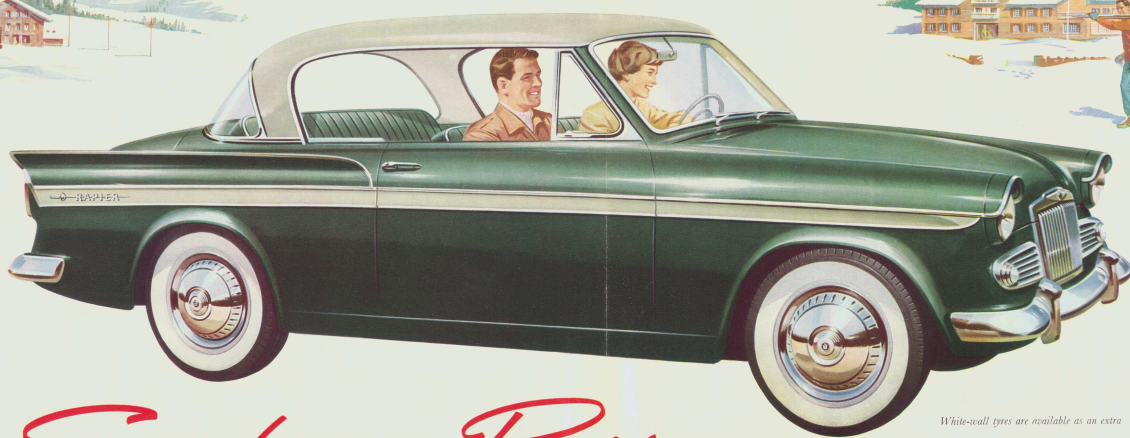




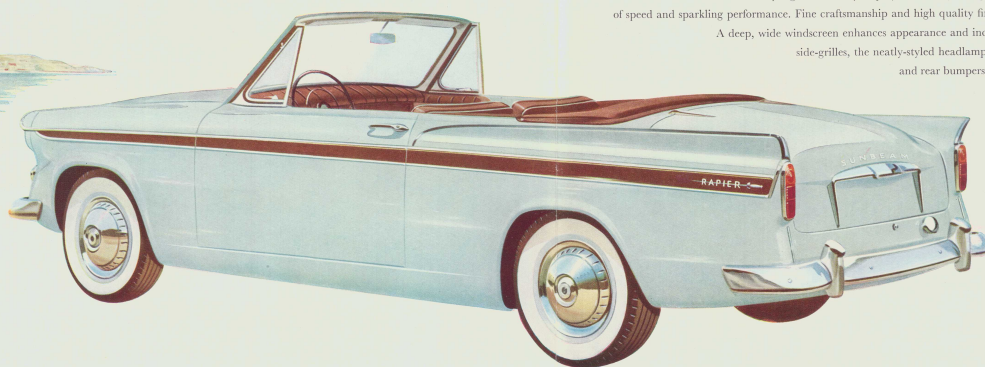
White-wall tyres are available as an extra

Sunbeam Rapier

The pedigree car with a great reputation for Rally achievement

Sunbeam flair in modern styling is brilliantly displayed in this exciting, rally-bred car. Swift, low-sweep lines tell of speed and sparkling performance. Fine craftsmanship and high quality finish are evident in every detail.

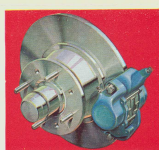
A deep, wide windscreen enhances appearance and increases driving safety. Note the smart radiator side-grilles, the neatly-styled headlamp cowlings, the over-riders on front and rear bumpers. Side flashes add elegance with contrasting colour.



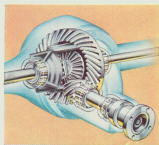
There are two exciting Sunbeam Rapier models to choose from . . . a Sports Saloon and a smart Convertible. The Sports Saloon is luxurious and offers exceptional comfort. Wide-opening doors and a 'step-down' floor give easy access to all seats. The fully wrapped-round rear screen and the slender window pillars ensure excellent all-round visibility. The Sunbeam Rapier Convertible has all the luxury features of the Saloon model. The smartly tailored 'top' can be quickly adjusted to any of three positions. Fully closed, you have a draught-proof, cosy saloon. Half open, a chic coupé-de-ville. Fully open, an open car of sporting appearance. Whatever your choice, an exhilarating motoring experience awaits you – the joy of travel in a rally-built car that is powerful in performance with a smoothness and quietness of running unparalleled in its class.

More spirited performance-quiet, effortless . . . economical

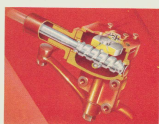
Front wheels have fade-resistant disc brakes; rear wheels, large-area drum brakes. This combination provides an extremely efficient braking system, with safe, progressive braking at all speeds.



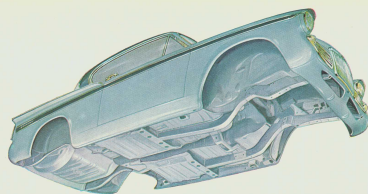
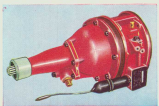
A robust, precision-built rear axle unit, with semi-floating hubs, incorporates a hypoid final drive with a ratio of 4.22:1 (4.96:1 with overdrive). Thick rubber cushions insulate the axle from the suspension. High torque capacity and built-in rigidity ensure quiet operation at all speeds.



A high-efficiency steering unit, of recirculating ball design, gives precise control – makes handling easy under all road conditions.

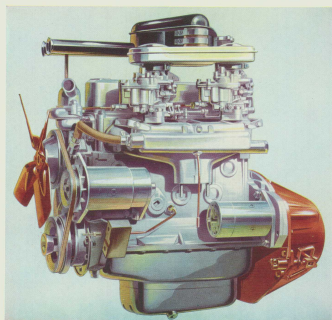


Laycock-de Normanville Overdrive, available as an extra, operates on top and third gears, improves still further the Rapier's excellent performance and economies on fuel. Overdrive is operated simply by flicking a switch conveniently positioned on the steering column.



The all-steel unitary construction is the strongest and safest form of body-chassis structure. Sunbeam Rapier design utilizes a unique combination of longitudinal and transverse members welded in such a way that stresses are more evenly distributed. Torsional strength is very high. The 'step-down' floor incorporated in the chassis gives a low centre of gravity – with increased stability and interior roominess. The body is protected against rust and corrosion and sound-deadening material has been extensively applied.

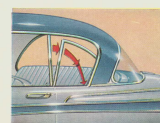
The powerful new 1.6 litre Rapier power unit



This new precision-built engine of higher capacity has been developed to give greater power and acceleration, with livelier performance in all gears, whilst maintaining fuel economy. It is fitted with twin carburettors that ensure smooth operation throughout the speed range. Improved features include pistons of new design, a dry filter air cleaner, and self-adjusting clutch. The engine has a capacity of 1,592 c.c., a compression ratio of 9:1:1 and develops 80-85 b.h.p. at 5,100 r.p.m. Other important features are: an aluminium cylinder head for maximum thermal efficiency, inclined overhead valves with a new arrangement of inlet and exhaust porting for efficient heat distribution, a special water heated inlet manifold of advanced design, a high tensile steel crank-shaft fitted with a torsional vibration damper for smoother running, plus an unusually rigid cylinder block for longer engine life. For improved handling and road-holding, a larger anti-roll bar is now incorporated in the Sunbeam Rapier's excellent suspension system.



The spacious luggage compartment has weather-sealed protection. Lid is spring-assisted and stays open when loading or unloading. Stylish rearlamp clusters enclose flashing indicators, reflectors and stop/tail lamp.



The rear quarter-lights can be fully opened and closed. Both models have adjustable front quarter-lights and a very efficient, easily regulated ventilating system.

