



Marvels in Automotive Design

1967 Chevrolet

Chevelle Super Sport 396

The Chevelle Super Sport, or SS, represented Chevrolet's entry into the muscle car battle. In early 1964 and 1965, Chevelles had a Malibu SS badge on the rear quarter panel. A Super Sport package was available on the upscale Malibu two-door hardtop and convertible models. After 1965, the Malibu SS badge disappeared except for those sold in Canada.

In 1966 the Chevelle SS 396 became a series of its own and saw a complete restyle on the previous frame that included smooth contours, a broad new grille, bumper treatment, and curved side windows. Bulging rear fender lines and a "flying buttress" roofline were highlights of the 1966 hardtops. The new body reflected the "Coke bottle" body shape that became the fad for American cars in the mid-1960s.

The 1967 models received a facelift. Large wraparound taillamps went into a new rear end with standard backup lights, front disc brakes, and a new dual master cylinder brake system incorporated a warning light. Chevrolet also added 14-inch wheels and a three-speed automatic transmission to their line of transmissions. New safety equipment became standard, including a collapsible steering column. The SS 396 continued as a separate model in hardtop and convertible body styles. Engine options included the three 396 cu in (6.5 L) V8s – the standard, rated at 325 hp, a 360 hp and a 375 hp. Seven transmissions were available: two manual three-speeds, two manual four-speeds, an overdrive three-speed, and two automatics. The Turbo Hydra-Matic transmission included a manual-shift selection. Options included Superlift air shock absorbers, Strato-ease headrests, and full instrumentation.

The 1966 and 1967 model years were the only two years of the 'strut back' 2-door sport coupe with its style number, 17. The SS 396 series lasted from 1966 through 1968 before being relegated to an option package in 1969.

This beautiful black, matching numbers, SS 396 sports a 325 hp, 396 cu. turbo jet engine, a 307 posi-track rear end, and power glide transmission.

"What you'll see inside will probably bring on a severe compulsion to go driving." – 1967 Sales Literature