	NA	NA
Body-color bumpers	NA	S	S
Body-side molding, narrow black	S	NA	NA
Body-side molding, wide black	NA	S	S
Body-side stripe	NA	S	NA
Bright door belt moldings	NA	S	NA
Bright roof drip moldings	NA	S	NA
Flush-mounted windshield w/black molding	S	S	S
Locking fuel filler door	S	NA	S
Remote fuel filler door opener	NA	S	NA
Remote trunk lid opener	NA	S	NA
Semi-concealed wipers	S	S	S
Styled steel wheels w/bright trim rings	S	NA	NA
Tinted glass	S	S	S
Valance and air dam	S	S	S
INTERIOR FEATURES			
All-velour upholstery	NA	S	NA
Rear window defogger	S	S	S
Cloth and vinyl seat trim	S	NA	S
Color-keyed instrument panel	S	S	S
Cut-pile carpeting	S	S	S
Front door pockets	S	S	S
Console w/heat ducts for rear seat	S	NA	S
Console w/storage box, cover, armrest and heat ducts for rear seat	NA	S	NA
Hooded instrument cluster: Trip odometer, fuel and temperature gages, low-fuel-warning light, door-ajar warning light	S	S	S
Low-back reclining front bucket seats w/adjustable head restraints	S	S	S
Luggage area lamp	NA	S	NA
Lumbar support and vertical adjustment on driver's seat	NA	S	NA
Needle-punch luggage compartment carpet	NA	S	NA
Security cover (Hatchback only)	S	NA	NA
Side window defoggers	S	S	S
Steering column switch for washers/wipers	S	S	S
Adjustable steering wheel	NA	S	NA
Windshield wipers with mist cycle	S	S	S

*Dual outside mirrors. S: Standard. NA: Not Available.

DIMENSIONS	Nova Sedan	Nova Hatchback
Wheelbase	95.7 in.	95.7 in.
Length (overall)	166.3 in.	166.3 in.
Width (overall)	64.4 in.	64.4 in.
Height (overall)	52.8 in.	52.8 in.
Tread – Front	56.1 in.	56.1 in.
Tread – Rear	55.3 in.	55.3 in.
Head room – Front	37.9 in.	37.9 in.
Leg room – Front	42.4 in.	42.4 in.
Shoulder room – Front	53.8 in.	53.8 in.
Shoulder room – Rear	53.8 in.	53.6 in.
Hip room – Front	50.1 in.	50.1 in.
Hip room – Rear	51.7 in.	47.6 in.
Head room – Rear	36.5 in.	35.6 in.
Leg room – Rear	32.0 in.	32.0 in.
Cargo space	13.8 cu. ft.	20.2* cu. ft.

*35.5 cu. ft. with rear seat down.

COLOR & TRIM SELECTIONS

Model	Seat Type	Dark Blue	Brown	Med. Gray
Nova	CL Custom Cloth Bucket	■	■	■
	Cloth Bucket	■	■	■

Exterior Colors	Nova CL Stripe Color			
White	Med. Silver/Blue	■		
Silver Metallic	Med. Blue/Gray			■
Light Blue Metallic	Med. Silver/Blue	■		
Dark Blue	Med. Silver/Blue	■		
Light Brown Metallic	Med. Brown/Red		■	
Medium Brown Metallic	Lt. Brown/Red		■	
Red	Silver/Red			■
Medium Gray Metallic	Med. Silver/Red			■

NOTE: Nova Twin Cam Sedan available only with Black Metallic exterior and Medium Gray interior.

Extensive Anti-Corrosion Protection

The 1988 Nova is carefully designed and built to resist corrosion, so the application of additional rustproofing is neither necessary nor required. Chevrolet's confidence in its extensive anti-corrosion protection is reflected in a new-car warranty which includes 6-year/100,000-mile rust-through protection. See your dealer for terms and conditions of the limited warranty.

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O P T I O N S / F A C T S

Nova simplifies the buying process with Option Packages. Just review the combinations of items offered and specify to your Chevrolet dealer which package is right for you. To assist you in your choices, several popular items are pictured here. Check the Option Package list to determine which combinations include these items. Then see your Chevrolet dealer for complete details and ordering information.



Air conditioning with regular and economy modes.



Electronic speed control with resume feature and variable-speed intermittent wiper control.



Three-speed automatic transmission.

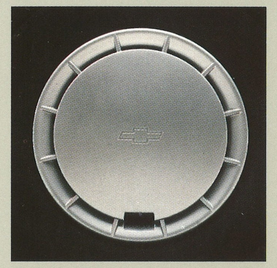
OPTION PACKAGES	Nova Hatchback and Sedan 1	2	3	4	Nova CL* Sedan 5	6
Transmission: 5-Speed Manual	■		■		■	
Transmission: 3-Speed Automatic		■		■		■
Tires, P155/80R-13, All-Season Steel-Belted Radial Ply Blackwall	■	■	■	■		
Radio, Electronically Tuned AM/FM Stereo w/Seek and Scan and Digital Clock	■	■	■	■	■	■
Steering, Power		■	■	■	■	■
Air Conditioning			■	■	■	■
Door Lock System, Power				■	■	■
Speed Control, Electronic: with Resume Speed					■	■
Tires, P175/70R-13 All-Season Steel-Belted Radial Ply Blackwall					■	■
Windshield Wiper System, Intermittent					■	■

OPTION PACKAGES	Nova Twin Cam Notchback Sedan 1	2	3	4	5	6
Transmission: 5-Speed Manual	■		■		■	
Transmission: 4-Speed Automatic		■		■		■
Tires, P175/70HR-13 High-Performance Steel-Belted Radial Ply Blackwall	■	■	■	■	■	■
Radio, Electronically Tuned AM/FM Stereo w/Seek and Scan and Digital Clock	■	■	■	■	■	■
Steering, Power	■	■	■	■	■	■
Tachometer	■	■	■	■	■	■
Wheels, Aluminum	■	■	■	■	■	■
Air Conditioning			■	■	■	■
Door Lock System, Power					■	■
Speed Control, Electronic: with Resume Speed					■	■
Windows, Power					■	■
Windshield Wiper System, Intermittent					■	■

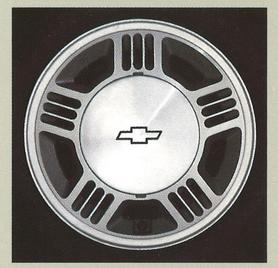
Includes Custom Cloth Interior, Wide Body-Side Moldings and Body-Side Pin Stripes, Bright Roof Drip and Door Belt Moldings, Black Painted Door Frames and Rocker Panels, Body-Color Bumpers, Console with Storage Box and Armrest, Steering Column with Tilt Feature, Remote Trunk Lid and Fuel Filler Door Opener, Luggage Area Lamp and Cut-Pile Carpet, Right-Side Visor Vanity Mirror, Passenger Assist Grips, Full Wheel Covers, Soft Steering Wheel and Driver's Seat with Lumbar Support and Vertical Adjustment.



Styled steel wheels.



Full wheel covers.



Aluminum wheels.

SAFETY FEATURES

Occupant Protection

• Manual lap/shoulder safety belts for driver and right front passenger (driver side includes visual and audible warning system) • Manual lap/shoulder safety belts, outboard rear-seat positions • Manual lap safety belt, center rear-seat position • Energy-absorbing steering column • Energy-absorbing instrument panel • Energy-absorbing seat-back tops, front • Laminated safety windshield glass • Safety interlocking door latches • Side-guard door beams • Passenger-guard inside door lock handles • Safety armrests • Head restraints, driver and right front passenger (adjustable).

Accident Avoidance

• Side marker lights and reflectors • Parking lamps that illuminate with headlamps • Four-way hazard warning flasher • Backup lights • Center high-mounted stop lamp • Directional signal control with lane-change feature • Windshield defroster, washer and multi-speed wipers • Inside rearview mirror • Outside left and right rearview mirrors • Brake system with dual master cylinder and warning light • Starter safety switch • Dual-action hood latch • Low-glare finish on inside windshield moldings, wiper arms and blades, metallic steering wheel surfaces • Illuminated heater and defroster controls • Illuminated windshield wiper and washer controls • Tires with built-in tread-wear indicators.

Theft Deterrence

• Audible reminder for ignition key removal • Theft-deterrent steering column lock • Visible vehicle identification number.

Important: A Word About This Catalog.

We have tried to make this catalog as comprehensive and factual as possible. However, since the time of printing, some of the information may have been updated. Also, some of the equipment shown or described throughout this catalog is available 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.

A Word About Assembly, Components and Optional Equipment in These Chevrolets.

The Novas described in this catalog are assembled at facilities operated by New United Motor Manufacturing, Inc. These vehicles incorporate thousands of different components produced by New United Motor Manufacturing, Inc., General Motors, Toyota, and by various suppliers worldwide to New United Motor. 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 New United Motor products with different components or differently sourced components than initially scheduled. All such components have been approved for use in New United Motor Manufacturing, Inc., products and will provide the quality performance associated with the Chevrolet name.

With respect to 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 car is built. Your dealer receives advice regarding current availability of options. You may ask your 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 car includes the optional equipment you ordered or, if there are changes, that they are acceptable to you.

A Word About Engines.

Chevrolets are equipped with engines produced by GM or suppliers to GM worldwide.

Chevrolet's Best Protection Plan Ever.

A 6-year/60,000-mile warranty demonstrates the confidence Chevrolet has in Nova quality. This new limited warranty covers powertrains for 6 years/60,000 miles and includes 6-year/100,000-mile rust-through protection. See your Chevrolet dealer for terms and conditions of this limited warranty.

GM Protection Plan.

The GM Protection Plan offers service protection in addition to that provided by GM's new-vehicle limited warranty. Ask your dealer about it. Coverage available only in U.S. and Canada.

A Word About Updated Service Information.

Chevrolet regularly sends its dealers useful service bulletins about Chevrolet products. Chevrolet monitors product performance in the field. We then prepare bulletins for servicing our products better. Now you can get these bulletins, too. Ask your dealer. To get ordering information, call toll-free 1-800-551-4123.

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At your Chevrolet dealer's, financing or leasing your new Nova can be as easy as saying GMAC.

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