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### Model Years 1968

|                    |                                                        |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Model year</b>  | 1968 — the redesign; 4-4-2 becomes a model             |
| <b>Wheelbase</b>   | 112 in (2-dr) / 116 in (4-dr) / 121 in (Vista Cruiser) |
| <b>Volume V8</b>   | 350 cu in Rocket (new; replaces the 330)               |
| <b>New series</b>  | Cutlass S joins; 4-4-2 is its own model                |
| <b>Performance</b> | 4-4-2 400; Hurst/Olds debuts (455, 390 hp, 515 built)  |

Every specification in this guide was checked against factory literature, marque references, period road tests, and documented survivor vehicles. Where sources disagree or the record is silent, this guide says so rather than guessing.

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### What This Year Is — and What Changed

Everything changes for 1968: new bodies on split wheelbases, a new standard V8, a new middle series, and the 4-4-2 promoted from option package to a model line of its own. It is the cleanest break in the Cutlass story — 1964-67 parts knowledge does not transfer across it without checking.



## 1968 change register

- Complete redesign: two-doors ride a 112-in wheelbase, four-doors and wagons 116 in, the Vista Cruiser 121 in.
- The 4-4-2 becomes a separate model line (it reverts to an option for 1972).
- New Cutlass S series slots between Cutlass and Supreme with fastback styling; the convertible moves from Supreme to the S line, and the 4-4-2 is based on the S.
- Supreme is pared to two- and four-door hardtops.
- The Rocket 350 replaces the 330 as the standard V8 (four-barrel rated 310 hp).
- Hurst/Olds debuts on the 4-4-2 line: 455 V8 at 390 hp / 500 lb-ft, 515 built, Peruvian Silver with black accents.



## Factory Specification — 1968

| Item         | Factory specification | Notes                          |
|--------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Wheel base   | 112 / 116 / 121 in    | By body style — new for 1968   |
| Volume V8    | 350 cu in Rocket      | Replaces the 330; 4-bbl 310 hp |
| 4-4-2 engine | 400 cu in V8          | 4-4-2 now its own model        |
| Hurst/Olds   | 455 cu in V8          | 390 hp; 515 built              |
| Convertible  | Cutlass line          | Moved down from Supreme        |