Chevy Suburban. **The superwagon with the tough-truck build.** Suburban does what few other wagons can. Properly equipped, it can seat up to nine adults with room for baggage, take on 144 cu. ft. of cargo with just the front seat in place and tow big trailers with ease. Suburban shares a tough Chevy Truck heritage as shown in the chart below. Its tough-truck features are outlined on pages 8 and 9.

**Moves more than an ordinary wagon.**

A Series C20 Suburban with proper equipment can move up to 15,000 lbs, including itself, passengers, cargo and the trailer. This is over 4930 lbs, more than you can move with most ordinary wagons.

A wide range of trailering equipment—including 31- or 40-gallon fuel tanks, trailer wiring harness and weight-distributing hitch platform—is available.

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A tough record to beat: 94.8% of Chevy Light-, Medium-, Heavy-Duty trucks and commercial vans in the ten most recent years recorded were still on the job. (Based on R.L. Polk & Co. model year registrations through July 1, 1978. 1979 statistics not available at time of printing.)

**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'll find here may have been updated. Your dealer has details and, before ordering, you should ask him to bring you up to date.
TAY TOUGH.

Carries payloads up to 3492 lbs. Fits in most garages. With its tough truck build, Suburban carries truck-size payloads. Up to 3492 lbs including the driver. Unlike many trucks, however, the Suburban fits easily into garages with 6'6" doors. Big double rear doors are standard.

*A weight-distributing hitch platform for trailers up to 7000 lbs. is available through Chevrolet. Larger capacity platforms are available from outside sources.

Many vehicles in this catalog are shown with available factory-installed options, dealer accessories and specialized equipment from various independent suppliers.
K series Suburbans are equipped with conventional 4-wheel drive, and for 1980, an automatic transmission is available with this system. The 4WD 2-speed transfer case provides a high and low 4WD range, 2-wheel drive and a neutral position for operating accessory equipment. Automatic transmission is standard on K10 4WD Suburbans and available on K20 4WD Suburbans where the 4-speed manual is standard.

**Free-wheeling front hubs standard.**
A simple turn of the activator knob on each front wheel disengages the wheels from the axle and allows them to turn freely without turning the 4WD drive shaft and differential, thus reducing wear on these components.

**Low entry height. High ground clearance.** With the transfer case mounted directly to the
transmission, Suburban’s entry height is only 22.6 to 23 inches, depending on the model selected. Even with this low silhouette, there is 7.2 inches of ground clearance.

**Responsive V8 power.** The 5.7 Liter (350 Cu. In.) V8 is standard on all Suburbans. A 7.4 Liter (454 Cu. In.) V8 is available for C20 Suburbans at 8600 lbs. GVWR, and a 6.6 Liter (400 Cu. In.) V8 is available for K20 Suburbans.

**New for 1980.** Engine fan clutches are standard on all models. The fan is thermostatically controlled so that it is driven only when the temperature of the coolant requires. Steel-belted radial tires are standard on all C10, K10 and C20 Suburbans with GVWRs below 8600 lbs. They provide good long-wearing characteristics and low rolling resistance. New single-inlet, dual-outlet mufflers decrease the exhaust back pressure. They’re standard on models up to 8500 lbs. GVWR and on 350- and 400-cu.in. engines.

A word about engines. The Chevrolet trucks in this catalog are equipped with GM-built engines produced by various divisions and GM of Canada. Please refer to the engine chart on this page and see your dealer for complete details about engine sources and availability.
People carrier to cargo carrier. In seconds. The standard wide-bench front seat handles three people comfortably. An available 2/3-1/3 folding second seat offers room for three more, and the entire seat can be folded down to create a flat cargo deck back to the tailgate. That gives you a full 144 cu. ft. for cargo with up to 40 inches high and nearly 60 inches past the bumper. This allows easy access to cargo.

Available Silverado trim . . . Suburban’s finest. This inspiring top-of-the-line interior comes with a full-depth foam-cushioned front seat upholstered in either soft velour cloth or supple grained vinyl. Also included are full door-trim panels, visor-mounted mirror on passenger side, bright brushed instrument duster frame, needle-type full-gage instrumentation and color-keyed cut-pile carpeting. Mystic with Blue or Carmine interiors are also available.
COMFORT, LUXURY.

3492 lbs. of payload. And that big. The standard double rear doors are wide. They can be swung fully open to cargo without unhitching a trailer.

Quick-release third seat available. Chevy's Suburban can seat up to nine with the available third seat, and when it's installed, there's still 35 cu. ft. of cargo area at the rear. This seat can be easily removed by releasing cam-type latches and sliding it off the front anchors.

Available Scottsdale trim. Full-depth foam-cushioned front seat has handsome embossed vinyl trim. Custom velour cloth upholstery and custom vinyl seat trim available. Full-length insulated headliner included. Available options shown.

Custom Deluxe trim standard. Features include full-depth foam-cushioned front seat and cockpit-type instrument cluster. Available options shown.
TOUGH CHASSIS UNDERNEAT

MASSIVE GIRDER BEAM FRONT SUSPENSION. A massive structural steel girder beam is the major component of the rugged front suspension on 2-wheel-drive Suburbans. Steel control arms and coil springs at each end permit wheels to move independently for a smooth, level ride.

TOUGH TRUCK FRAME. Chevy's ladder-type all-steel frame has a drop-center design which allows low body mounting for easy entry and exit. Deep-section channel side rails are strong, durable.

COMPUTER-MATCHED BRAKE SYSTEM. Power-assisted front disc brakes and finned rear drum brakes are computer-matched to the gross vehicle weight rating of the Suburban you order.

FINNED REAR BRAKE DRUMS. Cast iron-steel rear brake drums are finned to promote cooling. Outer edges are curved to help keep contaminants from linings.

SALISBURY REAR AXLE. Features include the use of a large ring gear and roller bearings, broad ratio coverage, easy access for service.

MULTI-LEAF REAR SPRINGS. They provide a good ride with light loads, progressively firmer support as cargo weight increases.

ALUMINIZED MUFFLER. Outer shell and interior baffles are heavy-gage metal, aluminized inside and out to help protect against corrosion.
H. TOUGH BODY ALL AROUND.

CORROSION-RESISTANT STEEL. Zincrometal®, galvanized steel, zinc alloy steel and zinc-plated parts are used to help fight rust.

ELECTRICALLY CHARGED FINAL PRIMER. Electrical charging helps draw paint into hidden seams and crevices for added corrosion protection.

BUTYL RUBBER WEATHER STRIPPING. Helps keep water out around doors and windows.

ZINC-RICH PRIMER. Hand sprayed on inner surfaces of front rocker panels and inside lower surfaces of outer rear quarter panels before final priming.

DOUBLE-WALL DOOR. Two steel panels add strength and rigidity.

DOUBLE-WALL FRONT FENDERS. All-steel one-piece inner and outer fender panels form double walls for structural rigidity.

ENERGY-ABSORBING STEERING COLUMN. It’s designed to telescope, in the event of front-end impact.

DOUBLE-PANELED HOOD. Hood is fabricated of two pieces of steel, welded together for torsional rigidity.

ACRYLIC ENAMEL FINISH. Two coats tough.

UNDERHOOD INSULATION. Standard on Silverado models. Helps quiet the ride.
AVAILABLE EQUIPMENT FOR

- Trailering Special Package. Recommended for towing. Components vary depending on trailer weight.
- Automatic Speed Control. Engages at a touch to maintain preset speed. (Available on V8 engines with automatic transmission.)
- New Delco radio options available. AM/FM stereo, AM/FM stereo with 8-track player or AM/FM stereo with cassette player. AM/FM monaural CB.
- Trailering Special 13,000 G.C.W.
- Polished aluminum wheels.
- Dual-unit front and rear-air conditioning. Each unit can be operated independently.
- High-back custom vinyl bucket seats. Available with Silverado trim in Camel color.
- Styled wheels.
- Power door locks for all side doors.
- Full wheel covers.
- Fuel tank stone shield (K models only).
- Rally wheels.
- Trailer weight-distributing hitch platform.
Comfortilt steering wheel. Change to six different driving positions while driving.

Exterior Decor Package. Choice of six special Two-Tone combinations, color-coordinated hood stripes and upper and lower body side moldings.

POPULAR AVAILABLE OPTIONS
NOT SHOWN.

- Power steering 2WD models (standard on 4WD models)
- Heavy-duty power brakes (C-K20 models)
- Chromed grille with rectangular headlights
- Soft-Ray tinted glass
- Deluxe bumpers
- Body side moldings - 31- or 40-gallon fuel tank
- Heavy-duty radiator
- Heavy-duty shocks (2WD models)
- Front stabilizer bar
- Heavy-duty springs

A word about components, optional equipment, assembly and availability of these Chevrolets. These Chevys incorporate thousands of different components produced by various divisions of General Motors and 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 these products with different components than initially scheduled. All such components have been approved for use in these products.

With respect to factory-installed 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 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 you verify that your vehicle includes the optional equipment you ordered or, if there are changes, that they are acceptable to you.

The Chevy Suburbans described in this brochure (Series C10, C20, K10 and K20) are assembled at facilities of General Motors Corporation operated by Chevrolet Motor Division. These vehicles are also available from GMC dealers under the GMC nameplate (GMC Suburban Series C1500, C2500, K1500 and K2500).
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*Gross Combined Weight of Vehicle, Trailer, Cargo and Occupants. *6600 GVWR

### Ask your dealer about his special Chevy Recreation and Trailering Guide.

- Frost White
- Mystic Silver Metallic
- Charcoal Metallic
- Medium Blue
- Light Blue Metallic
- Nordic Blue Metallic
- Emerald Green
- Dark Caramel Metallic
- Camel Metallic
- Santa Fe Tan
- Burnt Orange Metallic
- Carmine Red
- Cardinal Red
- Dark Carmine Red
- Midnight Black

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