How does a guy get the most out of a Marlin? Slip a "327" V-8 under the hood, put "four" on the floor and ask your wife to stop calling it a family car.

Actually, no matter which engine you pick, your spouse will be in for a surprise: her practical "family car" will have punch that won't quit.

Marlin's two Torque Command Sixes deliver 145 and 155 hp. The three big V-8's range from 198 to 270 hp (including a new 250-hp V-8). When you stick that kind of power in a car that goes 195 inches overall, you've got a thoroughly impatient machine on your hands.

By the way. Be sure to tell your practical mate how all but the big job thrive on regular gas. She'll like your attitude.

Transmissions? You've got a tough decision to make. Standard 3-on-the-tree? Overdrive? Fully synchronized 4-speed? Or, let's say you settle on our console-

Marlin in Caballero Tan. Check that black vinyl-covered roof option.

mounted automatic. You get to shift . . . your wife doesn't have to. Our his and hers transmission.

Suppose you've got more ideas for fitting out your Marlin. No problem. You can get an electric tach. Power disc brakes, if you like. Power steering. Power windows. A seven-position adjustable steering wheel. And that barely scratches the surface.

What else could you want in a sports fastback? Quality, sure. The kind a man can appreciate. Built in . . . straight from the factory.

Two separate hydraulic brake systems, for example. If one goes on the fritz there's another to stop you. Six-cylinder engines that have a completely counterbalanced crankshaft with seven main bearings. Smoothest running Sixes on the market. An exhaust system that's ceramic-coated (longest-lasting system on any American car).

You also get a body that's dipped in rustproofing right up to the roof. A power train that's sealed in a tube to protect all moving parts (an industry exclusive). A suspension system with deep-coil springs at all four wheels and a sway-bar up front.

You even get a revolutionary self-adjusting clutch on Marlin Sixes. The industry's first major clutch change in over 30 years.

So there's plenty a guy can add to get the most out of Marlin. Except quality. That we build right in.