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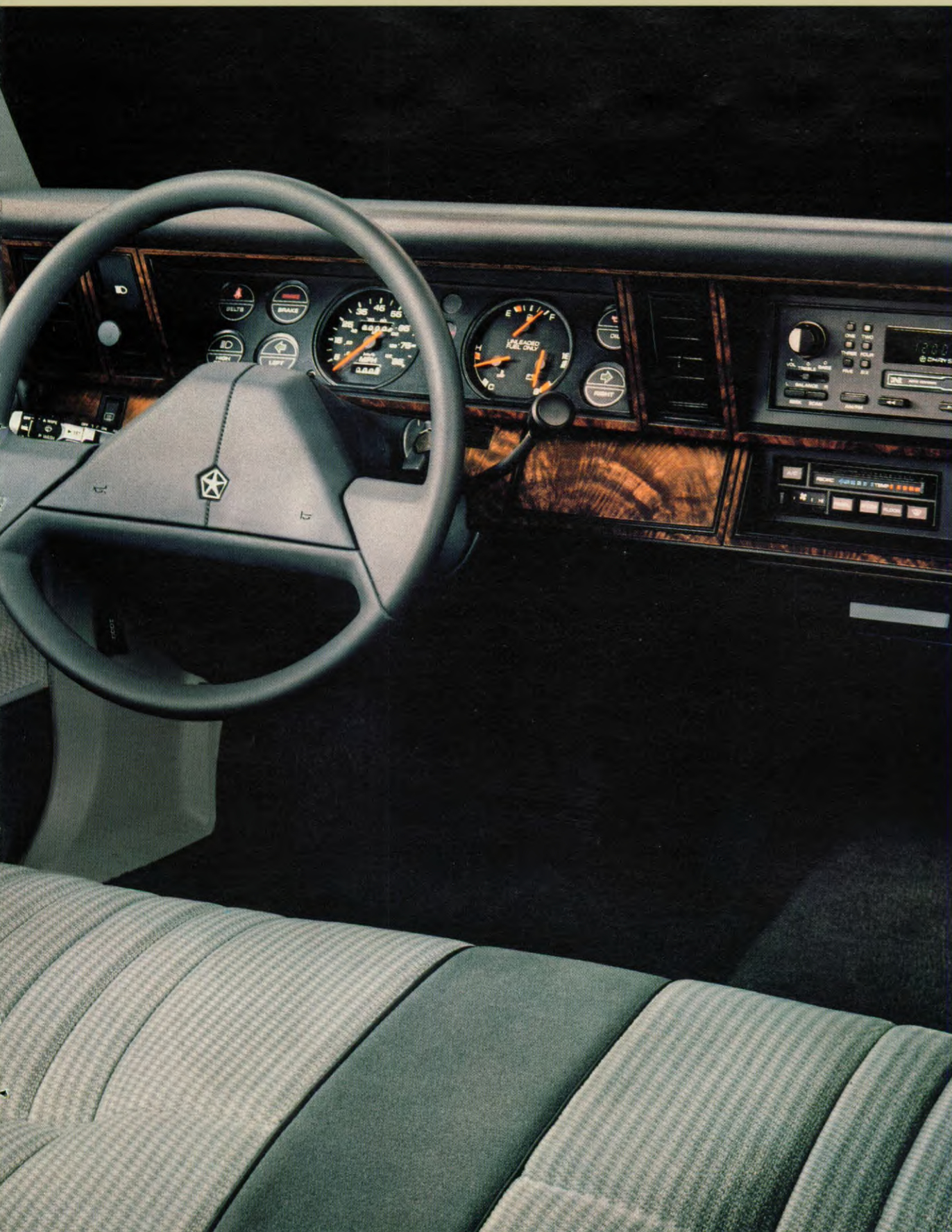


**D**odge Aries K. It began as a revolutionary new mode of affordable transportation. Intended from the start to be the best mid-size family car on the market.

It reintroduced the concepts of front-drive and quality manufacturing. And it sold. To over a half-million families across America.

Now this proven and dependable car has evolved to an even higher level of value, refinement and practicality. Value that is reflected in Aries' long list of standard features. Refinement that is evident in the soft, sleek lines and plush interior of the Aries LE. Practicality that is enhanced by the Aries LE wagon's spacious cargo area. And the world-famous 5/50 Limited Warranty that covers all three exceptional Aries K models. See back cover for details.

**D**odge Aries K. More car for the money than you thought possible. More style, more standard features, more room, more comfort, more economy.



With Dodge Aries K you get more of everything you're looking for...and you pay less for it. A paradox known to the cost-conscious as a real bargain.

Consider Aries' appearance. Smart. Designed to take you anywhere in style. Engineered to look good year after year.

Inside, Aries K offers room to stretch out, and reason to relax. An array of analog gauges, shown at the left, keeps you up to the minute on speed, elapsed miles, fuel level, electrical system voltage, and engine coolant temperature.

So comfortable. So secure. So typically Aries.

*Some of the equipment shown or described throughout this catalog is available at extra cost.*

*About this catalog. Since the time of printing, some of the information you'll find in this catalog may have been updated. Ask your dealer for details.*

**T**his is America's first front-drive family car. Proven dependable, efficient and affordable over the years and over the miles. Experience counts.





When we designed this car, we really did it right. Because nobody has beaten it yet. In fact, nobody's even come close.

This front-drive performer is available with two or four doors. And in a plush Aries LE model, or an even more affordable Aries model.

In any case, Aries' list of standard features is nothing short of amazing.

A proven 2.2-liter electronically fuel injected engine is teamed with a five-speed overdrive transaxle to deliver remarkable mileage ratings of 25 EPA estimated city mpg, 32 estimated highway.

Options abound, including a smooth and responsive 2.5-liter EFI balance-shaft engine, available on Aries LE.

Dodge Aries K. A family favorite. Now you know why.

Aries K LE two-door, shown in Radiant Silver.



**A**ries K. Remarkable front-drive family transportation. A product of continuous updating and improvement. Looks good on the streets. On the highway. And in your driveway.



Aries K has never been a car to rest on its remarkable success. Instead, each passing year has brought innovations and improvements to the already efficient and dependable Aries.

The Aries K look of today is sleek, softly contoured, sophisticated. And designed to stay that way, due to standard urethane lower body protection that resists chips and scratches.

In addition, Aries offers as standard many features that other manufacturers make available at extra cost. Standard rack-and-pinion steering offers crisp control. Steel-belted radial tires put in mile after mile of service. And a new stainless steel exhaust system offers long life.

Aries K. One of the best just keeps getting better.

Aries K LE four-door, shown in Charcoal Pearl Coat; Aries K four-door, shown in Ice Blue.

**A**ries K LE wagon. A perfect example of efficient engineering and design. Easy to maneuver. Easy to load. And easy to love because it's easy to afford.

Like most well-proportioned performers, the Aries LE wagon is agile. Designed to carry on in style, and maneuver with ease.

And the Aries LE wagon is versatile. Meant for the family that sometimes carries a lot of people. Sometimes carries a lot of cargo. And often carries both.

Sound familiar? Consider this. Aries LE wagon offers room for six plus 34.9 cubic feet of cargo. Or room for three and 67.7 cubic feet of cargo with the rear seatback folded down.

The Aries LE wagon also benefits from the firm control of standard rack-and-pinion steering and power-assisted brakes. Plus a dual-path Iso-Strut front suspension that smooths the way for you and your cargo.

All this and affordability too. What better way for you, your family and your cargo to hit the road?

Aries K LE wagon, shown in Garnet Red Pearl Coat.







**P**ersonalize your Aries K with options that provide style, comfort and convenience. Dress it up. Make it special. Make it yours.

**TILT STEERING COLUMN.**  
Six positions provide maximum comfort for all drivers. (Not available on base Aries K.)

**REAR WINDOW WIPER/WASHER.**  
Augments rear visibility. (Wagon only.)

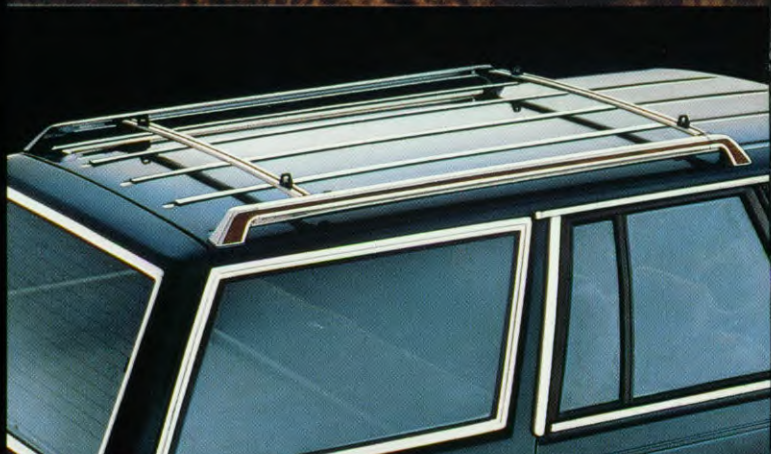
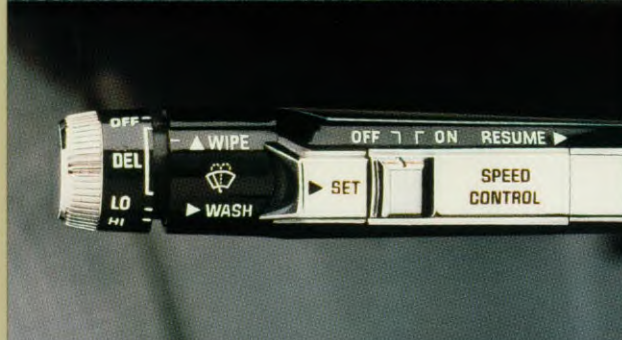
**ELECTRONIC SPEED CONTROL.**  
Newly redesigned for more precise operation. Easy to set and disengage.

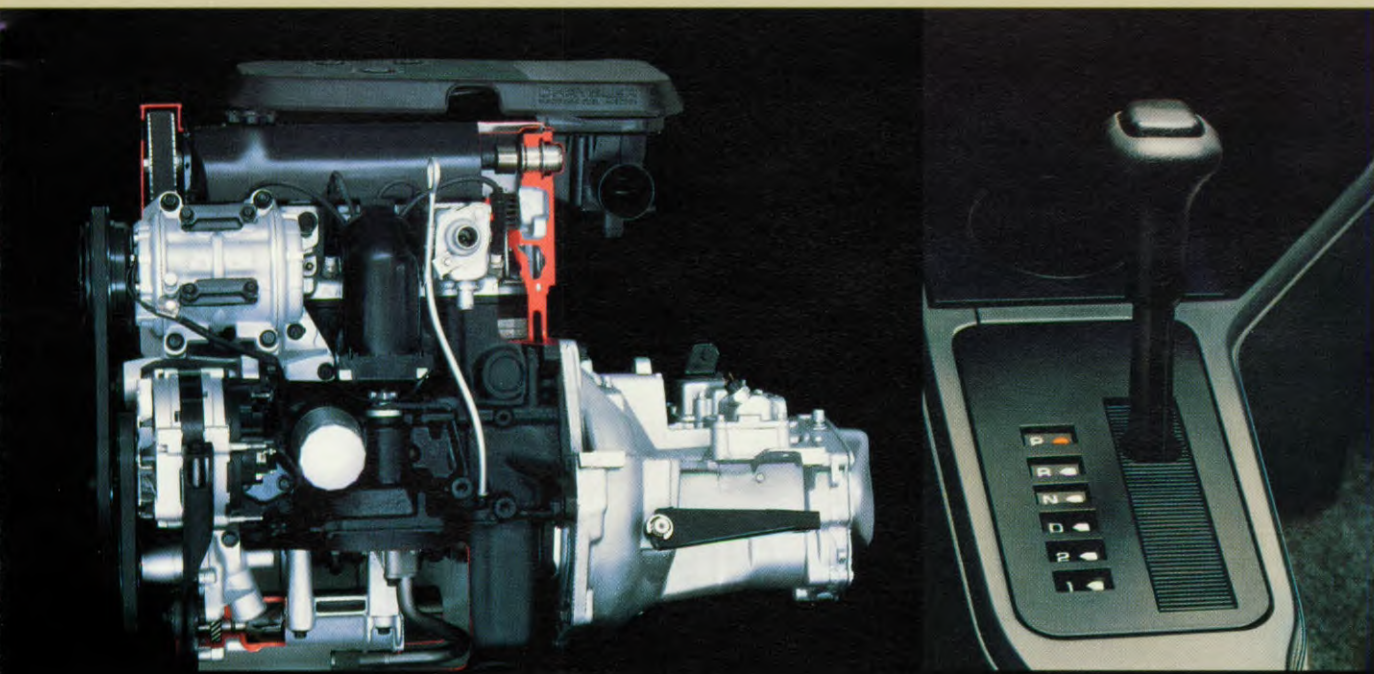
**AM STEREO\*/FM STEREO RADIO.**  
Electronic tuning; seek-and-scan; Dynamic Noise Reduction†; cassette tape player with automatic reverse; four speakers; and an integral digital clock.

**AIR CONDITIONING.‡**  
A four-speed blower distributes cool air through four adjustable air outlets in the instrument panel. The bi-level mode directs 70 percent of the cooled air through these outlets; 30 percent is directed to outlets below the instrument panel. Cool interior air can be recirculated for fast cooldowns.

**CAST ALUMINUM ROAD WHEELS.**  
Sporty eighteen-spoke 14-inch by 5.5-inch wheels. (Fourteen-inch tires required; not available on base Aries K.)

**ROOF-MOUNTED WAGON LUGGAGE RACK.**  
Its cargo-carrying ability provides more usable room on the inside. Tie-down loops and open channel crossbars help to secure the load.





**2.5-LITER ENGINE.**

A fast-burn cylinder head and low-pressure single-point electronic fuel injection produce high torque at low revolutions for efficient performance. A system of counter-rotating balance shafts offsets the natural motions induced by the pistons and connecting rods, resulting in smooth, quiet operation.

**TORQUEFLITE AUTOMATIC TRANSAXLE.**

Three-speed fully automatic transaxle provides convenience by allowing you to keep both hands on the steering wheel at all times.

**ARIES K WAGON CARGO SPACE.**

Plenty of cargo space for all life's pleasure in the Aries LE wagon. With the rear seat-back down, you'll find 67.7 cubic feet of cargo area.

\*Some AM stereo broadcasting may not be compatible with this radio.

†Dynamic Noise Reduction is a trademark of National Semiconductor Corporation.

‡There are special engine cooling requirements for field-installed air conditioning. Failure to follow these requirements may invalidate warranty. See your dealer for details.



STANDARD AND OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

Aries K LE Wagon			
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Air Conditioning <sup>1</sup> —Manual: bi-level ventilation (tinted glass required)	E	E	E
Alternator—90-ampere	S	S	S
Battery—335-ampere: maintenance-free	S	S	S
Bracket—front license plate (in states where required)	NC	NC	NC
Brakes—Vented discs front, drums rear: power-assisted	S	S	S
Bumpers—Energy-absorbing: with soft fascia and protective rub strips	S	S	S
Carpeting—Cargo compartment	NA	NA	S
Carpeting—Trunk, well floor	S	S	NA
Clock—Electronic digital: integral with all radios	E	S	S
Corrosion Protection—Urethane protective coating on lower body panels; extensive use of galvanized steel	S	S	S
Defroster—Rear window (required on all passenger cars registered in New York state)	E	E	E
Door Locks—Power	NA	E	E
Electronic Ignition, Voltage Regulation and Fuel Injection	S	S	S
Gauges—Electrical system voltage; engine coolant temperature; fuel level; oil pressure warning light; trip odometer	S	S	S
Glass—Tinted (included in Popular and Premium Equipment Discount Packages; air conditioning required when ordered separately)	E	E	E
Headlights—Halogen	S	S	S
Heater and Defroster—With bi-level ventilation	S	S	S
Hood Release—Inside	S	S	S
Insulation—Hood pad	S	S	S
Insulation—Special sound	NA	P	P
Light—Cargo space: liftgate ajar warning	NA	NA	S
Light—Trunk	NA	S	NA
Lights—Ash receiver; cigar lighter; ignition switch light with time delay; underhood	NA	P	P
Lights—Backup; dome; front door dome light switches; parking brake warning; shift indicator light (manual transaxle only); side markers with reflectors	S	S	S
Lights—Glove box; map/reading; rear door dome light switches (four-door sedan and wagon)	NA	S	S
Luggage Rack—Roof-mounted	NA	NA	E
Mirror—Exterior, left manual	S	NA	NA
Mirror—Exterior, left remote	P	S	S
Mirror—Interior, passenger side visor vanity: with map/reading light and swivel feature	NA	S	S
Mirror—Interior, rearview: day/night	S	S	S
Mirrors—Exterior, dual remote control	NA	P	P
Molding—Bodyside, narrow: black	S	NA	NA

Aries K LE Wagon			
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Molding—Bodyside, wide: black with argent stripe	NA	S	S
Molding—Bodyside bumper rub strip extension, front and rear: black	S	NA	NA
Molding—Bodyside bumper rub strip extension, front and rear: black with bright insert and argent stripe (no bright insert on wagon rear)	NA	S	S
Radio—AM: electronic tuning; integral digital clock	P	S	S
Radio—AM stereo <sup>2</sup> /FM stereo: electronic tuning; four-speaker sound; integral digital clock	E	E	E
Radio—AM stereo <sup>2</sup> /FM stereo, premium: electronic tuning; seek-and-scan; Dynamic Noise Reduction <sup>3</sup> ; cassette tape player with automatic reverse; four-speaker sound; integral digital clock	NA	P	P
Seats—See Interior Trim			
Speed Control—Electronic	NA	E	E
Steering—Rack-and-pinion: manual	S	S	S
Steering—Rack-and-pinion: power-assisted <sup>4</sup>	E	E	E
Steering Column—Tilt: requires electronic speed control	NA	E	E
Steering Wheel—Deluxe: two-spoke	S	S	S
Steering Wheel—Luxury: two-spoke	NA	P <sup>5</sup>	P <sup>5</sup>
Suspension—Dual-path front Iso-Strut with coil springs, linkless antisway bar; rear beam axle with trailing arms, coil springs and shock absorbers	S	S	S
Suspension—Heavy-duty: heavy-duty springs front and rear; gas-pressurized front struts and rear shock absorbers	E	E	E
Tire—Spare, compact: high pressure, limited service	S	S	S
Tire—Spare, conventional (not available on LE wagon with 2.2-liter EFI engine and five-speed transaxle)	E	E	E
Tires—P175/80R13 steel-belted radial black sidewall (set of four)	S	S	S
Tires—P175/80R13 steel-belted radial white sidewall (set of four)	E	E	E
Tires—P185/70R14 steel-belted radial black sidewall (set of four)	NA	P	P
Tires—P185/70R14 steel-belted radial white sidewall (set of four) <sup>6</sup>	NA	E	E
Tonneau Cover—Rear	NA	NA	P
Trunk Dress-Up	NA	P	NA
Wheel Covers—Deluxe, 13-inch (set of four)	P	S	S
Wheel Covers—Deluxe, 14-inch (set of four)	NA	P	P
Wheel Trim—Hubcaps (13-inch wheels only; set of four)	S	NA	NA
Wheels—Road; 14-inch: cast aluminum (set of four; 14-inch tires required)	NA	E	E

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Windshield Wipers—Deluxe: with intermittent wipe	P	S	S
Windshield Wipers—Two-speed: with electric washers	S	NA	NA
Wiper/Washer System—Liftgate	NA	NA	E
Woodtone Applique—Bodyside/liftgate	NA	NA	E

S—Standard. E—Extra cost. NA—Not available. P—Package only. NC—No-charge option.

<sup>1</sup> There are special engine cooling requirements for field-installed air conditioning. Failure to follow these requirements may invalidate warranty. See your dealer for details.

<sup>2</sup> Some AM stereo broadcasting may not be compatible with this radio.

<sup>3</sup> Dynamic Noise Reduction is a trademark of National Semiconductor Corporation.

<sup>4</sup> Required when air conditioning is ordered with 2.5-liter engine.

<sup>5</sup> Included in Premium Equipment Discount Package.

<sup>6</sup> Optional 14-inch cast aluminum road wheels required on LE models if tires are ordered separately or with Popular or Premium Equipment Discount Package.

GROUPS AND PACKAGES

Certain models, packages and options are subject to specific restrictions, requirements or late availability. See your dealer for the latest ordering information.

BASIC EQUIPMENT PACKAGE

(Base model only)  
 • AM radio<sup>†</sup>, electronically tuned; integral digital clock<sup>†</sup> • Deluxe intermittent windshield wipers<sup>†</sup> • Deluxe 13-inch wheel covers<sup>†</sup> • Left outside remote control mirror: black.<sup>†</sup> (set of four)<sup>†</sup>  
<sup>†</sup>May be upgraded.  
<sup>‡</sup>Available in package only.

POPULAR EQUIPMENT DISCOUNT PACKAGE

(Not available on base model)  
 • AM stereo<sup>\*</sup>/FM stereo radio,<sup>†</sup> electronically tuned; integral digital clock • Automatic transaxle • Bodyside tape stripes (bodyside stripe is deleted on wagon when woodtone is ordered)<sup>†</sup> • Dual remote control mirrors, black<sup>‡</sup> • Fourteen-inch deluxe wheel covers (set of four)<sup>‡</sup> • P185/70R14 steel-belted radial black sidewall tires (set of four)<sup>‡</sup> • Power-assisted steering • Special sound insulation<sup>‡</sup> • Tinted glass, all windows • Tonneau cover, rear (LE wagon only)<sup>‡</sup> • Trunk dress-up (LE sedan only)<sup>‡</sup>  
<sup>\*</sup>Some AM stereo broadcasting may not be compatible with this radio.  
<sup>†</sup>May be upgraded.  
<sup>‡</sup>Available in package only.

PREMIUM EQUIPMENT DISCOUNT PACKAGE

(Available on LE model only)  
 Includes all items in the Popular Equipment Discount Package plus:  
 • Electric rear window defroster • Electronic speed control • Liftgate wiper/washer (LE wagon only) • Luggage rack (LE wagon only) • Luxury steering wheel<sup>\*</sup> • Power door locks • Tilt steering column  
<sup>\*</sup>Available in package only.

LIGHT PACKAGE

(Available on LE model only)  
 • Ash receiver light<sup>\*</sup> • Cigar lighter light<sup>\*</sup> • Headlights-on warning buzzer<sup>\*</sup> • Ignition switch light with time delay<sup>\*</sup> • Underhood light<sup>\*</sup>  
<sup>\*</sup>Available in package only.

STANDARD SAFETY FEATURES

• Antitheft trunk lock • Backup lights • Brake fluid pressure loss warning light (also serves as indicator when parking brake is applied)

- Combination lap-shoulder belts for the driver and right front passenger; lap belts for all other passengers
- Dual braking system with separate brake fluid reservoirs in the master cylinder
- Energy-absorbing front seat-backs
- Energy-absorbing instrument panel and sun visors
- Energy-absorbing steering column or steering wheel
- Fade-resistant front vented disc brakes
- Front seat head restraints
- Hazard-warning flasher system
- Ignition and steering column lock
- Impact-actuated fuel supply shutdown relay
- Inside and outside rearview mirrors
- Key left in ignition warning
- Liftgate-ajar warning light
- Safety-Rim wheels
- Seat belt reminder system
- Seatback and station wagon interior panel safety latches
- Seatback latches on folding front seats
- Side door beams
- Side marker lights and reflectors
- Supplemental center high-mounted stoplight
- Turn signals with lane-change feature and day/night flash/pass feature

### CONSIDER LEASING

Many of today's new car prospects are wisely considering leasing as an alternative to buying. Leasing a new Dodge Aries K usually involves a small security deposit and a first month's lease payment. Monthly payments are usually less than financing a new car purchase. Ask your dealer for details.

### DIMENSIONS, WEIGHT AND CAPACITY

	Two-Door	Four-Door	Wagon
Length	178.6"	178.6"	178.5"
Width	68.0"	68.0"	68.0"
Height	52.5"	52.9"	53.2"
Wheelbase	100.3"	100.3"	100.4"
Turning Diameter	35.2'	35.2'	35.2'
Curb Weight (estimated)			
Base	2,375 lb	2,402 lb	—
LE	2,396 lb	2,422 lb	2,480 lb
Trunk Capacity/ Cargo Capacity			
With rear seatback up	15 cu ft	15 cu ft	—
With rear seatback down	—	—	34.9 cu ft
With rear seatback down	—	—	67.7 cu ft
Passenger Capacity	5/6*	5/6*	5/6*
Fuel Capacity	14 gal	14 gal	14 gal

\*With optional no charge bench seat.

### ARIES ENGINES AND TRANSAXLES<sup>1</sup>

TYPE	DISPLACEMENT	BORE & STROKE	COMPRESSION RATIO	HORSEPOWER		TORQUE	TRANSAXLE AVAILABILITY
				SAE NET @ RPM			
4-cylinder OHC single-point electronic fuel injection: standard all models	2.2-liter (135 CID)	3.44" x 3.62"	9.5:1	97 hp @ 5,200	122 lb-ft @ 3,200	122 lb-ft @ 3,200	5-speed close-ratio manual overdrive <sup>3</sup> (2.20 OTGR): standard all models 3-speed automatic (2.78 OTGR; 3.02 wagon): optional all models
4-cylinder OHC <sup>2</sup> single-point electronic fuel injection: not available base; optional all other models	2.5-liter (153 CID)	3.44" x 4.10"	9.0:1	100 hp @ 4,800	133 lb-ft @ 2,800	133 lb-ft @ 2,800	3-speed automatic (3.02 OTGR): not available base; optional other models

OTGR—Overall top gear ratio.

<sup>1</sup>California emissions controls required at extra cost on all vehicles registered in California; not available otherwise.

<sup>2</sup>Includes 400-amp battery.

<sup>3</sup>Includes shift indicator light.

### INTERIOR TRIM

*Optional on Aries K LE two-door and four-door sedans and LE wagon.*

All-vinyl split-back bench seat with adjustable head restraints and folding center armrest; vinyl door trim panels. Available in Twilight Blue\*, Cordovan, Silver/Charcoal, Almond.



*Standard on Aries K LE two-door and four-door sedans and LE wagon.*

Cloth with vinyl trim low-back bucket seats with adjustable head restraints and center mini-console; reclining seatbacks; cloth door trim panels. Available in Twilight Blue\*, Cordovan, Silver/Charcoal, Almond.



*Standard on base Aries K two-door and four-door sedans.*

Cloth with vinyl trim low-back bucket seats with adjustable head restraints, reclining seatbacks and mini-console; vinyl door trim panels. Available in Twilight Blue, Silver/Charcoal.



*Optional on Aries K LE two-door and four-door sedans and LE wagon.*

Cloth with vinyl trim split-back bench seat with adjustable head restraints and folding center armrest; cloth door trim panels. Available in Twilight Blue\*, Cordovan, Silver/Charcoal, Almond.



*Optional on base Aries K two-door and four-door sedans.*

Cloth with vinyl trim bench seat with adjustable head restraints; vinyl door trim panels. Split-back on two-door sedan. Available in Twilight Blue, Silver/Charcoal.



\*Not available on wagon.

### EXTERIOR COLORS

Due to printing limitations, colors shown will vary slightly from actual hues. See your Dodge dealer for accurate color chips.



Twilight Blue Pearl Coat\*



Charcoal Pearl Coat



Ice Blue



Golden Bronze Pearl Coat



Light Cream



Garnet Red Pearl Coat\*



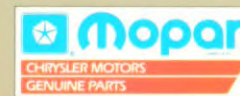
Radiant Silver



White

\*Available at extra cost.

Clear Coat finish is standard on every 1987 passenger car built by Chrysler Motors.



MOPAR parts are engineered by Chrysler Motors for use in your new Aries K. When replacement is necessary, be sure to specify MOPAR parts. Used by professional mechanics all over the world.

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*For more than sixty years Dodge cars and trucks have been an integral part of the automotive industry. During this time Dodge has maintained a tradition of design and engineering achievements that have been nothing short of historic. Along with this rich heritage, Dodge has revolutionized its products over the last three years in virtually every aspect of design, engineering, performance, manufacturing, servicing, and warranty protection.*

*Enormous resources, human and financial, have been channeled into breakthrough accomplishments. This commitment has often required shattering old ideas, establishing new standards, and daring to be different. Our aim has been one of constantly striving to be the best.*

*Dodge's total dedication to quality products and the confidence to stand behind them with an unprecedented five-year/50,000-mile limited warranty are the purest examples of our vision fulfilled. But our commitment to be the best can only be as successful as its final effect on you, the consumer. You must be completely satisfied with our products, our attitude, our services.*

*This is our ultimate goal.*

#### 5/50 LIMITED WARRANTY

Upon expiration of the basic 12-month or 12,000-mile new vehicle limited warranty, limited warranty coverage is extended on power train components to five years or 50,000 miles (two years or 24,000 miles for fleet and lease vehicles), plus outer panel rust-through protection of five years or 50,000 miles. A deductible may be required. Export vehicles excluded. See copy at your dealer.

#### OPTIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT

Chrysler Service Contracts provide you with additional peace of mind protection for your new vehicle. Coverage starts on the specified major components after your vehicle's basic 12-month or 12,000-mile limited warranty expires and continues for five years or 50,000 miles from the original warranty start date. A deductible applies. Allowances for car rental and towing are also included. See copy at your dealer.

Buckle up for safety.



**Setting new standards of performance.**