Scimitar GTE
High Performance Estate

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Scimitar GTE: who needs it?

Answer: Anybody who's ever regretted that he couldn't drive two cars at once. Because the GTE, alone among high performance cars, is also a thoroughly practical work-aday family holdall. Or put it another way: the GTE, alone among estate cars, will also give you an authentic, beautifully controlled 120 mph — with all the acceleration and roadholding to go with it.

The GTE is one of the great, classical cars of the 1970's: not just because of its meticulous design and engineering, but because of the whole GTE *idea.* No other car is like it.

How does it get so much urge?

Answer: From the big, lusty, Ford V6 3-litre engine — allied to very light weight: 23 cwt overall. The body, crisply styled by Ogle, is glass fibre; which, incidentally, won't rust; ever.

Maximum power is 135 bhp (net) at 5,000 rpm.

Maximum torque, 172 lbs/ft at 3,000 rpm. 70 mph in top gear over-drive is at 2,500 rpm; in the auto-matic it is at 3,200 rpm.

And there is nothing brutal about it: even at three-figure speeds, you feel you are idling along.

How many models?

Answer: Three. Manual, Over-drive (on 3rd and top), and Automatic.

What will it carry?

Answer: Four grownups: the GTE is an authentic four-seater — not 2 + 2; the back seats are respectable bucket seats, matching the front ones.

The rear end is laid out estate-car fashion, and the whole rear-window opens like a door. Luggage-space is full width to a *minimum* of 19 cu. ft.

Fold one back seat down into the floor and you have 27 cu. ft.

Fold the other back seat down and you have 36 cu. ft. *thirty-six cubic feet* — it is enormous. All flat, all full-width, all carpeted.

What sort of ride do you get?

Answer: Relaxed and refreshing. This is an evolved, refined, extremely civilised car. With the GTE's long stride and easy gait, you can do single-hop journeys of as much as 350 miles — and step out at the other end ready for anything.

Where can you see it and test it out? *Answer:*