

# 1956 Meteor 1956 Meteor Niagara 1956 Meteor Rideau Models & Specifications

A **meteor** is a **meteoroid** (a piece of rock, dust, or other mater from outer space) that has entered the earth's atmosphere at high speed and is hot, burning, and crumbling from friction with the atmosphere as it falls to earth. It is incandescent and with its glowing wake of shredding material can be seen streaking across the sky. It is often colloquially called a **shooting star** or a **falling star**. A **meteorite** is a particle that reaches ground.

Meteor automobiles were offered by **Ford Motor Company of Canada** (a wholly owned subsidiary of Ford Motor Company), from:

- 1948-1954, Mercury-Meteor-Lincoln Division, Ford Motor Company of Canada Limited, Walkerville, Ontario
- 1954-1961, Mercury-Meteor-Lincoln Division, Ford Motor Company of Canada Limited, Oakville, Ontario
- 1961-1963, Meteor part of Mercury line
- 1963-1976, Ford Motor Company of Canada Limited, Oakville, Ontario.

The 1956 Meteors, herein, were manufactured at the **Oakville Assembly Plant**, Oakville, Ontario, Canada and sold through **Canadian Mercury-Lincoln-Meteor dealerships** as low-priced products in their lineup. They were built on Ford chassis and bodies, with limited Ford running gear, but with notably different trim.

**1956 Meteor, Meteor Niagara, and Meteor Rideau** are "foremost in style with new bold V-sweep grille, long, low sleek lines." **Niagara** and **Rideau** models have a bodyside full-length bright-metal "**meteor-bolt**" design molding with a mid "**flash**" contrasting paint colour—*Alaska White*, **Black**, **Torch Red**, or **Gold** [est]—on Single-Tone, Two-Tone, or Tri-Tone paint schemes. The **Rideau** molding extends to the rear along with a black "**jet exhaust**" design impressed into the molding. Wow!

## MODELS

- **Meteor Two-Door Sedan**
- **Meteor Four-Door Sedan**
- **Meteor Ranch Wagon** (2-dr, 6-pass)
- **Meteor Sedan Delivery** (2-dr, 3-pass)
- **Nagara Two-Door Sedan**
- **Niagara Four-door Sedan**
- **Niagara Victoria** (2-dr, 6-p, pillarless hardtop)
- **Niagara Ranch Wagon** (2-dr, 6-p, stn wagon)
- **Rideau Club Sedan** (2-dr, 6-pass)
- **Rideau Town Sedan** (4-dr, 6-pass)
- **Rideau Victoria** (2-dr, 6-pass, pillarless hardtop)
- **Rideau Four-Door Victoria** (4-dr, 6-pass, pillarless hardtop)
- **Rideau Crown Victoria** (2-dr, 6-pass, steel top)
- **Rideau Sunliner** (2-dr, 6-pass, convertible)
- **Rideau 6-Passenger Country Sedan** (4-dr, stn wagon)
- **Rideau 8-Passenger Country Sedan** (4-dr, stn wagon)

"**Safeguard Design**" is Meteor's name for Ford's "**Lifeguard Design**" safety features.

## Serial Number Location

1949-1954, stamped on identification plate on cowl and on frame right side under hood

1955-1967, stamped on identification plate attached to left front door pillar post

1968-1973, stamped on plate attached to left front corner of dashboard, viewed through windshield

## Engine Number Location

1949-1954, stamped on identification plate on cowl

1955-1967, stamped on identification plate attached to left front door pillar post

**Web page** [1956-ford.com/1956-meteor-niagara-rideau-brochure.html](http://1956-ford.com/1956-meteor-niagara-rideau-brochure.html)

Information is from original 1956 Mercury-Lincoln-Meteor Division, Ford Motor Company of Canada Ltd. Brochures, Catalog of Canadian Car I.D. Numbers, magazine advertisements, and other sources. Data may not account for production changes, anomalies, or special orders. Content is not guaranteed.

## 4 Engines

- Std **Meteor V-8 - 272-cid**, 2-ohv, 90-degree, 3.62" bore x 3.30" stroke, 2-bbl, 5 main bearings, 12-volt elec
  - **173-hp** @ 4400 rpm, 260 lb-ft torque @ 2400 rpm, 8.0:1 comp ratio, **Standard** or opt **Overdrive**
  - **176-hp** @ 4400 rpm, 264 lb-ft torque @ 2400 rpm, 8.4:1 comp ratio, opt **Merc-O-Matic Drive**
- Std **Meteor V-8 - 292-cid**, 2-ohv, 90-degree, 3.75" bore x 3.30" stroke, 4-bbl, 5 main bearings, 12-volt elec
  - **200-hp** @ 4600 rpm, 285 lb-ft torque @ 2600 rpm, 8.0:1 comp ratio, **Standard** or opt **Overdrive**
  - **202-hp** @ 4600 rpm, 289 lb-ft torque @ 2600 rpm, 8.4:1 comp ratio, opt **Merc-O-Matic Drive**
- Opt **Meteor V-8 - 312-cid**, 2-ohv, 90-degree, 3.80" bore x 3.44" stroke, 4-bbl, 5 main bearings, 12-volt elec
  - 225-hp** @ 4600 rpm, 324 lb-ft torque @ 2600 rpm, 9.0:1 comp ratio, opt **Merc-O-Matic Drive** (only)
  - mid model-year few installed*
- "Delete Opt" **Meteor 6 - 223-cid**, 2-ohv, Inline, 3.62" bore x 3.60" stroke, 1-bbl, 4 main bearings, 12-volt elec
  - 137-hp** @ 4000 rpm, 202 lb-ft torque @ 1600-2600 rpm, 8.0:1 comp ratio, **all drives**
  - mid model-year few installed*

## 3 Transmissions

- Std **Silent-Ease Standard** (manual 3-speed)
  - 1st, 2nd (synchro), 3rd (Synchro), & Reverse
- Opt **Touch-O-Matic Overdrive** (manual 3-speed w/ auto 4th-speed Overdrive gear)
  - 1st, 2nd (synchro), 3rd (synchro), auto 4th OD (30% lower eng rpm than 3rd), & Reverse
  - Overdrive lock-in/lock-out push-pull T-handle below control panel
  - Lock-in** (engage) push *in* T-handle at any speed & let-up throttle pedal when above 27-28 mph (auto downshift to 3rd below 21-22 mph), or when car is stopped
  - Kick-down** (to 3rd, for passing) floor throttle pedal, (let-up pedal to auto return to OD)
  - Lock-out** (disengage) pull *out* T-handle in "kick down" (3rd) operation, or when car is stopped
- Opt **Speed-Trigger Merc-O-Matic Drive** (automatic 3-speed)
  - Low (1st), Intermediate (2nd, Passing Gear), High (3rd), & Reverse
  - 5-Position Safety-Sequence Selector w/ illuminated indicator dial on steering column
  - P** (Park)
  - R** (Reverse)
  - N** (Neutral)
    - **start engine**

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**Opt Speed-Trigger Merc-O-Matic Drive continued****DR (Drive)**

- **start-out in 2nd gear** & auto upshift to 3rd (typical driving)
- **start-out in 1st gear at full-throttle** (Speed-Trigger) & auto upshifts to 2nd (30 mph) & 3rd (65 mph)
- **full-throttle kick-down to Passing Gear (2nd)** (below 65-68 mph & above 17-23 mph)
- **full-throttle kick-down to 1st** (below 17-23 mph)

**LO (Low)**

- **start-out in 1st gear & hold** (up to 35 mph), *auto upshifts to 2nd & 3rd if/when DR selected*
- **downshift to 2nd & hold** (below 60 mph & above 17-23 mph - engine braking)
- **downshift to 1st & hold** (below 17-23 mph - engine braking)

**Clutches**

- Single, dry-plate, cushion-disc type
- **9-1/2"** w/ 6 - 223 eng
- **10"** w/ V-8 - 272, - 292, - 312 eng

**Rims**

- Pressed steel, welded
- 15" dia x 5" wide
- 5 lug x 4.5" (114.3 mm) bolt pattern

**Tires**

- Bias 4-ply or 6-ply
- 6.70" x 15" or 7.10 x 15"
- Tubeless, black sidewall

**1956 Meteor Two-Door Sedan** (6-pass)

Black rubber windshield & rear window molding, no bodyside molding

Single-Tone ext paint

Total production **3,305**

**Std Model 2-70A** Shipping Weight 3,200 lb (Std trans) Production 1,843

**Meteor V-8 - 272-cid, 173-hp**, 8.0:1 comp ratio, 2-bbl carb, w/

- **Standard**, 10" clutch, 3.20 (opt 3.89) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, **\$2,327** CAD FOB Oakville
- Opt **Overdrive**, 10" clutch, 3.89 (opt 3.20) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires
- Opt **Merc-O-Matic Dr**, (**176-hp**, 8.4:1 comp ratio), 3.22 (opt 3.55) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, or

**Opt Model 5-70A** Shipping Weight 3,170 lb (Std trans) Production 1,462

**Meteor 6 - 223-cid, 137-hp**, 8.0:1 comp ratio, 1-bbl carb, *mid model-year few installed* w/

- **Standard**, 9-1/2" clutch, \_\_\_\_\_ axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, **\$2,196** CAD FOB Oakville
- Opt **Overdrive**, 9-1/2" clutch, \_\_\_\_\_ axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires
- Opt **Merc-O-Matic Dr**, \_\_\_\_\_ axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires

## 1956 Meteor Four-Door Sedan (6-pass)

Black rubber windshield & rear window molding, no bodyside molding

Single-Tone ext paint

Total production **4,042**

**Std Model 2-73A** Shipping Weight 3,240 lb (Std trans) Production 2,311

**Meteor V-8 - 272-cid, 173-hp**, 8.0:1 comp ratio, 2-bbl carb, w/

- **Standard**, 10" clutch, 3.20 (opt 3.89) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, **\$2,385** CAD FOB Oakville
- Opt **Overdrive**, 10" clutch, 3.89 (opt 3.20) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires
- Opt **Merc-O-Matic Dr**, (**176-hp**, 8.4:1 c/r), 3.22 (opt 3.55) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, or

**Opt Model 5-73A** Shipping Weight 3,210 lb (Std trans) Production 1,731

**Meteor 6 - 223-cid, 137-hp**, 8.0:1 comp ratio, 1-bbl carb, *mid model-year few installed* w/

- **Standard**, 9-1/2" clutch, \_\_\_ axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, **\$2,254** CAD FOB Oakville
- Opt **Overdrive**, 9-1/2" clutch, \_\_\_ axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires
- Opt **Merc-O-Matic Dr**, \_\_\_ axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires

## 1956 Meteor Ranch Wagon (2-dr, 6-pass, station wagon)

**Stowaway back seat:** bottom tilts up & forward, back folds forward & down as level-floor loadspace—length 74.0"

Black rubber windshield & rear window molding, no bodyside molding

Single-Tone ext paint

Total Production **849**

**Std Model 2-59A** Shipping Weight 3,430 lb (Std trans) Production 676

**Meteor V-8 - 292-cid, 200-hp**, 8.0:1 comp ratio, 4-bbl carb, w/

- **Standard**, 10" clutch, 4.09 (opt 4.27) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, **\$2,754** CAD FOB Oakville
- Opt **Overdrive**, 10" clutch, 4.27 (opt none) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires
- Opt **Merc-O-Matic Dr**, (**202-hp**, 8.4:1 comp ratio), 3.54 (opt none) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, or

**Opt Model 5-59A** Shipping Weight 3,400 lb (Std trans) Production 173

**Meteor 6 - 223-cid, 137-hp**, 8.0:1 comp ratio, 1-bbl carb, *mid model-year few installed* w/

- **Standard**, 9-1.2" clutch, 4.09 (opt 4.27) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, **\$2,623** CAD FOB Oakville
- Opt **Overdrive**, 9-1/2" clutch, 4.27 (opt none) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires
- Opt **Merc-O-Matic Dr**, 3.54 (opt none) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires

# 1956 Meteor Sedan Delivery (2-dr, 1-pass/driver, panel delivery)

**One bucket seat** (driver), side-hinged panel-type rear door holds open in any position

Black rubber windshield & rear window molding, no bodyside molding

Single-Tone ext paint

Total production **742**

**Std Model 2-78A** Production 522

**Meteor V-8 - 272-cid, 173-hp**, 8.0:1 comp ratio, 2-bbl carb, w/

- **Standard**, 10" clutch, 4.09 (opt 4.27) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, **\$1,950** [est] CAD FOB Oakville
- Opt **Overdrive**, 10" clutch, 4.27 (opt none) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires
- Opt **Merc-O-Matic Dr**, (**176-hp**, 8.4:1 comp ratio), 3.54 (opt none) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires

Weights

- Std F 1876 + R 1513 = **Curb 3389 + Payload 711 = GVWR 4100** w/ 6.70 x 15" 4-ply Tires
- Opt F 1879 + R 1516 = **Curb 3395 + Payload 805 = GVWR 4200** w/ 7.10 x 15" 4-ply Tires
- Opt F 1881 + R 1518 = **Curb 3399 + Payload 1201 = GVWR 4600** w/ 7.10 x 15" 6-ply Tires, or

**Opt Model 5-78A** Production 220

**Meteor 6 - 223-cid, 137-hp**, 8.0:1 comp ratio, 1-bbl carb, *mid model-year few installed* w/

- **Standard**, 9-1/2" clutch, 4.09 (opt 4.27) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, **\$1,800** [est] CAD FOB Oakville
- Opt **Overdrive**, 9-1/2" clutch, 4.27 (opt none) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires
- Opt **Merc-O-Matic Dr**, 3.54 (opt none) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires

Weights

- Std F 1757 + R 1513 = **Curb 3270 + Payload 830 = GVWR 4100** w/ 6.70 x 15" 4-ply Tires
- Opt F 1760 + R 1516 = **Curb 3276 + Payload 924 = GVWR 4200** w/ 7.10 x 15" 4-ply Tires
- Opt F 1762 + R 1518 = **Curb 3280 + Payload 1320 = GVWR 4600** w/ 7.10 x 15" 6-ply Tires

## NOTE

**Dry Weight:** manufacturer's stated weight by engine type (without coolant, oils, fuel, driver, passengers, or cargo)

**Shipping Weight:** ready to ship—dry weight plus coolant, oils, & some fuel (without driver, passengers, or cargo)

**Curb Weight:** ready to drive—Shipping Weight plus full coolant, oils, fuel (without driver, passengers, or cargo)

**Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW):** loaded weight (gross)—Curb Weight plus weight of driver, passengers, & actual cargo

**Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR):** maximum loaded weight (gross) as recommended by manufacturer

**Maximum Load Weight (Payload):** GVWR minus Curb Weight

NOTE Weights are typical. Some options may or may not be included.

**Meteor Niagara** automobiles are named for **Niagara Falls**, the waterfalls and waterways at the southern end of Niagara Gorge, spanning the border between Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada and Niagara Falls, New York, United States. Unfortunately, after much research of historical documents, the meaning of the word **Niagara** itself is not definitive.

## 1956 Meteor Niagara Two-Door Sedan (6-pass)

Bodyside bright-metal **meteor-bolt** molding w/ mid **flash** contrasting paint colour

Single-Tone, Two-Tone, or Tri-Tone ext paint

Total production **4,285**

**Std Model 2-70B** Shipping Weight 3,250 lb (Std trans) Production 3,466

**Meteor V-8 - 272-cid, 173-hp**, 8.0:1 comp ratio, 2-bbl carb, w/

- **Standard**, 10" clutch, 3.20 (opt 3.89) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, **\$2,446** CAD FOB Oakville
- Opt **Overdrive**, 10" clutch, 3.89 (opt 3.20) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires
- Opt **Merc-O-Matic Dr**, (**176-hp**, 8.4:1 comp ratio), 3.22 (opt 3.55) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, or

**Opt Model 5-70B** Shipping Weight 3,220 lb (Std trans) Production 819

**Meteor 6 - 223-cid, 137-hp**, 8.0:1 comp ratio, 1-bbl carb, *mid model-year few installed* w/

- **Standard**, 9-1/2" clutch, \_\_\_\_\_ axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, **\$2,315** CAD FOB Oakville
- Opt **Overdrive**, 9-1/2" clutch, \_\_\_\_\_ axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires
- Opt **Merc-O-Matic Dr**, \_\_\_\_\_ axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires

## 1956 Meteor Niagara Four-Door Sedan (6-pass)

Bodyside bright-metal **meteor-bolt** molding w/ mid **flash** contrasting paint colour

Single-Tone, Two-Tone, or Tri-Tone ext paint

Total production **12,122**

**Std Model 2-73B** Shipping Weight 3,290 lb (Std trans) Production 10,317

**Meteor V-8 - 272-cid, 173-hp**, 8.0:1 comp ratio, 2-bbl carb, w/

- **Standard**, 10" clutch, 3.20 (opt 3.89) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, **\$2,501** CAD FOB Oakville
- Opt **Overdrive**, 10" clutch, 3.89 (opt 3.20) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires
- Opt **Merc-O-Matic Dr**, (**176-hp**, 8.4:1 comp ratio), 3.22 (opt 3.55) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, or

**Opt Model 5-73B** Shipping Weight 3,260 lb (Std trans) Production 1,805

**Meteor 6 - 223-cid, 137-hp**, 8.0:1 comp ratio, 1-bbl carb, *mid model-year few installed* w/

- **Standard**, 9-1/2" clutch, \_\_\_\_\_ axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, **\$2,370** CAD FOB Oakville
- Opt **Overdrive**, 9-1/2" clutch, \_\_\_\_\_ axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires
- Opt **Merc-O-Matic Dr**, \_\_\_\_\_ axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires

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Body-side bright-metal **meteor-bolt** molding w/ mid **flash** contrasting paint colour

Single-Tone, Two-Tone, or Tri-Tone ext paint

Total production \_\_\_\_\_

**Std Model 2-64D** Shipping Weight 3,345 lb (Std trans) Production \_\_\_\_\_

**Meteor V-8 - 272-cid, 173-hp**, 8.0:1 comp ratio, 2-bbl carb, w/

- **Standard**, 10" clutch, 3.20 (opt 3.89) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, **\$2,621** CAD FOB Oakville
- Opt **Overdrive**, 10" clutch, 3.89 (opt 3.20) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires
- Opt **Merc-O-Matic Dr**, (**176-hp**, 8.4:1 comp ratio), 3.22 (opt 3.55) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, or

**Opt Model 5-64D** Shipping Weight 3,315 lb (Std trans) Production 4

**Meteor 6 - 223-cid, 137-hp**, 8.0:1 comp ratio, 1-bbl carb, *mid model-year few installed* w/

- **Standard**, 9-1/2" clutch, \_\_\_\_\_ axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, **\$2,490** CAD FOB Oakville
- Opt **Overdrive**, 9-1/2" clutch, \_\_\_\_\_ axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires
- Opt **Merc-O-Matic Dr**, \_\_\_\_\_ axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires

# 1956 Meteor Niagara Ranch Wagon (2-dr, 6-pass, station wagon)

**Stowaway back seat:** bottom tilts up & forward, back folds forward & down as level-floor loadspace—length 74.0"

Body-side bright-metal **meteor-bolt** molding w/ mid **flash** contrasting paint colour

Single-Tone, Two-Tone, or Tri-Tone ext paint

Total production \_\_\_\_\_

**Std Model 2-59B** Shipping Weight 3,490 lb (Std trans) Production \_\_\_\_\_

**Meteor V-8 - 292-cid, 200-hp**, 8.0:1 comp ratio, 4-bb carb, w/

- **Standard**, 10" clutch, 4.09 (opt 4.27) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, **\$2,842** CAD FOB Oakville
- Opt **Overdrive**, 10" clutch, 4.27 (opt none) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires
- Opt **Merc-O-Matic Dr**, (**202-hp**, 8.4:1 comp ratio), 3.54 (opt none) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, or

**Opt Model 5-59B** Shipping Weight 3,480 lb (Std trans) Production 97

**Meteor 6 - 223-cid, 137-hp**, 8.0:1 comp ratio, 1-bbl carb, *mid model-year few installed* w/

- **Standard**, 9-1.2" clutch, 4.09 (opt 4.27) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, **\$2,770** CAD FOB Oakville
- Opt **Overdrive**, 9-1/2" clutch, 4.27 (opt none) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires
- Opt **Merc-O-Matic Dr**, 3.54 (opt none) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires

**Meteor Rideau** automobiles are named for the historically significant **Rideau River**, that flows north from Upper Rideau Lake to the Ottawa River at **Rideau Falls** in Ottawa, Ontario--146 kilometers (91 miles). **Samuel de Champlain** (1567-1635) a French explorer and founder of Quebec and New France (1608) wrote that Rideau Falls was given the name "Rideau," with English translation "curtain," because of the curtain-like appearance of the falling water. Rideau River was later named after the waterfall.

## 1956 Meteor Rideau Club Sedan (2-dr, 6-pass)

Bodyside bright-metal **meteor-bolt** molding w/ mid **flash** contrasting paint colour & rear **jet exhaust** design  
Single-Tone, Two-Tone, or Tri-Tone ext paint

Total production **1,431**

**Std Model 2-70C** Shipping Weight 3,250 lb (Std trans) Production \_\_\_\_\_

**Meteor V-8 - 292-cid, 200-hp**, 8.0:1 comp ratio, 4-bbl carb, w/

- **Standard**, 10" clutch, 3.20 (opt 3.89) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, **\$2,584** CAD FOB Oakville
- Opt **Overdrive**, 10" clutch, 3.89 (opt 3.20) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires
- Opt **Merc-O-Matic Dr**, (**202-hp**, 8.4:1 comp ratio), 3.22 (opt 3.55) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, or

**Opt Model 2-70C** Shipping Weight \_\_\_\_\_ lb (Merc-O-Matic Dr) Production \_\_\_\_\_

**Meteor V-8 - 312-cid, 225-hp**, 9.0:1 comp ratio, 4-bbl carb, *mid model-year few installed, if any* w/

**Merc-O-Matic Dr** (only), 3.22 (opt none) axle, 7.10 x 15" 4-ply tires, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ , or

**Opt Model 5-70C** Shipping Weight \_\_\_\_\_ lb (Std trans) Production \_\_\_\_\_

**Meteor 6 - 223-cid, 137-hp**, 8.0:1 comp ratio, 1-bbl carb, *mid model-year none installed* w/

- Std **Standard**, 9-1/2" clutch, \_\_\_\_\_ axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Opt **Overdrive**, 9-1/2" clutch, \_\_\_\_\_ axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires
- Opt **Merc-O-Matic Dr**, \_\_\_\_\_ axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires

## 1956 Meteor Rideau Town Sedan (4-dr, 6-pass)

Bodyside bright-metal **meteor-bolt** molding w/ mid **flash** contrasting paint colour & rear **jet exhaust** design  
Single-Tone, Two-Tone, or Tri-Tone ext paint

Total Production **5,337**

**Std Model 2-73C** Shipping Weight 3,290 lb (Std trans) Production 5,336

**Meteor V-8 - 292-cid, 200-hp**, 8.0:1 comp ratio, 4-bbl carb, w/

- **Standard**, 10" clutch, 3.20 (opt 3.89) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, **\$2,639** CAD FOB Oakville
- Opt **Overdrive**, 10" clutch, 3.89 (opt 3.20) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires
- Opt **Merc-O-Matic Dr**, (**202-hp**, 8.4:1 comp ratio), 3.22 (opt 3.55) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, or

**Opt Model 2-73C** Shipping Weight \_\_\_\_\_ lb (Merc-O-Matic Dr) Production \_\_\_\_\_

**Meteor V-8 - 312-cid, 225-hp**, 9.0:1 comp ratio, 4-bbl carb, *mid model-year few installed, if any* w/

**Merc-O-Matic Dr** (only), 3.22 (opt none) axle, 7.10 x 15" 4-ply tires, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ , or

**Opt Model 5-73C** Shipping Weight 3,260 lb (Std trans) Production 1

**Meteor 6 - 223-cid, 137-hp**, 8.0:1 comp ratio, 1-bbl carb, *mid model-year few installed* w/

- **Standard**, 9-1/2" clutch, \_\_\_\_\_ axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, **\$2,508** CAD FOB Oakville
- Opt **Overdrive**, 9-1/2" clutch, \_\_\_\_\_ axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires
- Opt **Merc-O-Matic Dr**, \_\_\_\_\_ axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires

## 1956 Meteor Rideau Victoria (2-dr, 6-pass, pillarless hardtop)

Bodyside bright-metal **meteor-bolt** molding w/ mid **flash** contrasting paint colour & rear **jet exhaust** design  
Single-Tone, Two-Tone, or Tri-Tone ext paint

Total production **2,110**

**Std Model 2-64C** Shipping Weight 3,350 lb (Std trans) Production \_\_\_\_\_

**Meteor V-8 - 292-cid, 200-hp**, 8.0:1 comp ratio, 4-bbl carb, w/

- **Standard**, 10" clutch, 3.20 (opt 3.89) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, **\$2,759** CAD FOB Oakville
- Opt **Overdrive**, 10" clutch, 3.89 (opt 3.20) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires
- Opt **Merc-O-Matic Dr**, (**202-hp**, 8.4:1 comp ratio), 3.22 (opt 3.55) axle, 7.10 x 15" 4-ply tires, or

**Opt Model 2-64C** Shipping Weight \_\_\_\_\_ lb (Merc-O-Matic Dr) Production \_\_\_\_\_

**Meteor V-8 - 312-cid, 225-hp**, 9.0:1 comp ratio, 4-bbl carb, *mid model-year few installed, if any* w/

**Merc-O-Matic Dr** (only), 3.22 (opt none) axle, 7.10 x 15" 4-ply tires, \$ \_\_\_\_\_, or

**Opt Model 5-64C** Shipping Weight \_\_\_\_\_ lb (Std trans) Production \_\_\_\_\_

**Meteor 6 - 223-cid, 137-hp**, 8.0:1 comp ratio, 1-bb carb, *mid model-year few installed, if any* w/

- **Standard**, 9-1/2" clutch, \_\_\_\_\_ axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Opt **Overdrive**, 9-1/2" clutch, \_\_\_\_\_ axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires
- Opt **Merc-O-Matic Dr**, \_\_\_\_\_ axle, 7.10 x 15" 4-ply tires

## 1956 Meteor Rideau Four-Door Victoria (6-pass, pillarless hardtop)

*mid model-year*

Bodyside bright-metal **meteor-bolt** molding w/ mid **flash** contrasting paint colour & rear **jet exhaust** design  
Single-Tone, Two-Tone, or Tri-Tone ext paint

Total production **545**

**Std Model 2-57A** Shipping Weight 3,440 lb (Merc-O-Matic Dr) Production \_\_\_\_\_

**Meteor V-8 - 292-cid, 200-hp**, 8.0:1 comp ratio, 4-bbl carb, w/

**Merc-O-Matic Dr**, (**202-hp**, 8.4:1 comp ratio), 3.22 (opt 3.55) axle, 7.10 x 15" 4-ply tires, **\$2,849** CAD FOB  
Oakville, or

**Opt Model 2-57A** Shipping Weight \_\_\_\_\_ lb (Merc-O-Matic Dr) Production \_\_\_\_\_

**Meteor V-8 - 312-cid, 225-hp**, 9.0:1 comp ratio, 4-bbl carb, *few installed* w/

**Merc-O-Matic Dr** (only), 3.22 (opt none) axle, 7.10 x 15" 4-ply tires, \$ \_\_\_\_\_, or

**Opt Model 5-57A** Shipping Weight \_\_\_\_\_ lb (Merc-O-Matic Dr) Production \_\_\_\_\_

**Meteor 6 - 223-cid, 137-hp**, 8.0:1 comp ratio, 1-bbl carb, *few installed, if any* w/

**Merc-O-Matic Dr**, \_\_\_\_\_ axle, 7.10 x 15" 4-ply tires, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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"Crown of chrome" molding over steel top

Bodyside bright-metal **meteor-bolt** molding w/ mid **flash** contrasting paint colour & rear **jet exhaust** design  
Single-Tone, Two-Tone, or Tri-Tone ext paint

Total production **206**

**Std Model 2-64A** Shipping Weight 3,330 lb (Std trans) Production \_\_\_\_

**Meteor V-8 - 292-cid, 200-hp**, 8.0:1 comp ratio, 4-bbl carb, w/

- **Standard**, 10" clutch, 3.20 (opt 3.89) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, **\$2,936** CAD FOB Oakville
- Opt **Overdrive**, 10" clutch, 3.89 (opt 3.20) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires
- Opt **Merc-O-Matic Dr**, (**202-hp**, 8.4:1 comp ratio), 3.22 (opt 3.55) axle, 7.10 x 15" 4-ply tires, or

**Opt Model 2-64A** Shipping Weight \_\_\_\_ lb (Merc-O-Matic Dr) Production \_\_\_\_

**Meteor V-8 - 312-cid, 225-hp**, 9.0:1 comp ratio, 4-bbl carb, *mid model-year few installed* w/

**Merc-O-Matic Dr** (only), 3.22 (opt none) axle, 7.10 x 15" 4-ply tires, \$ \_\_\_\_\_, or

**Opt Model 5-64A** Shipping Weight \_\_\_\_ lb (Std trans) Production \_\_\_\_

**Meteor 6 - 223-cid, 137-hp**, 8.0:1 comp ratio, 1-bbl carb, *mid model-year none installed* w/

- **Standard**, 9-1/2" clutch, \_\_\_\_ axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, & \_\_\_\_
- Opt **Overdrive**, 9-1/2" clutch, \_\_\_\_ axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires
- Opt **Merc-O-Matic Dr**, \_\_\_\_ axle, 7.10 x 15" 4-ply tires

## 1956 Meteor Rideau Sunliner (2-dr, 6-pass, convertible)

Electro-hydraulic unit (a motor & oil pump) **powered** convertible top

Bodyside bright-metal **meteor-bolt** molding w/ mid **flash** contrasting paint colour & rear **jet exhaust** design  
Single-Tone, Two-Tone, or Tri-Tone ext paint

Total production **479**

**Std Model 2-76B** Shipping Weight 3,450 lb (Std trans) Production \_\_\_\_

**Meteor V-8 - 292-cid, 200-hp**, 8.0:1 comp ratio, 4-bbl carb, w/

- **Standard**, 10" clutch, 3.20 (opt 3.89) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, **\$3,007** CAD FOB Oakville
- Opt **Overdrive**, 10" clutch, 3.89 (opt 3.20) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires
- Opt **Merc-O-Matic Dr**, (**202-hp**, 8.4:1 c/r), 3.22 (opt 3.55) axle, 7.10 x 15" 4-ply tires, or

**Opt Model 2-76B** Shipping Weight \_\_\_\_ lb (Merc-O-Matic Cr) Production \_\_\_\_

**Meteor V-8 - 312-cid, 225-hp**, 9.0:1 comp ratio, 4-bbl carb, *mid model-year few installed* w/

**Merc-O-Matic Dr** (only), 3.22 (opt none) axle, 7.10 x 15" 4-ply tires, \$ \_\_\_\_\_, or

**Opt Model 5-76B** Shipping Weight \_\_\_\_ lb (Std trans) Production \_\_\_\_

**Meteor 6 - 223-cid, 137-hp**, 8.0:1 comp ratio, 1-bbl carb, *mid model-year none installed* w/

- **Standard**, 9-1/2" clutch, \_\_\_\_ axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Opt **Overdrive**, 9-1/2" clutch, \_\_\_\_ axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires
- Opt **Merc-O-Matic Dr**, \_\_\_\_ axle, 7.10 x 15" 4-ply tires

# 1956 Meteor Rideau 6-Pass Country Sedan (4-dr, stn wagon)

**Stowaway back seat:** bottom tilts up & forward, back folds forward & down as level-floor loadspace—length 74.0"

Bodyside bright-metal **meteor-bolt** molding w/ mid **flash** contrasting paint colour & rear **jet exhaust** design

Single-Tone, Two-Tone, or Tri-Tone ext paint

Total production **1,778**

**Std Model 2-79D** Shipping Weight 3,560 lb (Std trans) Production 1,605

**Meteor V-8 - 292-cid, 200-hp**, 8.0:1 comp ratio, 4-bbl carb, w/

- **Standard**, 10" clutch, 4.09 (opt 4.27) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, **\$2,900** CAD FOB Oakville
- Opt **Overdrive**, 10" clutch, 4.27 (opt none) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires
- Opt **Merc-O-Matic Dr**, (**202-hp**, 8.4:1 comp ratio, 3.54 (opt none) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, or

**Opt Model 2-79D** Shipping Weight \_\_\_\_ lb (Merc-O-Matic Dr) Production \_\_\_\_

**Meteor V-8 - 312-cid, 225-hp**, 9.0:1 comp ratio, 4-bbl carb, *mid model-year few installed, if any* w/

**Merc-O-Matic Dr** (only), 3.54 (opt none) axle, 7.10 x 15" 4-ply tires, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ , or

**Opt Model 5-79D** Shipping Weight 3,530 lb (Std trans) Production 173

**Meteor 6 - 223-cid, 137-hp**, 8.0:1 comp ratio, 1-bbl carb, *mid model-year few installed* w/

- **Standard**, 9-1.2" clutch, 4.09 (opt 4.27) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires, \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Opt **Overdrive**, 9-1/2" clutch, 4.27 (opt none) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires
- Opt **Merc-O-Matic Dr**, 3.54 (opt none) axle, 6.70 x 15" 4-ply tires

# 1956 Meteor Rideau 8-Pass Country Sedan (4-dr, stn wagon)

**Stowaway back seat:** divided 2/3 left & 1/3 right. Divided bottoms fold up, forward, & down as level-floor loadspace, & divided backs fold forward & down as level-floor loadspace. As well, with the back folded forward, the whole Stowaway back 1/3 right seat tilts up & forward for rear seat access. **Rear Seat:** (2-pass) w/ back & bottom cushions removed the rear seat back folds forward & down as level-floor loadspace—total length 82.9."

Bodyside bright-metal **meteor-bolt** molding w/ mid **flash** contrasting paint colour & rear **jet exhaust** design  
Single-Tone, Two-Tone, or Tri-Tone ext paint

Total production **933**

**Std Model 2-79B** Shipping Weight 3,610 lb (Std trans) Production \_\_\_\_\_

**Meteor V-8 - 292-cid, 200-hp**, 8.0:1 comp ratio, 4-bbl carb, w/

- **Standard**, 10" clutch, 4.09 (opt 4.27) axle, 7.10 x 15" 4-ply (opt 6-ply) tires, **\$3,070** CAD FOB Oakville
- Opt **Overdrive**, 10" clutch, 4.27 (opt none) axle, 7.10 x 15" 4-ply (opt 6-ply) tires
- Opt **Merc-O-Matic Dr**, (**202-hp**, 8.4:1 c/r), 3.54 (opt none) axle, 7.10 x 15" 4-ply (opt 6-ply) tires, or

**Std Model 2-79B** Shipping Weight \_\_\_\_\_ lb (Merc-O-Matic Dr) Production \_\_\_\_\_

**Meteor V-8 - 312-cid, 225-hp**, 9.0:1 comp ratio, 4-bbl carb, *mid model-year few installed* w/

**Merc-O-Matic Dr** (only), 3.54 (opt none) axle, 7.10 x 15" 4-ply (opt 6-ply) tires, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ , or

**Std Model 5-79B** Shipping Weight \_\_\_\_\_ lb (Std trans) Production \_\_\_\_\_

**Meteor 6 - 223-cid, 137-hp**, 8.0:1 comp ratio, 1-bbl carb, *mid model-year few installed, if any* w/

- **Standard**, 9-1.2" clutch, 4.09 (opt 4.27) axle, 7.10 x 15" 4-ply (opt 6-ply) tires, \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Opt **Overdrive**, 9-1/2" clutch, 4.27 (opt none) axle, 7.10 x 15" 4-ply (opt 6-ply) tires
- Opt **Merc-O-Matic Dr**, 3.54 (opt none) axle, 7.10 x 15" 4-ply (opt 6-ply) tires