

# Vauxhall Cresta





Mention the name Cresta and what springs to mind? Space? Five people fit in very comfortably with all luggage stowed easily in the huge 30 cu ft (0.85 m<sup>3</sup>) trunk. Speed? Cresta passes you easily—but then just keeps on going. Comfort? Driver and passengers travel all day and still feel fresh. And there's

more than that.

Two versions to choose from—Cresta and Cresta de Luxe and both have detail improvements for 1971. Power and performance are similar for both models. Both have twin headlamps, a slim elegant grille badge and bright hub caps. In addition, Cresta de Luxe (as shown

below), has bright wheeltrims and sill mouldings, bright mouldings on the rear wings and below the windows, and a de Luxe badge on the boot. Add the stylish, roomy body shape and you're sold—if you want a sedate carriage.

Now sit behind the wheel and

turn on the power. With extra sound insulation the engine seems only to whisper. Then through the gears and you're doing 60 mph in only 13.8 secs\*—still only whispering. For a carriage that's anything but sedate. This 3.3 litre, six-cylinder engine is aggressively powerful, yet flexible enough to dawdle at

\*Autocar, 2.10.69—Two-car Test

under 20 mph in top gear. The car handles superbly at all speeds with light positive steering (finger touch if you have optional power-assisted steering), positive braking and excellent vision all round.

Inside everything is made for driver and passenger comfort. Full carpeting; door trims right up to

glass level with map pockets in both front doors; and comfortable, safety-shaped armrests (rear door armrests have built-in ashtrays). Both models also boast a handsomely grained wooden fascia complete with glovebox and ashtray. Cresta de Luxe also has a lockable glovebox lid and cigar lighter.

# Six-cylinder Cresta. Motorway express.







CRESTA DE LUXE BENCH SEAT

Feel the seats. Sink back into Cresta de Luxe's soft, resilient Ambla. A full-width de Luxe bench seat with centre armrest comes as standard. But you may choose individual front seats as a low-cost option. Or pay just a little extra and enjoy fully-reclining individual front seats—also trimmed in Ambla. All three seat styles are also available, at extra cost, in real leather.

In Cresta all upholstery is in Vynide. Both front and rear seats are comfortable, full width bench seats, contoured to prevent passengers sliding sideways when cornering—and each has a folding armrest.

Cresta and Cresta de Luxe. Two grades of high-powered luxury for 1971.



ABOVE: CRESTA DE LUXE INDIVIDUAL RECLINING FRONT SEATS  
LEFT: CRESTA DE LUXE INDIVIDUAL FRONT SEATS (OPTIONAL)  
BELOW: CRESTA BENCH SEAT







With a car as quiet and as comfortable as Cresta you could easily forget the technicalities of driving—go where you like, when you like. So the controls are kept simple and all within easy reach, although there is everything you need to give you complete command. One of the twin circular dials incorporates a 120 mph

speedometer: the other shows clearly the fuel gauge, temperature gauge, ammeter, and ignition and oil pressure warning lights. Also clearly visible between the dials are warning lamps for turn indicators, headlamp main beam and (standard on Cresta de Luxe, optional on

Cresta) heated rear window.

Heater/demister/ventilator and two-speed fan controls are placed in the centre of the fascia, together with a cigar lighter (standard on Cresta de Luxe) and windscreen wipers/electric screen-clean control. A fresh air ventilator is mounted at each end of the fascia.



Toggle switches for lights and heated rear window fall to hand right beside the instruments.

1971 Crestas offer a choice of two transmissions. Standard transmission is a four-speed manual gearbox, with a lift-up collar on the gearlever for engaging reverse. Optional at extra cost on both Cresta and Cresta de Luxe is the versatile and responsive GM Automatic transmission (said by \*Autocar to be the finest European automatic they've tested). Both transmission selector levers are set in a floor-mounted console.

\*Autocar, 9.7.70 - 'Two-car Test'.

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# The Facts

**Engine** 3294 cc (201 cu in), 6 cylinder OHV engine. Bore 3.625 in (92.08 mm). Stroke 3.25 in (82.55 mm). Compression ratio 8.5 to 1. Maximum SAE hp 142.2 at 4600 rpm. Maximum torque, 25.6 kpm at 2400 rpm. Optional low compression ratio 7.0:1. Maximum SAE hp, 133.8 at 4800 rpm. Maximum torque, 24.1 kpm at 1400 rpm. Pushrod operated overhead valves.

Four-bearing crankshaft. Down-draught carburettor. Automatic choke. Twin exhaust system. Pre-engaged starter.

**Transmission** Clutch. Mechanically operated diaphragm-type. Diameter 9.0 in. Pedal pressure 27 lb.

**Gearbox.** 4-speed all-synchrom with floor change. Ratios: 1st, 2.521. 2nd, 1.765. 3rd, 1.353. Top, direct. Reverse, 2.773. Automatic transmission (optional). GM Automatic with hydro-kinetic torque converter coupled to a 3-speed planetary gear train. Torque converter diameter, 10 in. Floor-mounted selector in centre console (edge lit at night).

**Final drive.** Single open propeller shaft with two needle roller universal joints. Semi-floating, hypoid rear axle. Ratio 3.455 to 1.

**Fuel capacity** 15 gallons. (68.2 litres; 18 U.S. gallons.)

**Suspension** Front suspension. Independent front suspension with telescopic shock absorbers.

Rear suspension. Live rear axle with semi-elliptic leaf springs and telescopic shock absorbers. Rubber insulated control rod links axle housing with main frame side member.

**Steering** Recirculating ball. Ratio, 17.6 to 1. Steering wheel diameter, 16.5 in (419 mm). Turning circle diameter, 36.5 ft (11.25 m). New anti-penetration steering column. Power steering optional at extra cost.

**Brakes** Hydraulic, dual circuit brakes with vacuum-servo assistance. 10.5 in (267 mm) diameter discs at front, 9 in (229 mm) diameter, self-adjusting drum brakes at rear. Total swept area, 302 sq in (1948 cm<sup>2</sup>).

**Wheels and tyres** Five steel wheels with wellbase rims, 4.5J x 14. Tyres, tubeless, 5.90 x 14, 4-ply rating, 7.00 x 14 nylon-ply tyres, for sustained high speed driving, optional at extra cost.

**Electrical** 12 volt, 55 amp/hour battery. Negative earth system. 35 amp alternator. Twin, two-speed, self-parking windscreen wipers. Twin 5.75 in (146 mm) headlamps. Floor-mounted dipswitch; main beam indicator light on instrument panel. Separate sidelights. Amber flashing indicators and headlamp flasher\* combined in self-cancelling lever on steering column. Twin, matched-tone horns. Interior roof lamp with map

reading beam. Front (and rear\*) door courtesy switches. Cigarette lighter.\* Automatic boot light.\* Air blend type heater/ventilator with de-icer and demister with 2-speed fan. Thermal interrupter unit protects headlamps, side and tail lamps, interior light and horn. Auxilliary circuits protected by a four-bank fuse box.

\*Regular equipment for Cresta de Luxe only.

**Body** Unitised, all-welded steel structure, containing box girder members with stressed skin panels for exceptional stiffness. Entire underbody and undersides of wings sealed with bituminous plastic. Vauxhall eight-stage rust and paint treatment with final coats of Magic Mirror acrylic lacquer - thermally reflowed to give a hard glazed surface.

## Dimensions

### EXTERIOR DIMENSIONS

Overall length	15 ft 7 in	(4.752 m)
Overall width	5 ft 9.75 in	(1.772 m)
Overall height	4 ft 7.75 in	(1.417 m)
Wheelbase	8 ft 11.5 in	(2.730 m)
Boot capacity (total)	30 cu ft	(0.85 m <sup>3</sup> )

### INTERIOR DIMENSIONS

Legroom, front	45.8 in	(1.163 m)
Legroom, rear	40.9 in	(1.038 m)
Hip room, front	58.8 in	(1.494 m)
Hip room, rear	58.4 in	(1.483 m)
Shoulder-room, front	58.6 in	(1.488 m)
Shoulder-room, rear	58.4 in	(1.483 m)
Headroom, front	38.7 in	(0.983 m)
Headroom, rear	37.6 in	(0.955 m)

### Cresta and Cresta de Luxe Colour Schemes

EXTERIOR	UPHOLSTERY	EXTERIOR	UPHOLSTERY
Monaco White	Onyx or Carmine	Sebring Silver	
Wedgwood	Onyx or Indigo	Starmist	Onyx
Indigo	Onyx or Indigo	Aqua Starmist	Onyx
Lime	Onyx	Honey Starmist	Onyx
Laurel	Onyx	Goodwood	
Monza Red	Onyx or Carmine	Green Starmist*	Onyx
Carnelian*	Onyx or Carmine	Sienna Starmist*	Onyx
Onyx	Carmine or Indigo		

\*These colours are available on Cresta de Luxe only.

All upholstery in Cresta is Vynide. Upholstery in Cresta de Luxe is Ambla or (optional extra) leather.

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