

## 1968 AMC AMX



The AMC AMX debuted on Feb. 24, 1968, as a midyear 1968 model. It was the first steel-bodied, two seat American production model since the 1957 Ford Thunderbird. American Motors created the AMX (American Motors Experimental) by slicing a foot out of its Javelin body, eliminating the rear seat, and making it a true two seat sports car. Its short 97 inch wheelbase cut the AMX curb weight to about 3,100 pounds.

When equipped with the top of the line 315 bhp version of the 390 cid engine, it gave the AMX a power-to-weight ratio of 9.8 lbs/bhp. This combination was good for 0-60 times of 6.9 seconds and a quarter mile in 15.2 seconds. Standard equipment on the AMX included reclining bucket seats, carpeting, woodgrain interior trim, E70-14 Goodyear polyglas tires, a four-speed manual transmission, and a heavy-duty suspension.

Engine options were based on the corporate 290, 343 and 390 cid V8 engines with power ranging from 225 bhp to 315 bhp. Base price was a reasonable \$3,245. In February 1968, race driver Craig Breedlove set 106 world speed records with an AMX. To celebrate this feat, about 50 special red, white, and blue "Craig Breedlove" editions were built.

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