

leaks, in cold weather the engine has no power at all, and you can't let it idle since the catalytic converter gets extremely hot. They should stop using such cheap parts, like the carburetor, and put in a decent seat. Could use a better gear ratio and it would help if they put high maintenance parts - such as the oil filter - where they'd be more easily accessible."

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another 70,000 miles or more. Comfort is excellent and you don't worry about passing power even when pulling a boat. Mileage is about 16 to 18 mpg," says Brian Ferguson, Dundee, Minn., happy with his 1977 Oldsmobile Delta 98 Regency.

"After 15,000 miles our 1986 Buick Century 4-door 4-cyl. is trouble-free. Gets excellent mileage and handles well. My only complaint is that the seat belts catch on the door latch post and wedge doors shut," says Richard Kramer, Moneta, Iowa.

Allen Tesreau, Campbell, Mo., bought his 1984 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme with 59,000 miles on it. "It now has more than 101,000 miles on it and still doesn't use any oil, drives like a new car, and gets 23 mpg."

"In over 115,000 miles maintenance has been limited to brakes and the muffler," says Larry D. Spratt, Rantoul, Kan., about his 1976 Chevrolet 2-door Malibu Classic. "It still runs, drives and performs well and, at 19 to 22 mpg, gets surprisingly good mileage for a V-8."

"My 1982 Cadillac Eldorado had no power and a jerky transmission. The engine failed at 45,000 miles. It also has too little head room. Wish they would concentrate on performance and reliability rather than style and stick with a winning design once they find one," says Paul Gorder, Wahpeton, N. Dak.

Vince Koebensky, Buffalo, Minn., owns a "best buy" 1978 Ford Fiesta. "It has almost 150,000 miles and still drives and handles very well. The body has just a few spots of surface rust unlike other cars of that vintage that are eaten all the way through. I don't think there's any question foreign-built cars such as this one are superior to American-made cars."

"We're well-satisfied although it could get a little better mileage. We get around 20 mpg," says Jim Burtman, Alamo, N. Dak., about his 1984 Plymouth Voyager van.

"Our 1984 Buick Limited Regal has given us good service up to the 56,000 mile point. When the car was just 5 months old we took a 600 mile trip and set the cruise at 57 mph and got 40 mpg," reports Donald Hentges, Humboldt, S. Dak.

Rod Forsberg, Adrian, Minn., is pleased with his 1980 diesel Oldsmobile Delta 88 wagon after he put in a remanufactured engine. "The old one went 115,000 miles, but after going

through two head gaskets it started to use oil. Best mileage the old engine got was 24 mpg. The new motor gets 28, starts good, and doesn't smoke."

"I'm 6 ft. tall and weigh 260 lbs. and this 1986 Ford Aerostar mini-van has more room inside and better traveling comfort than any car I have ever owned. I've got 20,000 miles on it and have had no trouble. Wouldn't change a thing," says James Larson, Amboy, Minn.

"It's been trouble-free for 130,000 miles and has a lifetime average of 30 mpg," says Charles W. Schollmeyer, Dunn Center, N. Dak., about his 1982 Buick Electra diesel. "The motor and driveline have never needed any work. It always runs and steers perfectly well. Rides great."

"The Olds 98 had the most room inside of any car we tested," says Garland Winkelman, Virginia, Ill., pleased with his 1985 Oldsmobile 98. "We wanted a front-wheel drive car since we'd owned a Cadillac Eldorado before. They still could make the body a little longer so there'd be more room in the back seats."

Les Wilcock, Assiniboia, Sask., likes his 1985 Plymouth Caravelle. "I'd buy another one because it's such a good buy. It's given me no problems and gets good gas mileage of around 30 mpg and has good power on the highway. We put running boards on the side and they do a great job saving the car from stone chips and rust damage."

A 1986 Toyota Corolla LE is Gerald R. Carver's "best buy" in Princeton, Ill. "We're very satisfied with the mileage, smooth and quiet ride, dependability, and comfort. It could use better tires."

"I'm proud to own my 1984 Ford Tempo. It's reliable, performs well and is comfortable. At over 70,000 miles I haven't had any major breakdowns. That's good because as a DHI supervisor I have to be on the road every day in any weather," says Luc Giroux, Verner, Ontario.

Tom Jackson, Lebert, Sask., owns a 1986 Korean-made Hyundai Stellar. "It's too soon to tell how the long term reliability will be but so far we've had no problems. Gets good mileage and has good features, which are all standard. The only criticism is that it could use a bit more power."

"We had trouble from the time we bought our worst buy 1981 Plymouth Horizon TC3. The first problem was that it idled too fast and we found out the distributor was rusted out. Then we replaced two flywheels and a starter because the car had the wrong starter installed at the factory. Not long after that we had to replace the carburetor, regulator, computer, the carburetor (again), radiator, alternator, fuel pump, fuel filter, regulator (again), and water pump. The problem is that the engine was made by VW in Germany and the parts came from everywhere, including Japan," says Michael Haupt, Peterborough, Ontario.

Donald Mahr, Boyd, Wis., has had good luck with his 1983 Chevrolet Caprice Classic. "It has 96,000 miles and our only expense has been an alternator at 95,000 miles. It's a pleasure to drive."

"I've ridden in many cars similar in size but none with the leg room and comfort of my 1984 Oldsmobile Delta 88 Royal Brougham Coupe. It handles well for a full-sized car and gets up to 22 mpg on the highway. Instrument panels are easy to read and, best of all, it's got a



Kashubara's home-built car has small turning wheels front and back and two full-size wheels at center.

ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND

**"Turnaround" Car Turns
360° In Its Tracks**

"It's the only one of its kind," says Dan Kashubara, Canfield, Ohio, about his mini car that spins around in its tracks thanks to a unique wheel configuration.

The car is fitted with single wheels front and back that steer and is driven by a VW transaxle. The car has two frames so it pivots up and down on rough ground. The engine is mounted on the rear frame and the rollbar and passenger seats are mounted on the front frame which fastens to the rear frame with a large metal hinge just over the center drive axle. A set of shock absorbers also connect between the two frames.

The single wheels front and back, built by Cushman, were salvaged from U.S. Mail trucks, as was the steering wheel. The rear wheel is steered by a slave

hydraulic cylinder that's connected to a master cylinder on the front wheel. A neutral valve automatically aligns the wheels, if needed. The car does a 360° turn in 2 sec. and the inside wheel will turn inside an 18-in. circle.

Kashubara takes the car on the road at speeds of up to 65 mph, and says it'll track straight "hands off" - even in a stiff crosswind. However, he primarily uses it off-road. "It's got the traction of a 4-WD and gets good mileage. Goes anywhere with great maneuverability," he notes, adding that he'd like to see the idea developed for commercial use.

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high resale value," says Scott McGregor, Nashua, Iowa. "One problem I had was failure of the intake manifold gasket at about 35,000 miles. Have also noticed some chipping and flaking of paint."

"We satisfied with our 1986 Ford Escort. It's fuel efficient and we get good service from our dealer. The only problem is that it's got a poor transmission. Very difficult to shift into reverse," reports Richard Elines, Cookstown, Ontario.

Robert Vernon, Gilford, Ontario, owns a 1984 Ford Tempo 4-door with a 5-speed transmission. "We have the basic model with no options. It's economical at 40 mpg, very reliable, starts instantly and we can always depend on it. The only comment I'd have is that they should make oil, alternator and heat gauges mandatory on all vehicles."

Robert Finken, Douglas, N. Dak., likes his 1984 Chevrolet Cavalier. "Gas mileage is fair and it starts well in cold weather. We've had problems with the rear window even after having it serviced and the radio has never worked right."

"Our 1981 Oldsmobile Delta 88 diesel gets good mileage and performs well. Always starts even on cold days. The injector pump was rebuilt at 68,000 miles and the torque converter blew at 98,000. Now, at 104,000 miles, it still runs fine. I'd buy another one if I could get the same engine," says Milo Madson, Harland, Minn.

Marvin Zum Mullen, Milford, Ill., owns a 1985 Buick Electra 380. "I'm well-pleased. It has a good ride, handles well, and performs great with good fuel

economy. Wish they would work with tire manufacturers to develop a tire exclusively for front-wheel drives, however, for a little better traction."

"Our 1985 Chevrolet Caprice Classic station wagon is one of the few full-size cars left. It rides well and gets good mileage. Seems to be put together fairly well and creature comforts are exceptional. Would rather see a 350 engine than the 305 for more power. Wish they could also make it easier for the average user to service. I'll buy another one for my next car, though," says John L. Feltes, Garden Prairie, Ill.

"I think it would get better mileage with a larger engine. The V-6, 2.8 liter has to labor too much to move the truck," says Lawrence J. Miles, Lake Geneva, Wis., who's pleased with his 1985 Chevrolet S-10 Blazer. "I like the room, comfort and quality of this vehicle."

"The only trouble we've had with our 1984 Plymouth Voyager mini-van with a 2.6 liter engine was a year ago when a valve on the exhaust system malfunctioned and let vapor come back through the air cleaner, saturating the filter. It took the local dealer some time to determine the cause. Since that was fixed, we've had no trouble and it would be hard to sell us a conventional car after driving this van. My only complaint is that they've made them too sophisticated. That's great until something goes wrong and then it's hard to find someone local who can fix it," says Elden K. Ewalt, Knox City, Mo.