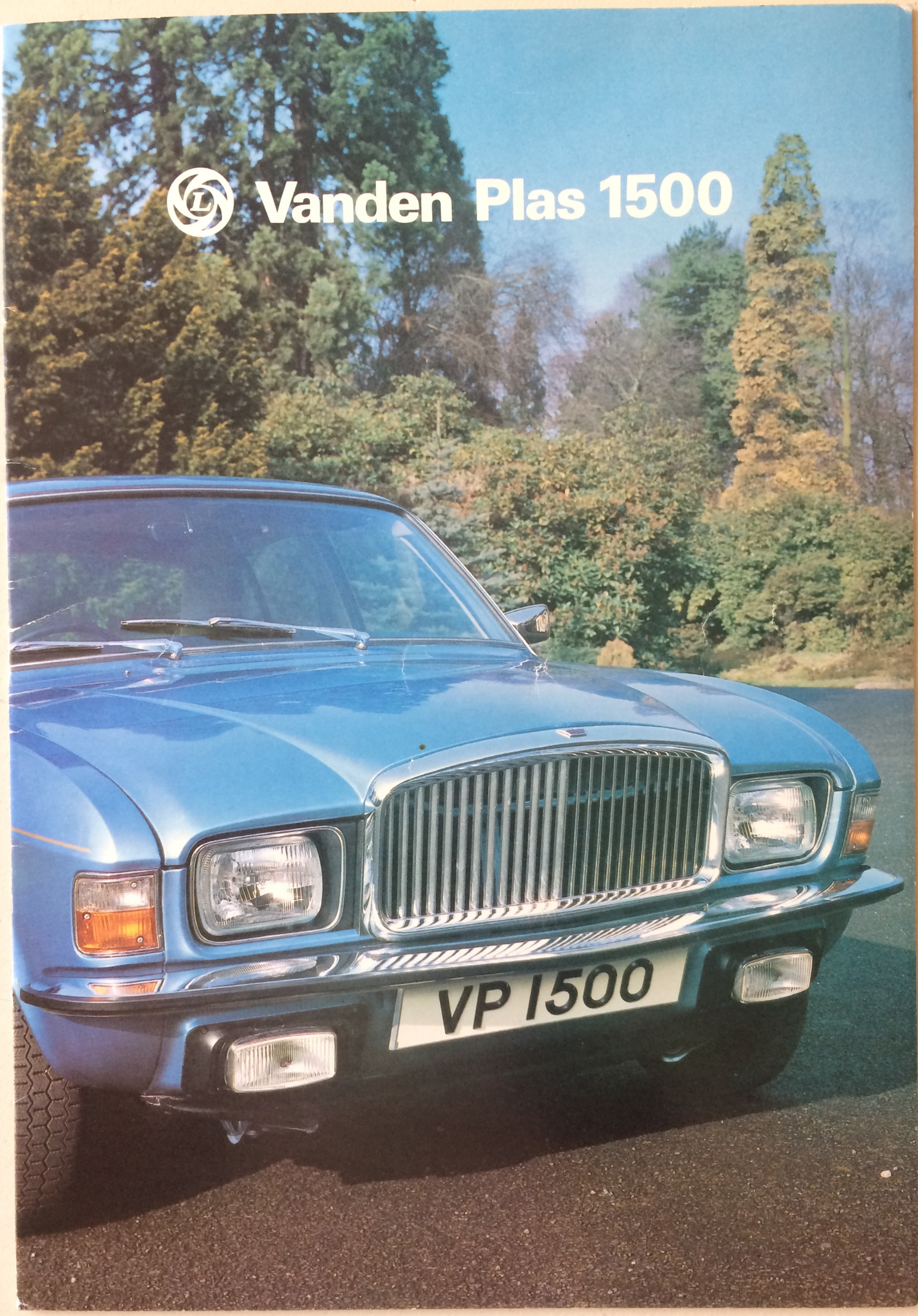
Vanden Plas 1500



...that look of distinction

The phrase 'good quality' has a distinctly old-fashioned ring—but there is a place for such a traditional expression in today's phrenetic, cost-conscious world. The quiet popularity enjoyed by the Vanden Plas 1500 is ample proof of that, and it's an intriguing exercise to discover why discerning motorists are so convinced of its sterling qualities.

To begin with, the Vanden Plas 1500 is totally international in concept. It would look equally at home in Rome or Paris or Vienna—yet its distinctive air of good breeding is unmistakably British.

That remarkably compact exterior makes for supremely simple handling in city traffic, yet the interior is spacious enough to make touring a really relaxing affair.

Luxurious yet unostentatious, powerful yet economical, the Vanden Plas 1500 is truly a car for the discriminating motorist.




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The interior of the Vanden Plas 1500 is a triumph of good design—and naturally, it's totally luxurious. You'll find deep-pile wall-to-wall carpet underfoot—there to provide extra sound-proofing as much as for its sumptuous good looks. Those fully reclining front seats are fully adjustable fore-and-aft, and all the seats are upholstered in knit-backed expanded vinyl with fluted hide panels for the wearing surfaces. And of course, there are dual arm-rests for everyone.

You'll find a full luxury specification on the technical side, too. That renowned †Hydragas suspension will cushion you comfortably, even over indifferent roads. And the tried and tested 1485 cc overhead camshaft engine will power you smoothly and effortlessly up to 50 mph in approximately ten seconds—or return you around *39 mpg at a steady 50.

Luxury must include safety and in that respect the Vanden Plas 1500 is extremely well endowed. Just consider a few of the most desirable features; rack and pinion steering, safety steering column, servo-assisted brakes, hazard warning lamps and rectangular sealed beam headlamps supplemented by twin fog-lamps.

* *British Leyland figure*

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Naturally enough, the Vanden Plas 1500 is not lacking in those important extras and options. For instance, you can choose between a highly responsive 5-speed all-synchromesh gearbox or optional silk-smooth automatic transmission. And those surprisingly useful rear seat picnic tables are not extras—they're part of the whole value for money Vanden Plas 1500 package.

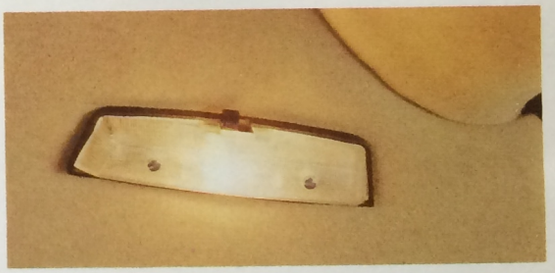
















Specifications

Engine: Four-cylinder, transverse, overhead valve with single overhead camshaft. Bore 3·00 in (76·2 mm); stroke 3·2 in (81·28 mm); capacity 1485 cm³ (91 in³). B.H.P. *68 at 5,500 rev/min; maximum torque *11·1 kgf m at 2,900 rev/min; compression ratio 9·0 : 1.

Fuel System: Mechanical fuel pump; single SU type HS6 carburetter; tank capacity 10·5 gallons (47·7 litres).

Cooling System: Closed pressurized system with expansion tank and thermostatically controlled, electrically operated fan. Capacity 11·5 pints (6·5 litres) including heater.

Clutch: Diaphragm spring 7·75 in (0·20 m) diameter.

Gearbox: Five speed, synchromesh on forward gears. Remote control gear-lever. Ratios: First 3·202 : 1; second 2·004 : 1; third 1·372 : 1; fourth 1·000 : 1; fifth 0·869 : 1; reverse 3·467 : 1.

Final Drive: Front-wheel drive, open shafts with constant velocity joints. Ratio 3·647 : 1.

Steering: Rack and pinion. Safety steering-column. Turning circle 33 ft 3 in (10·13 m) approximately.

Suspension: Independent with †Hydragas suspension units interconnected front to rear.

Brakes: Hydraulic, servo-assisted, 9·68 in (0·25 m) diameter discs at front, 8 in (0·20 m) diameter drums with leading/trailing shoes at rear.

Wheels and Tyres: Pressed steel disc wheels with 155—13 radial-ply tyres.

Electrical: 12 volt, 40 Ah battery. Alternator. Multi-purpose lever on right-hand of steering-column controls horn, headlamp flasher, dip-switch, and self-cancelling direction indicators. Lever on left-hand of steering-column controls electric windscreen washer and two-speed windscreen wipers with flick-wipe facility. Twin horns. Hazard warning lamps. Twin fog-lamps. Electrically heated rear window. Fresh air heater/demister with air blend and two-speed blower controls. Combined ignition/starter switch incorporates steering-column lock. Three courtesy lights, one on windscreen header rail and one on each rear quarter panel. Cigar lighter.

Instruments: Speedometer with distance recorder. Fuel, water temperature and battery condition gauges. Warning lamps to indicate low oil pressure, headlamp high beam, flashers working, no charge and hazard warning lamps working.

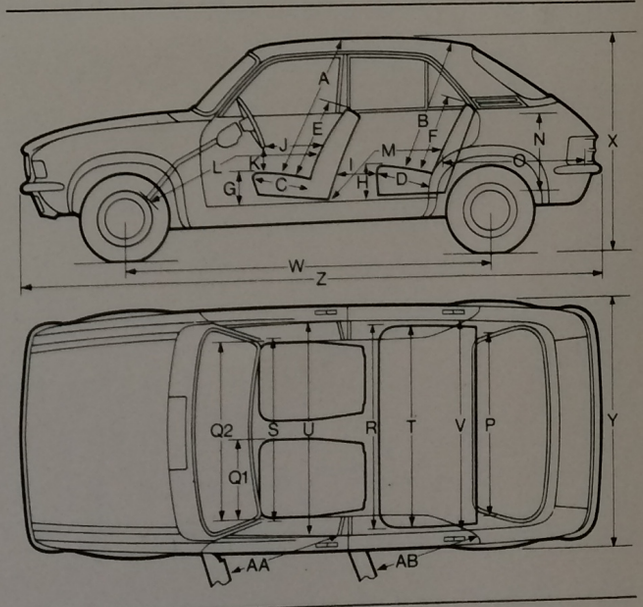
Coachwork: Four-door saloon of all-steel unitary construction with underbody protection and wax-injected body sills. Sill protectors. Trimmed rear parcel shelf. Full-width veneered walnut fascia board with instruments and face-level fresh air vents. Twin sun visors with vanity mirror on passenger's visor. Carpet over felt floor covering. Anti-burst door locks (incorporating child safety catch on rear doors) operated by recessed handles and door sill locking buttons on the inside; flush fitting handles on the outside. Arm-rests incorporating pulls on all doors. Ashtrays front and rear. Coat hooks. Seats trimmed in knit-backed expanded vinyl with fluted hide panels for seat wearing surfaces. Interior rear-view mirror, twin exterior door mounted mirrors. Interior bonnet release. Boot carpet. Front reclining seats with centre arm-rest. Rear bench-type seat with pull-down centre arm-rest. Picnic tables in rear of front seats. Crash pad surrounding fascia. Nylon cloth head lining. Stitched hand brake gaiter. Companion compartment mounted on each front door. Door trim pad in unique Vanden Plas style with sewn feature line, black padded cappings and walnut strip inserts. Lockable glovebox with veneered walnut lid. Additional sound deadening. Grab handles above rear windows. Boot light and courtesy switch. Hinged fuel filler lid with lockable cap. Provision is made for the installation of up to four radio speakers. Factory fitted front seat belts are supplied; anchorages are provided for the fitting of rear seat belts.

Optional Extras: Automatic transmission. Metallic paint. Radio with twin speakers. Head restraints.

Dimensions

		cm	in
*Front seat headroom (uncompressed)	A	90·35	35·58
*Rear seat headroom (uncompressed)	B	78·30	30·84
*Front seat cushion depth	C	45·50	17·92
*Rear seat cushion depth	D	46·40	18·26
*Front seat squab height	E	54·80	21·58
*Rear seat squab height	F	53·60	21·10
*Front seat cushion height	G	33·25	13·10
*Rear seat cushion height	H	36·00	14·18
*Distance between seats max.	I	48·75	19·18
*Distance between seats min.	I	24·85	9·78
*Steering wheel to squab max.	J	42·75	16·84
*Steering wheel to squab min.	J	20·35	8·01
*Steering wheel to cushion	K	15·85	6·25
*Front seat leg reach max.	L	120·50	47·47
*Front seat leg reach min.	L	100·55	39·59
*Rear seat leg reach max.	M	138·60	54·57
*Rear seat leg reach min.	M	114·15	44·94
Luggage boot height	N	55·88	22·00
Luggage boot depth	O	80·64	31·75
Luggage boot width with spare wheel	P	92·71	36·50
*Front seat cushion width	Q^1	52·70	20·75
*Front cushions overall width	Q^2	115·00	45·27
*Rear cushions overall width	R	130·80	51·50
*Width between front doors	S	130·90	51·54
*Width across rear seat	T	130·80	51·50
*Shoulder width over front seat	U	130·80	51·50
*Shoulder width over rear seat	V	129·40	50·94
Wheelbase	W	244·20	96·14
Overall height at kerb laden	X	139·05	54·75
Overall width	Y	161·30	63·52
Overall length	Z	391·80	154·25
Front door entry width	AA	71·25	28·03
Rear door entry width	AB	69·25	27·24
Track front		138·00	54·33
Track rear		138·20	54·41
Ground clearance at kerb laden		19·40	7·64

** Due to trim variations between models, these are approximate measurements.*



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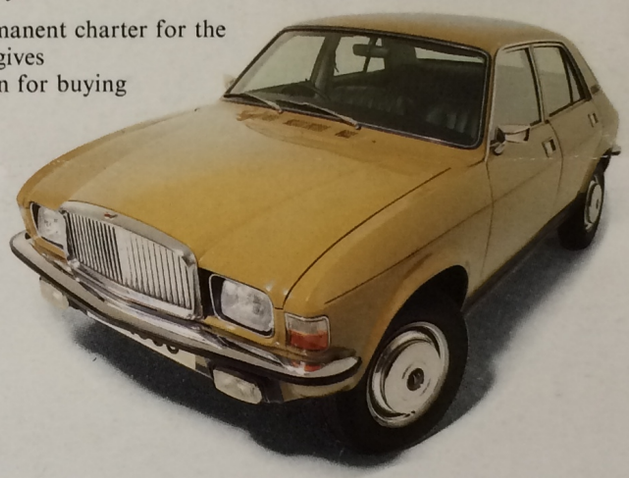
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