

A 283-CU.-IN. V8 NEVER FOUND A HAPPIER HOME—We slung a big 195-hp 283-cubic-inch V8\* into the Chevy II Nova Sport Coupe and now you'd think it was born that way.

This is the same Chevy II that spent a couple of happy years building up a following as one of the most wholesome things since brown bread. The one down-to-earth American car you wouldn't mind bringing home to mother or showing off to your friends. And the last car in the world you'd ever accuse of being pretentious. In short, a regular darb.

Now, with that V8 up front, Chevy II spends most of its time doing impressions of performance types. Give it a 4-speed all-synchro shift\* and it's very close to being just that. After all, it started out with certain advantages: taut suspension, trim size, no-nonsense construction.

Is this any way for a nice, quiet, sturdy, sensible, unpretentious car like Chevy II to behave? Strangely enough, yes. Despite its new vigor, it's still a nice, quiet, sturdy, sensible, unpretentious car. With sharper teeth. Grrr. CHEVY II NOVA