

PLYMOUTH BARRACUDA - 1966



Brand :	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plymouth
Model :	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Barracuda
Year :	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1966
Gearbox :	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 speed
Cubic capacity :	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 474 cm3 / 273 ci
Chassis :	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 68114144
Exterior color :	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yellow
Interior color :	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black
Kilometers :	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 80'045 Km
Driving side :	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Left
Documentation :	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• France



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Presentation

Eligible for the historic Monte Carlo, this car was sold new on September 15, 1966 by French importer Simca Automobiles. The car has a striking yellow livery with black roof, wheels and stripes, giving it an American racing look. The interior is adorned with the finest skai upholstery and features a center console, which was an option at the time. Mechanically, the Barracuda is equipped with a 4.5-liter, 180 hp V8 engine and a 4-speed manual gearbox. When I tested it, I was surprised at how easy this muscle car was to use. The manual transmission makes full use of the engine's power to climb the revs.

The history of the Barracuda

The Barracuda is a coupé produced by the Plymouth division of the Chrysler Group. The first model was launched on April 1, 1964, a few weeks before its most serious competitor: the Ford Mustang. It would also face competition from the Chevrolet Camaro and Pontiac Firebird, and would not enjoy real success until the 1970s.

This first-generation Barracuda was based on the "A-Body" chassis of the Dodge Dart and Plymouth Valiant. It was easily distinguished by its gigantic rear window, which at the time was the largest piece of glass ever fitted to a car. This distinctive feature remained until 1966. Originally, three engines were available, two in-line 6-cylinders and a 273 ci, 4.5-liter V8 developing 180 hp. In 1966, the dashboard and front and rear panels were redesigned. After more than 121,000 units produced, it was replaced by the second generation in 1967.

Our vehicle

This model was sold new in France by the importer Simca Automobile on September 15, 1966. At the time, it would have belonged to a show-business personality. Today, the car's striking yellow paintwork, black roof, rims and stripes give it an American racing look. Inside, the skai upholstery is in its original state, with a center console that was optional at the time. Mechanically, our Barracuda is equipped with a 4.5-liter V8 producing 180 hp, mated to a 4-speed manual gearbox. During our test drive, we were surprised by how comfortable this muscle car is to drive. The engine's power is perfectly exploitable thanks to the manual gearbox, which allows you to climb up the rev range.