# **1968-1972 OPEL KADETT**



The Kadett: Opel's economy workhorse of the 1960's. The first Kadett in the USA was the A model from 1964-1967, first with the 1.0L followed in '66 by the 1.1L. The Kadett B followed in mid-year 1967, commonly referred to as the '67 1/2. In 1968 the Kadett's engine options were drastically increased, the base engine was still the 1.1L followed by the higher output dual carburetor 1.1SR engine, the 1.5L CIH and the 1.9L Super Kadett engine. The B model Kadett continued until 1972.

Kadetts were sold through GM's Buick dealership network with the advertising nickname the 'Mini-Brute'. Super-economy was also a high selling point with 30+ mpg performance from the 1.1L engine coupled to the 4 speed transmission and high axle ratio. This combination made for spirited performance all for under \$2000 dollars.

In 1967 1/2, when the Kadett B was introduced as a 1968 model, the redesigned body featured the all new CIH (Cam-In-Head) 1.5L and 1.9L engines. The Kadett Rallye was also introduced with its stylish twin hood black outs and side stripes. A simulated wood grain steering wheel was introduced along with front fog lamps and a 3.67:1 rear axle final drive. The later could also be special ordered with a limited slip differential. In 1969 and 70 the Kadett Rallye came exclusively with the 1.9L engine and optional chrome '15 hole' sport wheels. The Kadett Rallye option was dropped in 1971 with the introduction of the Manta and Manta Rallye, with sales of the Kadett terminating in 1972.

Tens of thousands of Opel Kadetts were sold in the USA from 1968 thru 1972 with the 2-door Fast-Back being extremely popular with college students, and the Station Wagon selling big as an affordable rugged family car. If you are lucky enough to own one of these Kadetts today, rest assured you have both a unique and classic Opel.

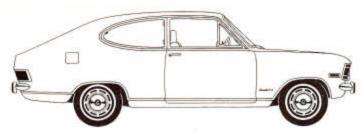
### Kadett - B, Model Identification 1968-1972

**Opel Kadett Model numbers 'as sold' for the US market.** 

### Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): The first two (2) digits of the VIN indicates the model designation.



**Model 92 Kadett Rallye** 



Model 95 Kadett Deluxe Sport Coupe'



**Model 91 Kadett Deluxe Sport Sedan** 



**Model 39 Kadett Station Wagon** 



Model 31 Kadett Sedan 2 dr.

#### Kadett Rallye 1968-1970

"This snappy little number from Opel looks and acts like the true performer it is. " Quote: Opel 1970 selling manual.

Colors: Spring Green (HH), Chrome Yellow (YY) and Rallye Orange (BB) came with black interior.

Colors: Aztec Gold (GG) and Copper Bronze (WW) came with buckskin interior.

### Kadett Sport Coupe 1968-1970

"Here's an Opel that looks great regardless of where it goes." Quote: Opel 1970 selling manual.

Colors: Flame Red (RR), Spring Green (HH) and Chrome Yellow (YY) came with black interior.

Colors: Strato Blue (DD), Aztec Gold (GG) and Copper Bronze (WW) came with buckskin interior.

Colors: Brilliant White (CC) with red interior.

### Kadett Sport Sedan 1968-1970

"Put text book economics into practice with this budget minded 'Mini-Brute." Opel 1970 selling manual.

Note: Same Exterior/Interior colors listed under the Kadett Sport Coupe.

#### Kadett Station Wagon 1968-1972

"There's a lot to brag about when it comes to this gem of a 'Mini-Brute. Sips regular fuel. Over 55 cubic feet of haulanything cargo space." Opel 1970 selling manual.

Note: Same Exterior/Interior colors listed under the Kadett Sport Coupe.

### Kadett 2 Door Sedan 1968-1972

"Thriftiness is this Mini-Brute's strong point. Buts there is no pinching when it comes to essentials." 1970 selling manual.

Colors: Flame Red (RR), Spring Green (HH) and Chrome Yellow (YY) came with black interior.

Colors: Strato Blue (DD), Aztec Gold (GG) and Copper Bronze (WW) came with buckskin interior.

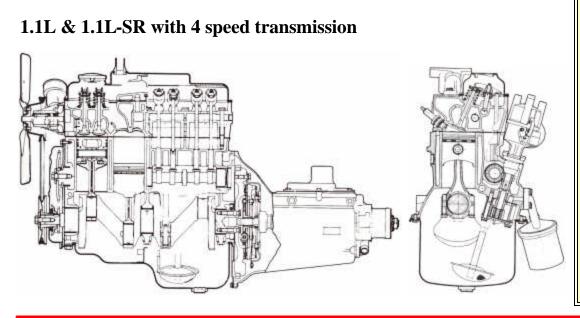
Colors: Brilliant White (CC) with red interior.

**Note:** There was also a 4 door version of this Kadett model with the model number 36.

### **Kadett - B, Engine Identification**

### 1.1L, 1.1L-SR, 1.5L and 1.9L

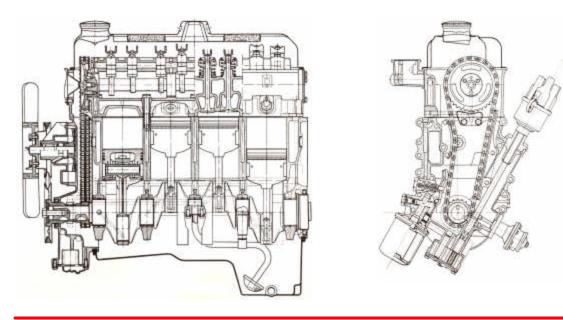
All Opel engines can be identified by the first two digits of the engine serial number located on the middle drivers side of the engine block. The 1.1L is equipped with either a single one-barrel 35PDSI or two one-barrel 35 PDSI carburetors.



### **1.1L Visual ID:**

- 1. The distributor is located on the drivers side of the cast iron engine block between cylinders 3 and 4.
- 2. The oil filter is located on the drivers side of the engine on an external bolt-on aluminum housing.
- 3. Spark plugs are located on the passenger side of the engine.
- 4. The cam shaft is in the block with the rocker arms being actuated via push-rods.
- 5. The starter is located low on the passenger side of the block.
- 6. The fuel pump is mount on the Drivers side of the block.

### **1.5 & 1.9L CIH engine** The 1.9L is equipped with a single two -barrel 32DIDTA.



### **1.9L Visual ID:**

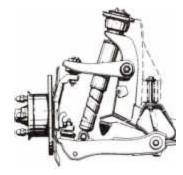
- 1. The distributor is located in the aluminum timing cover.
- 2. The oil filter is located low on the passenger side of the engine on the aluminum timing cover.
- 3. Spark plugs are located on the driver side of the engine.
- 4. The cam shaft is in the cylinder head with the rocker arms being actuated directly via the lifters. (No push-rods).
- 5. The starter is on the driver side of the engine block.
- 6. The fuel pump is mount low on the drivers side of the aluminum timing cover.

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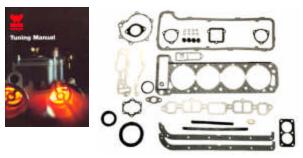
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