



The Total Performance 1965 Ford Galaxie 500/XL 2-Door Hardtop

The velvet brute

Ford's still hanging tough on one rule: If you get a Big Ford with 425 horsepower you get it with heavy-duty suspension. Period.

For '65 we haven't changed the rule. Just the suspension. *And* any ideas you've had about how a firm-handling car couldn't be plushy.

This one is a paradox. Up front there's big muscle—427 cubic inches, two four-barrels, cross-bolted mains, 6000 rpm and 11.1-to-1 compression—the portrait of Brute Force. And when you get it rolling, don't look for

a Brute Force ride. It's firm—but it's velvety firm. Controlled but supple.

It got that way because we started with Ford's new four-coil springing, locator-linkage rear suspension and "recessive" front wheels—the best expression yet of the soft-but-stable idea. All we had to do was pump in enough shock-dampening and spring-stiffness to match the 427's extra potential. Most of the velvet remained.

It sounds pretty simple but the *result* is pretty sophisticated. Matter of fact, there just isn't anything else

like this Velvet Brute around. Try it—and if you still feel a red-hot performance car ought to ride like a dragster, even that needn't keep you out of an XL. Just run the tires up to 70 pounds and hang on.

*Best year yet to go Ford!
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