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EDITOR'S  
NOTES.

Hi all,

This is the last edition of the year once again, what a good summer it was, I hope you made the most of it and managed to get round to a few of the shows.



I have just been contacted by the Ace Café in London letting me know about their next Australia Day event, where all Australian cars are welcome. It's being held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2015 from 9am – 5pm. There is no entry fee and plenty of parking for both visitors and owners. This is a great venue which hosts numerous vehicle events throughout the year:

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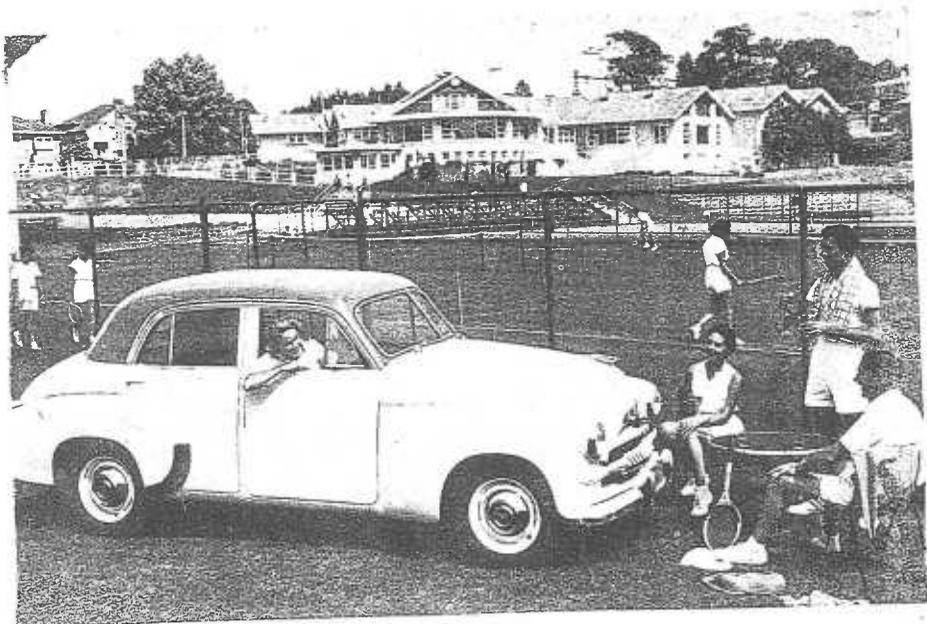


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Regards



Ken



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## The Rarest Parts

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### The Rarest Part

As cars age and slowly dwindle from the roads manufacturer support eventually stops producing parts for these vehicles and this is where Rare Spares steps in, providing thousands of parts for all manner of vehicles without part support.

Although rare parts are a speciality of Rare Spares it was time to explore deeper into the world of the Australian parts market. What are some of the rarest parts that exist in Australia? We asked Rare Spares Director's to find out some of the extremely rare parts they know of within the market.

A few years back, Director David Ryan remembers looking everywhere for a rubber seal that is at the base of the windscreen divider bar on the FJ Holden.

"It was a very obscure part and we just couldn't get hold of one, so we ended up producing one ourselves." Said Ryan.

Torana A9X ash trays are another random item that are available from time to time, but are at a huge premium.

"An A9X ash tray could go from anywhere up to \$1,000."

According to Managing Director Les McVeigh, FC front fenders and EH bonnets are another two items that are very hard to come by.

"They are not in high demand, but if you were after one, it could be hard to track one down" said McVeigh.

For Rare Spares, some of the most difficult spares to produce are the more modern vehicle body panels.

"The HQ front panel that the grille fits onto was a challenge to get right" said Ryan.

As for the most popular parts, they are often the newly released items that have been produced based on demand from customers.

"Monaro GTS steering wheels have proven to be a popular item as has the GTS rear vision mirrors" said Ryan.

Rare Spares is happy to look into producing parts as long as there is demand. If you have a query about a part please add your details to the Rare Spares 'Wish List'.

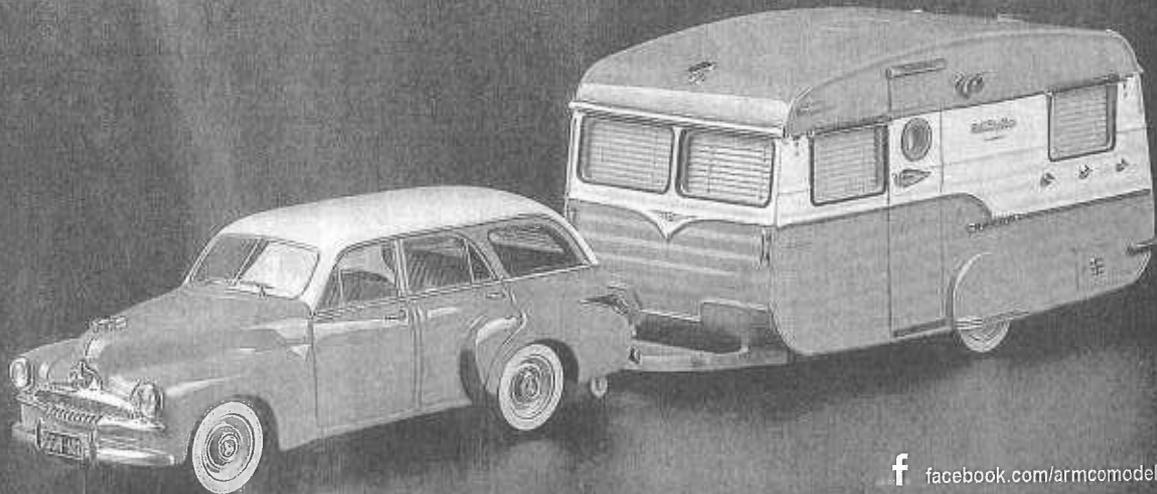


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# A Bit Of History

## PRODUCTION AND SALES

### Holden Production Numbers

|                    |         |           |         |
|--------------------|---------|-----------|---------|
| <b>48 &amp; 50</b> | 120,402 | <b>HD</b> | 178,927 |
| <b>FJ</b>          | 169,969 | <b>HR</b> | 252,352 |
| <b>FE</b>          | 155,161 | <b>HK</b> | 199,039 |
| <b>FC</b>          | 191,724 | <b>HT</b> | 198,330 |
| <b>FB</b>          | 174,747 | <b>HG</b> | 155,787 |
| <b>EK</b>          | 150,214 | <b>HQ</b> | 467,558 |
| <b>EJ</b>          | 154,811 | <b>HJ</b> | 158,868 |
| <b>EH</b>          | 256,959 | <b>HX</b> | 110,669 |
|                    |         | <b>HZ</b> | 154,155 |

These totals quoted by GM-H for vehicle production are derived from the Production Schedules. Also included are export vehicles. HK through HG figures include Monaro. HQ and HJ figures do not include Statesman. Totals from elsewhere such as Sales Records and Warranty Service Reports differ slightly from those above.

### Holden Sales Totals by Year

|             |         |              |                        |
|-------------|---------|--------------|------------------------|
| <b>1948</b> | 112     | <b>1965</b>  | 151,514                |
| <b>1949</b> | 7,725   | <b>1966</b>  | 152,859                |
| <b>1950</b> | 20,113  | <b>1967</b>  | 142,999                |
| <b>1951</b> | 25,177  | <b>1968</b>  | 168,363                |
| <b>1952</b> | 31,945  | <b>1969</b>  | 174,476                |
| <b>1953</b> | 44,175  | <b>1970</b>  | 189,565                |
| <b>1954</b> | 54,796  | <b>1971</b>  | 187,469                |
| <b>1955</b> | 63,800  | <b>1972</b>  | 189,009                |
| <b>1956</b> | 68,893  | <b>1973</b>  | 200,042                |
| <b>1957</b> | 94,557  | <b>1974*</b> | 190,447                |
| <b>1958</b> | 110,626 | <b>1975*</b> | 164,955                |
| <b>1959</b> | 115,308 | <b>1976*</b> | 157,656                |
| <b>1960</b> | 140,336 | <b>1977*</b> | 140,269                |
| <b>1961</b> | 112,680 | <b>1978*</b> | 157,333                |
| <b>1962</b> | 133,325 | <b>1979*</b> | 174,252                |
| <b>1963</b> | 166,118 | <b>1980*</b> | 137,907                |
| <b>1964</b> | 170,212 |              | *Includes other lines. |

These figures include both domestic and export sales. They more accurately reflect those derived from Service Warranty Reporting totals. "Holden Vehicle Sales - Units" figures are shown from 1948 to 1973. From 1974 to 1980, the figures are identified as "Vehicle Sales - Units" and include car lines in addition to Holden.



**For Sale**

Commodore Berlina Series II, 3.8 V6, auto, Mexican Red. This car has been owned by myself from new and was imported to UK when I returned from working in Australia. In really exceptional condition, with a genuine 43,000 km, the car has been regularly serviced and has been kept garaged. It is fitted with alloy/sports wheels, spoiler and Reece Hitch tow bar and was undersealed from new (not standard in Western Australia)

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Jerry Miller, based in Ireland, is still looking for a windscreen for his WB ute. Sceens from a 1971-85 HQ, HJ, HX and HZ are the same, any help would be appreciated, contact Jerry at: [jarronmiller12@gmail.com](mailto:jarronmiller12@gmail.com)>

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# Holden turns to Opel

GM's European arm will supply over one-third of Holden vehicles in future

By TERRY MARTIN

**GM HOLDEN** used last week's Paris motor show to confirm that more than one-third of its future models will be sourced from General Motors' struggling Opel subsidiary in Europe.

Holden has already committed to reintroducing Opel cars to Australia under its own lion badge after GM's failure to establish the Euro marque as a standalone brand here.

Mirroring Ford's move in favouring European-designed models – and also, within a few years, potentially emulating the Blue Oval's strategy in sourcing higher-volume models from nearby Thailand rather than Europe – Holden has committed to launching the Insignia VXR sports sedan, Astra GTC and VXR hatchbacks and the Cascada convertible in the first half of next year.

In a joint announcement with Opel last week, Holden committed to further new models that will see more than a third of the lion brand's future models sourced from Europe, where GM is working to restore Opel to profitability by 2016.

GM Europe president Karl-Thomas Neumann said in a statement: "I'm very



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excited about the role our great products will play in the resurgence of the Holden brand, by being able to provide more than one-third of Holden's future product line-up.

"Spearheaded by Opel's DRIVE! 2022 strategy, we are making significant investments in new models, engines, transmissions and testing facilities to ensure we deliver truly world-class products to our export markets like Australia."

GM Holden chairman and managing director Gerry Dorizas, who vowed earlier this year to steer Holden toward market leadership in Australia by the end of the decade, said next year's first three Euro models would be "just the start of things to come".

"We are absolutely committed to bringing the best possible products from GM's global portfolio to Australian customers to support a strong and

exciting future for Holden," he said.

"Holden and Opel share very similar core brand values, including our commitment to performance, engineering excellence, vehicle dynamics and technology, which makes this such a strong and obvious partnership.

"Opel's commitment to performance and quality aligns perfectly with Holden's heritage and brand, and in turn these fantastic vehicles will benefit from being backed by one of Australia's strongest brands and biggest dealer networks."

GoAuto understands that one of these will be the next-generation Insignia mid-size range, which is undergoing development in Australia and will be used as a replacement for the Commodore, which reaches the end of the line in 2017.

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## GTS Maloo from \$87,990

Upgrades to HSV's 2015 range brings paddle shifters to auto models

By DANIEL GARDNER

**BUYERS** of HSV's record-breaking 430kW/740Nm GTS Maloo ute will pay \$6500 less than the sedan equivalent, after the iconic Australian brand confirmed its \$87,990, plus on-roads price-tag ahead of customer deliveries in late November.

The pricing was revealed as HSV announced a series of upgrades to its 2015 Gen-F range that includes more power for R8, ClubSport and Maloo variants, paddle-shifters for automatic versions, sportier exhaust notes across the board and more personalisation options.

With the new increased specification, prices of all affected variants have seen a small increase with entry level manual



ClubSport versions creeping up by \$1000 to \$61,990, plus on-road costs, while an automatic gearbox adds \$2500 to the price tag on all variants.

Prices for the range-topping supercharged GTS monster sedan have not changed, remaining at \$94,490 or \$96,990 for the automatic.

A new exhaust system and mild engine re-map has given R8 variants the biggest power gains, with the output up to 340kW from 325kW, while torque gets a boost from 550Nm to 570Nm.

Sedan and tourer R8 versions have had a price bump of \$2000, while the

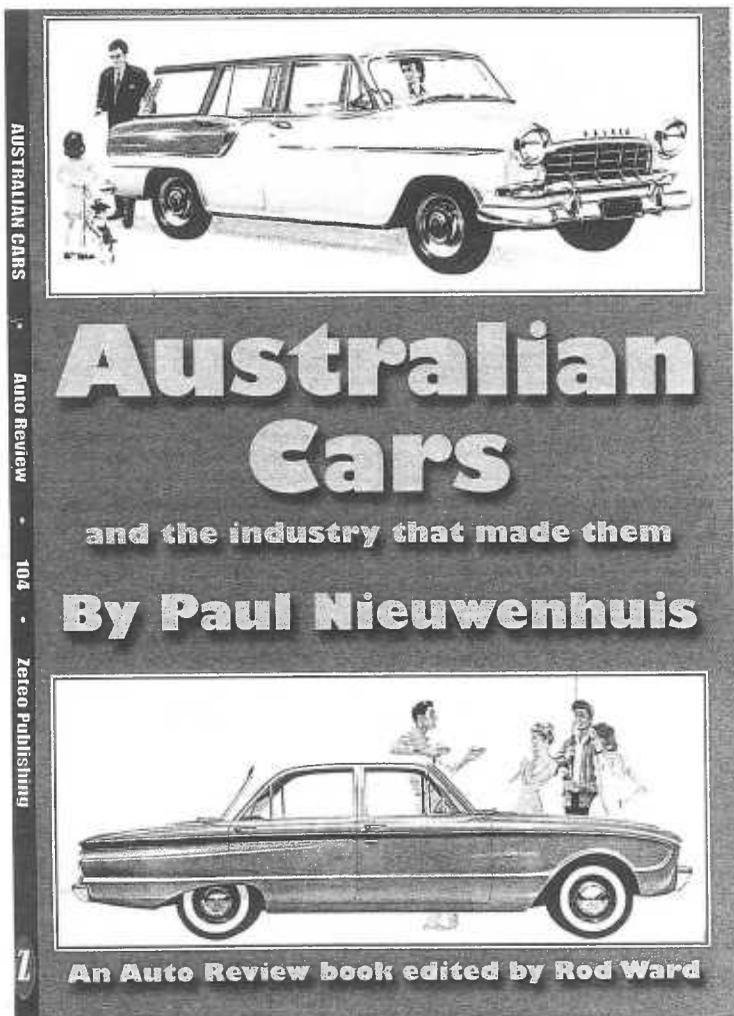
Maloo ute hops up by \$1700.

The same modification has increased the ClubSport and Maloo power output by 8kW to 325kW with torque unchanged at 550Nm, and prices of Maloo up by \$1000 to \$59,990.

The new bi-modal exhaust system is now standard across the range with the exception of the Grange variant, and uses an electrically operated valve system to alter the engine note from more subtle while cruising to "throatier" and louder when in sports mode.

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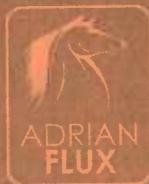
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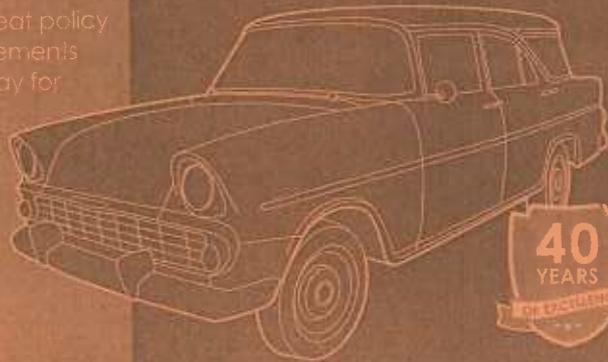
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