

[In 1976, my first job at 16 was working at my brother's auto body shop...
cultivated my appreciation of shapely lines.]

ACROSS

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1967 Pontiac " _ "

Shared coke-bottle styling with its cousin, the Camaro. Front bumpers integrated for streamlined look, with slick slit tail-lights. Many engine sizes, maxed at 400 cu-inch V-8 for 325 HPower!

9 "Ooh...go ahead and _ _ friend. Do it in the..."

10 "My _ sympathies, Mrs. Lincoln."

14 Actress West (1893 - 80), with "breezy sexuality"*

15 Alpha-Soup for outlawed jet -- too fast, noisy*

17 128-Across

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1969 Chevrolet " _ _ "

With a truly distinctive look, this "darling of its time" was engineered with aerodynamics in mind. Expensive option included a 427 ci V-8 with 435 hp! "Raw power...passionate design."

23 Teasingly offer

26 **Wheels below**

29 Abode of a pig or teenager

30 Seriously capable and cool

31 Dead shorts?

32 Alpha-Soup request of the dead

33 Dory tool

34 Grizzly Bear st.

DOWN

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1968 _ " _ "

"With its one-of-a kind design and personality, this car ruled the 60s and 70s." With a modern semi-fastback style, sedans were available with 295 hp 5.7 liter engine, beefy suspension.

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1968 Ford "Mustang _ "

Came with 4 engine sizes (including the 427 ci, a "detuned race engine") and 9 rear axle ratios. "Pure American muscle." Steve McQueen hot-rodged green thru San Francisco's '68 "Bullitt". [My 5th car...well, same year, make. Loved it!]

3 "What you using to make poi? Oh, _ _ root!"

4 "Hail TS Eliot -- for 3 years USA's _ _ _ _ !"*

5 Unrestrained "inner monster"

6 Restrain

7 Basically a prefix for the opposite

8 **Wheels below**

9 Box

11 (with 37-Across) **Wheels below**

12 Playfully mischievous

13 Initials of lightbulb inventor*

14 Very

16 Conciliate

ACROSS

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**1966 _ _ "**

[My sixth car...I also had a '72 and '75, these maintained a la the "Idiot's Guide". This babies-friendly 6-volt model struggled most any incline. Loved due to frugality, flexibility, and fixability.] Dozen different versions, each a dozen touches.

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**1965 _ _ "DB5"**

First appearing in James Bond's '64 "Goldfinger", this British Grand Tourer (GT) sports an all-aluminum 3-carb, 4.0 liter engine, with speeds up to 145 mph! With full leather trim...no ejector seat.

42

(with 46- and 52-Across)

**1987 American Motors " _ _ "**

With the "best SUV shape of all-time", first off-roader used fully integrated body-and-frame design. "Tough, reliable with hi-ground clearance." "Luxury, utility." [My 15th car...a real worker.]

DOWN

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**1975 Chevrolet " _ _ "**

"Known for sports car-like handling, innovative engineering, comfort, and freeway cruising." With the fastest production rate at the time. [Doesn't it seem like a rabbit that wants to go?]

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(with 37-Across)

**1975 " _ _ "**

With its expected road adhesion and delight to drive, this year's begat the "short hood" autos. With a 2.7 liter turbo-charged engine, this sport model ran hot intentionally for regulating smog.

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**1972 Ford-Europe " _ _ "**

Sharing the same designer as the Mustang, fastback coupe came with V-6 2.0 liter for speed or thrifty, reliable Kent Straight-Four. Rack and pinion steering for sharp cornering. [My second car...very nimble with stick shift.]

ACROSS

- 37 (see 11-Down)
 41 Date initials
 42 (with 46- and 52-Across) **Wheels above**
 44 Bond's Doctor
 45 (see 47-Across)
 46 (see 42-Across)
 47 (with 45-Across)



1990 British Motor Corporation " _ _ "

"Second most influential of 20th Century" (#1 is another Answer), this 2-door 4-seater used a transverse engine and front-wheel drive, saving interior space. Referred a "Classic" before 2000.

- 57 (with 58-Across)



1975 " _ _ "

This "quintessential Italian sports car" strutted a "vivacious" V-4. With torque-tube-transmitting power, could scratch from 5th to 4th on highway. "Engaging driving dynamics." Only in convertible. [My third car...much the like here. I'd hard-top.]

DOWN

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1967 Ford " _ _ "

"A riff on the Mustang, but with its own vibe."
 The company's turn-around success story, this first-year model hid headlights behind its grill.
 "More sophisticated than the horse next door."

- 21 Initials for actress (1915 - 82) in '44 "Gaslight"*
 22 Initials of George Takei (1937 -), helmsman Sulu
 23 Per _
 24 Monopoly square or Chinese board game
 25 Doc Frankenstein's office
 26 St. with Latin motto "Thus Always to Tyrants"

- 27



1976 Volkswagon " _ _ "

German nicknamed as "käfer", this air-cooled rear-mounted fuel-injected auto generated 58 hp and still great mpg. Popular, easy to repair. Then, VW bragged of carpeting...and seatbelts! [My fourth car...fun, with only basic comfort.]

- 28 Syrup-harvesting tools?
 32 Initials of 40th American president*
 34 **Wheels below**
 36 Inits of "Godfather of Punk", w/ "The Stooges"*
 38 Alpha-Soup for Association of Energy Engineers
 39 Initials of one of four Monopoly squares
 40 *Blam Blam!* "Oh my! That was _ _ miss!"

ACROSS

- 49 "Here ___ camp, you'll learn to snow-plow..."*
 50 Icelandic south village with black sand beaches*
 52 (see 42-Across)
 54 Former Afghanistan ruler
 56 Piece that rides a ratchet, prohibiting reversing*
 57 (with 58-Across) **Wheels above**
 58 (see 57-Across)
 61 "___ dude..."
 62 "Me climb that? ___ . ___ of you want to try it?"*
 63 (with 79-Across) This Puzzle Grid kind of
 depicts a sporty ___ - facing ___ .
 65 Poet Thomas Stearns ___ -- authored "Cats"

67

**1955 Ford "___"**

Nicknamed "Baby", this sporty first-year two-seater convertible hard-top, while light-weight with a 292 ci block, was designed for comfort. Ford dubbed it "a personal car of distinction".

- 71 Noah's unit

72

**1927 "___"**

Henry's fine vision of the "first car affordable by an assembly line worker" didn't happen till this alphabetical version. Electric starter, lever throttle. With 15 million sold, most till '72 VW Beetle.

DOWN

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**1973 Cadillac "___"**

564 used as "Indy" pace-cars, with "aggressively elegant stature", this quiet-ride "mob car" built with 472 ci and 375 hp -- also 8 mpg! "Personal luxury with youthful attitude." Smooth tranny.

- 42 ___ ↔ ___ -- debilitating mandible ailment*

43 "Is" in Mexico City

46 (following "ki") Quit, as a habit

48 "I knew you were coming, so ___ a cake."

51 "We have just one more ___ ..."

52 "You train that mutt ___ goes to the pound!"

53 "___ you can go, but not both of us."

55 Popular

57 To and ___

58 Exterior wall protection

59 Alpha-Soup for Information Technology Labs

60 "Oh Pa...Ole Yeller done ___ all the beans!"

61 Type of man more related to a mouse?

62 Couple trailer

64 "Yo Driver...what's the ___ Piccadilly Square?"

- 69 (with 107-Across)

**1972 "___"**

"One hell of a nice drive" and with "eternally cool interior", last of the muscle car era topped with a Magnum 440 ci and 280 hp block. "With long flowing body lines and swooping curves."

ACROSS

- 75 Bond with his fellow agents, designations to kill
 76 Ln
 77 Some have a rather oversized one
 79 (see 63-Across)
 80 Small bird or boob
 81 "My name" for self-professed malefactor?
 82 (see 81-Down)
 84 Old World cont.
 85 Inventive words, like "man's best friend" for "dog"



1971 Ford "___"

This mass-produced "performance-oriented" "trendsetting classic" had room for a 428 Cobra Jet block and 5-speed tranny. "Ideal muscle car" drove in Bond's "Diamonds" with 2-wheel stunt.

- 91 ___ I F
 92 "___ just doesn't matter!"
 94 (see 86-Down)
 95 St. of Providence



1969 ___ "E-Type Roadster"

"Icon of the motoring world", this Grand Tourer boasted a 4.2 liter capable of 150 mph. With disc brakes and an alternator, it influenced the industry. Enzo Ferrari: "Most beautiful car."

DOWN

- 66 Bunch
 68 Person, place or thing
 69 (with 108-Across) **Wheels above**
 70 "First job? Well, put the ___ __, mortar there."*
 72 "Thk God It's ___!"
 73 Not really a passing grade



1999 Ford "___"

"Once past the strange curves and odd snout, lot of car for the cash." "Capable acceleration and decent handling." Available in Duratec V-6 24-valve, yielding 185 hp -- and maybe 17 mpg! [My current car -- I like the unique lines, peppy.]

- 78 Understand

[Filler: "Just got 9 out of 10 on my driver's test. The last guy was able to get out of the way."]

- 81 (with 82-Across)



1972 Ford "___"

Marketed as a subcompact "import fighter", this 2-door sedan offered a 200 ci, straight-6 and passable gas mileage, which lent popularity in '73 oil crisis. 2-spoke steering, no glove box!

ACROSS

- 98 Initials of actress (1967 -), '01 "Moulin Rouge"*
 100 Medicinal liquid applied externally
 102 Alpha for Phoenix school of higher learning*
 104 Unexpectedly won
 108 (see 69-Down)
 111 Recline in an indolent manner
 112 Top rating, often

113 (with 122-Across)



1975 _ _ "

"Designed for spacious seating, comfort, and durability", this family-friendly model-245 sedan was powered by 2.3 liter diesel 6-cyl. At 2600 lbs was a heavy-duty car -- "added to its safety". [My 10th car -- perfect for our clan, stick-shift!]

125 (with 123-Across)



1969 British Motor Corporation _ _ "

"Quintessential British sports car" comes with an "old-fashioned repairable" twin-carb inline-4 and 4-speed manual. "Not speedy but fun." Many are still on road. First model with crumple zones.

DOWN

82



1967 Ford _ _ "

Literally, factory-combining the sleek looks and amenities of a sedan with the utility of a light pick-up. This year offered a monstrous 390 ci 270 hp guzzler. Chief rival the Chevy El Camino.

83 (with "ck") Quit, as a habit

86 (with 94-Across)



1967 _ _ "

"Appealing to the speed-minded youth market", this "first true muscle car" packed a 389 ci V-8. Co-designer -- *the* John DeLorean (1925 - 05) -- named his car after a race-winning Ferrari 250.

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1977 Pontiac _ _ "

With a convertible T-top, this "Black Beast" was "last of muscle cars", somehow passed EPA regs with 6.6 liter V-8 and 185 hp. "The most iconic Firebird." Burt's crew destroyed 3 in "Bandit".

ACROSS

- 117 Didn't play today
 118 "Ooh...for ___ a jolly good lassie..."
 119 (with "ey") What a good dog does
 120 (see 126-Across)
 122 (see 113-Across)
 123 (see 125-Across)
 125 (with 123-Across) **Wheels above**
 126 (with 120-Across)



1981 ___ "440 LTD"

"Light-weight, agile, with quick acceleration", mid-size cycle sported a classic teardrop design, with 6-speed air-cooled 4-stroke parallel-twin -- up of 95 mph! "Great town bike...trustworthy." [My second bike -- bought new, rode it 9 years.]

- 128 17-Across
 129 (with 130-Across)



1967 Chevrolet "___"

With frameless side windows for convertible feel, this relatively small two-door comes standard with 230 ci straight-6, optional 2-speed "Powerglide" automatic. [My first car -- quick and satisfying with its race car feel...a rawness.]

DOWN

- 88 "You tell him from me that that's ___ problem!"
 89 Initials of 3rd president (1743 - 26), architect*
 90 Springfield st.
 93 "Oh, this is all just ___ much!"
 94 Type of monster
 97 Aware of
 99 Highly excited
 101 Alpha for Transport Layer Sec. -- crypto chit
 103 Alphabet trio
 105 Pro's so-so
 106 (with "len") Hot
 107 Kennedy, Baxter, Nugent and Danson
 109 Long-run "___ The World Turns" [...stomachs]
 110 Tide period
 114 (with "key") Zinfandel adjective
 115 Shirt sz.
 116 (with "lks") Normal people from Berlin
 118 Hollywood veneration
 121 Initials of real name of Santa Claus*
 124 Short for a bus or train hub
 127 Tacoma st.

SUPPLIED ANSWERS*

- 4 "...rated top poet..."
 13 Thomas Edison
 14 Mae
 15 Super Sonic Transport
 21 Ingrid Bergman
 32 Ronald Reagan
 36 Iggy Pop
 42 Jaw lock (lockjaw)
 49 "...at ski..."
 50 Vik
 56 Pawl
 62 "Ha, any..."
 70 "...brick here..."
 82 Thomas Jefferson
 98 Nicole Kidman
 102 Arizona State University
 121 Kris Kringle