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MARINA - HOW IT RATES

STYLING

The Marina offers the latest styling on the Australian market. Its lines are clean and graceful. At least three of the Marina's major rivals have been using the same body for two years.

Another car, manufactured locally, is longer, wider and has a longer wheelbase than the Marina, but its interior dimensions are almost identical. In fact, in Driver's headroom and kneeroom for rear seat passengers, the Marina is significantly more spacious.

EXTERIOR SIZE

One local car is larger in all exterior dimensions than the Marina but the Leyland car is clearly larger than the other three major competitors.

Despite bigger size and greater weight the local car has the same size fuel tank, 12 gallons, as the Marina. With its lighter weight the Marina comes out on top in terms of cruising range - about 330 miles on a full tank.

RIDE AND ROADHOLDING

In this area, the Marina is extremely competitive. It has a longer wheelbase and wider track than all but one of its rivals. The longer wheelbase means less pitching and choppiness on rough roads, with all passengers "cradled" between the front and rear axles.

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CARS	AUSTIN	BUSES	COACHES	FOUR WHEEL	TRACTORS	ROAD ROLLERS
ROVER	MORRIS	LEYLAND	AB DENNING	DRIVE	LEYLAND	GRADERS
JAGUAR	MG	TRUCKS	PRESSED METAL	LANDROVER		AVELING-BARFORD
DAIMLER	TRIUMPH	LEYLAND		RANGEROVER		

RIDE AND ROADHOLDING (cont'd)

The wider track reduces roll and the light, direct rack and pinion steering allows precise cornering and predictable handling in all conditions.

BRAKES

The 9.8" front discs fitted to the Marina are bigger than those fitted to any of the major competitors. Their effectiveness is also highlighted with the Marina being one of the lightest cars in its class.

One car, heavier than the Marina, is only available with drum brakes.

PERFORMANCE

The Marina's OHC four cylinder engine is extremely flexible, developing impressive torque figures at low engine speeds.

The four cylinder engine fitted to the Marina is the only one built locally by any manufacturer in Australia. The 1500 and 1750 engines, plus the TC option cover the top and bottom ends of the power scale of the competition.

LUGGAGE CAPACITY

Family trips in the Marina offer no problem, with a long cruising range and comfortable seating. The Marina is also easily able to swallow family luggage, with the biggest boot in its class.

The Marina sedan has 20 cubic feet of boot space, the coupe 17 cubic feet (even the coupe's boot can easily take a set of golf clubs and a buggy, plus other luggage).