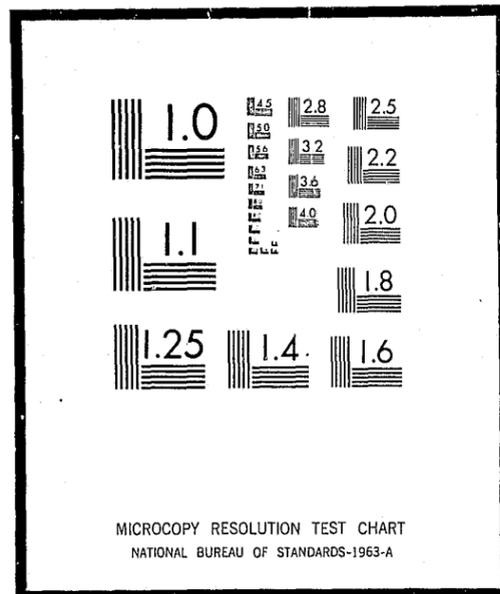


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1973/74 VEHICLE TESTING AND EVALUATION PROGRAM

In past years the Sheriff's Department, in cooperation with the Los Angeles Police Department, has used a testing procedure to select new law enforcement vehicles that has become obsolescent in terms of the present state of the art of automotive testing procedures.

As a result of this situation and in view of the urgency of the current national energy situation, a program of modernization of the procedure is now in progress. The Sheriff's Department, with the cooperation of Executive Editor John Christy of Motor Trend Magazine, a Specialist Reserve Deputy, has developed a more thorough, electronically measured Testing and Evaluation Program to select vehicles to fit Departmental needs.

The previous procedure, consisting of simply driving the submitted vehicles around the Driver Training Facility track at Pomona to determine subjectively the handling, acceleration and braking characteristics, is now used only as a first preliminary phase of the new Testing and Evaluation Program. This evaluation gives an indication of the time effectiveness value of further testing (Enclosure # 2). If the vehicle is judged "unacceptable" in this review, it is rejected and not subjected to the more exhaustive Testing and

Evaluation Program. It is carried on the comparative evaluation score sheet but remaining factors are listed as "not applicable". If the vehicle is considered acceptable it is then submitted to the full test program and the results are listed in their categories on the comparative data display sheet (Page 6).

The second phase of the program consists of a human factors evaluation, done individually by several patrol deputies, to determine the comparative ergonomic factors (liveability, ease of operation, habit-forming characteristics, visibility, comfort, space usage, etc.) of the vehicle. The individual ratings are then given weighted scores and the total scores are averaged to eliminate any prejudices toward or against an individual car. The object of this test is to determine comparatively and rate the vehicle for its overall suitability and efficiency either for general patrol use or a specific Departmental function (Enclosure # 3).

The third evaluation is a scored evaluation by two or more mechanics from the County Mechanical Department which actually owns and maintains the Sheriff's Department vehicles. This evaluation covers and scores ease and time of both normal maintenance factors such as accessibility of electrical components, fuel system repairs, oil changes, and other field maintenance functions. It also rates and scores major repairs to engine, driveline, rear end and other major components. These are evaluated for difficulty in repair or excessive time needed for repairs. The object of this section is to evaluate and project future down-time, a crucial factor in both the efficiency and cost of maintaining the Departmental fleet.

In view of the present era of energy shortage and the universal emphasis on conservation of fossil fuel, we have included a controlled fuel mileage test of each vehicle. This test over a 73.125 mile loop, devised by Motor Trend, runs from West Hollywood to the Palos Verdes peninsula and return. It includes much of the terrain covered by the Department in normal duty and varies through a selection of urban, suburban, freeway and mountain operation. Each vehicle is topped off at the beginning and then refilled at the end. The fuel used in terms of miles per gallon is then computed to the corrected (not odometer) mileage and carried out to three decimals for accuracy. It should be noted that the mileage is the normal expected mileage in continuous transportation use. Patrol use economy, with its high incidence of idle time (25+ percent) and stop-start operation can be expected to be from 30 to 40 percent less than the figure shown. However, this portion of the procedure is of immense concern in projecting future fuel use of any given vehicle that is a prospective addition to the fleet. There is a secondary value in enhancing community relations by demonstrating that an agency is aware of and facing the problems of energy consumption that concerns the community at large.

The most sophisticated portion of the testing procedure is that which concerns itself with the roadability performance of the submitted test vehicle. As a direct result of Mr. Christy's involvement with the Department, an electronic measuring system that includes a permanent strip chart record has been incorporated. The basic instrument is a Hewlett-Packard 7100-B dual channel

strip chart recorder. Information concerning speed, time, and acceleration both longitudinal and lateral (g-force), is fed into the instrument from a series of generators and transducers and recorded permanently for scoring and future reference. The vehicle is put through a scheduled series of acceleration runs, braking runs, lane changes and a steady-state cornering situation.

The results are scored from the resulting graph. These are then tabulated on the comparative data display (Enclosure # 4). The test is designed to duplicate and measure accurately the usual performance situations that a police vehicle can be expected to encounter in both patrol and other uses. Due to the fact that the information is computed to three decimals, it forms a valid part of the comparative data that cannot be gathered more accurately. From this data, a number of projections can be made which, combined with other scores and evaluations, can give an accurate picture of how that vehicle will fit Department use criteria in the future, as well as provide accurate data from which certain expected malfunction can be predicted.

The final test was developed through a joint investigation by this Department and the County Mechanical Department into the high incidence of transmission and engine failures at inordinately low mileage figures in late model vehicles. It was discovered through this investigation that the life expectancy of these major components was seriously affected by increasing engine oil and transmission fluid temperatures that often exceed the breakdown point of the fluids. These extreme temperatures can be lowered to a more

reasonable level through the use of the proper coolers and the object of this test is two-fold: to see if the manufacturer is aware of and taking care of the problem, and also to be able to project accurately the probable life of the vehicle before a major breakdown occurs or a major service procedure becomes necessary. The project is also of value in setting proper preventive maintenance schedules.

The above procedures being completed, the scores of the various categories are then averaged for an overall rating of each vehicle as free of subjectivity and human error or prejudice as possible. In each case, every effort has been made to keep the laboratory procedures in as close a relationship to the real-world use of the vehicles as possible so that these tests are not only of use in choosing and acquiring suitable vehicles, but in projecting as far as is feasible the future life expectancy and performance of that vehicle during its period of Departmental use.

Each segment of the procedure in its own right presents a valid method of selection and together they combine to give an unparalleled set of criteria for use in such selection and use projection.

COMPARATIVE DATA

VEHICLE SPECIFICATION	PLYMOUTH SATELLITE	DODGE CORONET	AMC MATADOR	AMC MATADOR	MERCURY MONTEGO	MERCURY MONTEGO	MERCURY MARAUDER
Engine Cubic Inches	440	440	400	401	460	460	460
Carburetor Size	4 BSL	4 BBL	2 BBL	4 BBL	2 BBL	4 BBL	4 BBL
Horsepower @ RPM	275 @ 4400	275 @ 4400	175 @ 3600	255 @ 4600	245 @ 4800	270 @ 4800	270 @ 4800
Torque: lbs. @ RPM	375 @ 3200	375 @ 3200	320 @ 3000	345 @ 3300	300 @ 3400	360 @ 3600	360 @ 3600
Compression Ratio	8.9:1	8.9:1	3.5:1	8.5:1	8.9:1	8.9:1	8.9:1
Transmission	Auto	Auto	Auto	Auto	Auto	Auto	Auto
Axial Ratio	3.23	3.23	3.54	3.54	3.54	3.54	3.54
Steering	Standard	Power	Power	Standard	Power	Power	Power
Tire Size	G78x15	G78x15	E78x14	E78x14	G78x15	G78x15	G78x15
Suspension - front	Torsion bar	Torsion bar	Coil	Coil	Coil	Coil	Coil
Suspension - rear	Leaf spring	Leaf spring	Leaf spring	Leaf spring	Leaf spring	Leaf spring	Leaf spring
Wheelbase	117	117	118	118	118	118	121
Length	212.4	212.4	214	214	215.4	215.4	224.5
Height	53.6	53.6	53.8	53.8	52.8	52.8	54.9
Width	78.6	78.6	78.2	78.2	79.3	79.3	79.7
Weight (less police emergency equip.)	3625	3625	3340	3385	3720	3720	4457
PRELIMINARY HANDLING AND PERFORMANCE TEST (Acceptance/Unacceptable)	Acceptable	Acceptable	Unacceptable	Acceptable	Unacceptable	Unacceptable	Unacceptable
ECONOMY ROAD TEST (75.125 mi - MPG)	9.38	10.00	N/A	12.93	N/A	N/A	N/A
HUMAN FACTORS EVALUATION (Ergonomics; space usage)	65.175	64.762	N/A	62.633	N/A	N/A	N/A
MECHANICAL EVALUATION (Access & repairability)	85.00	82.00	N/A	71.50	N/A	N/A	N/A
INSTRUMENTED PERFORMANCE (Performance scores)							
Acceleration							
0 - 30 (Seconds)	3.1	3.3	N/A	3.8	N/A	N/A	N/A
0 - 45 "	4.7	5.5	N/A	6.2	N/A	N/A	N/A
0 - 60 "	7.7	8.5	N/A	9.8	N/A	N/A	N/A
Standing start 1/4 mile	96.0 mph	87.2 mph	N/A	82.0 mph	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maximum g's:	.50 g	.62 g	N/A	.52 g	N/A	N/A	N/A
30 - 50 (Seconds)	3.2	3.0	N/A	2.9	N/A	N/A	N/A
30 - 65 "	5.6	6.8	N/A	9.2	N/A	N/A	N/A
30 - 80 "	4.8	6.8	N/A	8.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
30 - 95 "	6.3	9.2	N/A	9.8	N/A	N/A	N/A
Braking							
30 - 0	.80 g	.73 g	N/A	.82 g	N/A	N/A	N/A
60 - 0	.72 g	.80 g	N/A	.80 g	N/A	N/A	N/A
Handling & Recovery							
One lane change	.40 g	.43 g	N/A	.30 g	N/A	N/A	N/A
Two lane changes	.70 g	.73 g	N/A	.62 g	N/A	N/A	N/A
Three lane changes	.70 g	.70 g	N/A	.72 g	N/A	N/A	N/A
Recovery	.60 g	.62 g	N/A	.50 g	N/A	N/A	N/A
Left circle (200' dia)	.73 g	.72 g	N/A	.68 g	N/A	N/A	N/A
Right circle (200' dia)	.69 g	.70 g	N/A	.60 g	N/A	N/A	N/A
LEAK TEST (Leakage/score)							
Engine Oil	200/20	203/20	N/A	204/29	N/A	N/A	N/A
Transmission Oil	277/17	288/17	N/A	277/14	N/A	N/A	N/A
Power Steer Oil	277/14	288/17	N/A	200/12	N/A	N/A	N/A
Water thru hood	187/100	187/100	N/A	187/100	N/A	N/A	N/A
MECHANICAL RELIABILITY (Miles)	70.0	70.0	N/A	65.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
MECHANICAL RELIABILITY (Miles)	81.470	81.561	N/A	77.991	N/A	N/A	N/A

CONCLUSIONS

From the attached display comparison data, a number of conclusions can be drawn concerning the vehicles thus far run through the test program.

1. In terms of pure performance, the Plymouth Satellite is the clear superior of the other two.
2. In terms of mechanical repairability and maintenance, the Plymouth also scores above the others. This could be highly significant in terms of predicted down-time and component life expectancy.
3. The Dodge Coronet scores second in the above areas but marginally higher in the Human Factors category. This last might be due to the fact that it had power steering and was therefore more pleasant to drive than was the Plymouth which was not so equipped.
4. The sole outstanding feature of the Matador was its superiority in the mileage test where it achieved nearly three miles per gallon over the Dodge and three and one half miles per gallon over the Plymouth. In all other respects, it scores significantly lower than do the others.
5. The handling scores of both the Dodge and Plymouth indicate that they would be less tiring to drive, safer in an emergency situation, and would be likely to have fewer incidents of suspension failure. Also, due to their increased stability it is probable, though not positive, that tire life, at least front tire life would

be higher although their high performance capability could negate this.

6. In aggregate scoring the order of preference, not including fuel economy is: Plymouth, Dodge; Matador for black & white patrol duty. For other uses, this clear cut preference becomes less clear cut. Most certainly for regular transportation services and most "solid" sedan use in areas where superior performance is not a factor, the Matador would be more than adequate especially since the added weight of a patrol use vehicle is not a factor. If, for the 73/74 Program, uniformity is still a requirement, the Dodge Coronet represents a good compromise, sharing as it does the mechanical features of the Plymouth and thus much of the repairability and maintenance superiority as well as the handling and safety factors. Another factor to consider is that either the Dodge or the Plymouth share a number of mechanical parts with in-service vehicles. The Matador has this feature also, but to a lesser degree since there are fewer Matadors in service than there are Chrysler Corporation products.

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DEPARTMENT Sheriff BUDGET PERIOD 1973-74 DATE 11-7-73

SPECIFICATION FOR Sheriff Patrol Cars

It is the intent of these specifications to obtain a unit suitable for the service demands of the department involved. All installations shall be made in a neat and workmanlike manner and all equipment furnished shall be subject to the approval of the Purchasing Agent, Chief of the Shops and Garages Division, and the using department.

The body, finish, and fittings shall be the latest model, shall not have been used in demonstrator or other service, and shall be factory standard in all respects not in conflict with the following specific requirements:

The design of the vehicle must be such that it does not hamper or restrict subsequent installation and use of emergency equipment, red/amber lights and siren, to the satisfaction of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Where specifications for specific items are not included, manufacturer's standards are satisfactory or they are not applicable to this vehicle.

Manufacturer's Standard Equipment and all devices necessary to comply with the State of California Administrative Code, and the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards will be included. Vehicle must comply with all California Motor Vehicle Pollution Control Board requirements on both crankcase and exhaust emissions.

Bid Number _____

Specification # 070686 1

Make _____

Model _____

Firm Name _____

Address _____

Bidder's specifications must be filled in completely by bidder and returned to Purchasing Agent.

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(cont.) All standard equipment is to appear on the vehicle as listed in the 1974 brochure.

The vehicles delivered to the County of Los Angeles by the successful bidder will be identical in every respect with the test vehicle furnished including all accessories, such as map lights, etc., even though they may not be called for specifically in the specifications.

Warranty work will be performed at a dealer-ship in the area in which the vehicle is working. Warranty period will start on the first day of the month that the vehicle is put into service. Use of other than Original Equipment parts will not void warranty.

Cars will have the "make ready" service work normally performed by the dealer completed before delivery. Cars, upon delivery will be ready for service. (Exception: Paint protective coating need not be removed).

Vehicles will be delivered to the County of Los Angeles Garage, 1055 N. Alameda, Los Angeles, California 90012, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. only, in accordance with the following schedule:

1. Within 60 calendar days after receipt of Purchase Order, 50 Black and white vehicles will be delivered.
2. During the successive 30 day period, an additional 100 Black and White vehicles will be delivered.
3. During the next successive 30 day period, the balance of the vehicles will be delivered.

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4. Failure to accept these warranty and delivery conditions may be sufficient cause for rejection of the bid.

NOTE: The above delivery schedules are minimum. The successful bidder may, if he so desires, deliver the vehicles at a faster rate.

ROADABILITY TEST:

Vehicles will be tested for cornering, steering, and other road handling characteristics at the Pomona Fair Grounds Sports Car Track or other suitable place designated by the Sheriff's Department. Vehicles will be evaluated by the driver and passengers conducting the test and the opinions will be considered in rating the vehicles for over-all suitability. The actual test shall be conducted by two or more separate Los Angeles County drivers who will take four practice laps of the designated course to familiarize themselves with the vehicle. Following this, four additional laps will then be completed and the roadability of the vehicle noted by the driver. An additional two laps will be driven in opposing direction for further roadability evaluation. The drivers will evaluate the vehicle for ease of handling in corners and turns, for ease of control at high speed and ease of steering at slow speeds. Vehicle must accelerate from 0 to 60 mph in not more than 9 seconds, and have a top speed of not less than 115 MPH.

BRAKE TEST:

The brake test shall consist of two parts as follows:

- i. Four stops of impending skid type from a speed of 90 miles per hour at two minute intervals followed by a panic stop from 60 miles per hour will be made, at which the ability of the vehicle to stop in a straight line will be evaluated. (cont.)

BRAKE TEST: (cont.)

2. Five minutes after the panic stop has been completed, four more stops at 90 miles per hour of the impending skid type at two minute intervals followed by a 60 mile per hour panic stop will again be performed, and the ability of the vehicle to stop in a straight line will be evaluated.

3. Cars equipped with a self-adjusting brake feature will be subjected to the following test immediately following conclusion of the above brake test:

There will be four (4) successive brake applications made on the vehicle with the car being driven in reverse. If it is found that the self-adjusting brake feature adjusts the brakes to the extent that the wheels drag when the rear drums cool down the vehicle will not be acceptable.

Vehicle deceleration rates will be recorded by the use of a decelerometer and pressometer to determine the brake fade characteristics of the vehicles submitted for testing. Vehicles failing to pass this test will not be considered qualified for this bid.

At the completion of the roadability and brake test, it may be required that the vehicle tested will remain in the custody and possession of the Sheriff's Department, where it will be returned to the County Shops and the brake shoes and shock absorbers removed and impounded as a control and check against the brakes and shock absorbers supplied on the vehicles in this requisition. Manufacturer shall be prepared to furnish a complete set of brake shoes and shock absorbers which will be installed, and the vehicles returned to the owner.

After closing of bids, upon request by the County of Los Angeles, the successful bidder will within three (3) days provide a test vehicle which should be identical as per specifications for inspection and specification compliance tests, other than performance requirements. (cont.)

If the vehicle is accepted, it will be used by the County of Los Angeles Shops to make up radio, siren and special equipment brackets as necessary. No holes will be drilled in the vehicles and it will be returned in the same condition that it was received. It will be necessary for this vehicle to be in possession of the County shops for approximately three (3) weeks.

All parts furnished on the vehicle (except special items for radio and other special equipment requested by the County) must be listed in the Parts Book or a supplemental Heavy Duty Parts Book.

Twenty (20) Parts Books and twenty (20) Maintenance Manuals will be furnished by the successful bidder within 45 days or receipt of the Purchase Order.

Successful bidders must furnish a list of all items that are special on cars that they propose to furnish.

BODY STYLE:

Four-door sedan. To be painted black and white or stock colors as specified. Paint layout will be provided to the successful bidder.

WHEELBASE:

116 inch minimum.

ENGINE:

V-8 not less than 400 cubic inches displacement police special engine developing the maximum horse power available. Engine must be operable on a low lead fuel of 93.5 octane number, without detonation. (cont.)

ENGINE: (cont.)

The pulley sizes, belt arrangements and all accessories on all cars will be identical.

Filtronic paper-type air cleaner.

Manufacturer's standard oil filter with a replaceable element.

Heavy duty radiator and heaviest duty thermostatically controlled viscous drive fan required. Fiber glass fan acceptable however fan noise level not to be excessive. Drive belt to be high performance type. Cooling system must be capable of keeping the engine at not greater than 220°F when required to idle at standard idle speed in an ambient temperature at 100° for 30 minutes with the air conditioning unit operating. Manufacturer's feeling they can not meet this requirement will submit, with their bid, a letter of intent stating: "If it is determined during summer months that the cooling system is not adequate any changes made by the manufacturer to comply will be made on all vehicles even though they are out of warranty at the manufacturer's expense (Labor and Materials)." To be equipped with a factory installed coolant recovery system.

BRAKES:

Will be power disc brakes on front wheels of all vehicles.

Heaviest duty type lining will be furnished (specify square inches of lining area of rear brakes and rear drum diameter).

Brakes must be of sufficient capacity and effectiveness to meet the test requirements as outlined in these specifications.
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BRAKES: (cont.)

Brakes with self-adjusting features will not be acceptable unless they successfully pass the tests for the self-adjusting brakes, as outlined on Page 4, #3, under Brake Test.

Brakes without self-adjusting feature will be provided with a slot in the backing plate for adjustment.

Parking brake to hold on a not less than thirty-two percent grade forward and reverse at not to exceed 175# pedal pressure.

TRANSMISSION:

To be three speed, fully automatic, heaviest duty available. All transmissions to be of the same make and model. The cooling system must be capable of maintaining the oil temperature below 285° F under all operating conditions. Each transmission to be equipped with a suitable device to prevent the transmission from being manually shifted into low range from the driver's compartment.

REAR AXLE:

Heavy duty. Ratio approximately 3.3 to 1. Specify ratios available. Ratio to be compatible with speed requirements.

ELECTRICAL:

Not less than 70 amp. hour battery.

Alternator to have not less than 60 amp. output and not less than 15 amp. output at 700 engine RPM, dual belt drive preferable. If a single belt drive furnished, a high performance type belt will be used.

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UPHOLSTERY: Black and White Sedans.

Heavy duty front seats with heavy duty foam rubber required. Seats to be installed in the chassis in the rearmost position.

Heavy duty rear seats--no foam rubber required.

Solid vinyl headliner and side panels.
Solid vinyl covered arm rests.
Solid vinyl covered rear seat and lazy back.

Front seat and lazy back to be vinyl (or breathable vinyl) and vinyl trim, color of front seat and lazy back to be selected by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and will be the same color in all cars.

UPHOLSTERY: Plain colored sedans.

All single tone plain colored cars to have cloth (or breathable vinyl) and vinyl trim. Exterior and interior colors selected will be standard with successful bidder.

Single tone colored cars that are equipped with a standard broadcast radio will have not less than three interior color selections (Approximately 12)

INTERIOR:

Heavy duty rubber floor mats--front and rear.

Floor mat--trunk.

Single key locking system for all cars, including trunk and glove compartment. All cars to be keyed alike and each car to have four keys.
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INTERIOR: (cont.)

Hood to be controlled by an inside release located on the driver's side.

Deck lid to be controlled through a remote control switch. Location of control switch to be approved by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Control switch to be of push button type and inoperative at all times when ignition key is removed. Deck lid control mechanism to be electric.

Deck lid, when opened remotely, will not open up completely so as to prevent damage to the hinges. Deck lid must remain in the full open position, when opened manually. Trunk light to be furnished and connected so that it goes on automatically when deck lid is opened.

Ash trays--front and rear.

Cigarette lighter (front only).

Shall be equipped with a dome light (dome light not to operate with opening and closing of doors).

Rear door handles to be furnished and installed but to be inoperative from inside on black and white vehicles only.

CHASSIS:

To be equipped with:

Power steering to also include a cooler if necessary to keep oil temperature below 285° F.

Heavy duty front suspension.

Heavy duty rear suspension.

Heavy duty stabilizer bars, front and rear where available, giving the best combination to reduce body roll and provide flat cornering. Stabilizer bars not to extend below lowest point of vehicle chassis. (cont.)

CHASSIS: (cont.)

Heavy duty shock absorbers, front and rear.

TIRES--Highway Patrol Type tires - Nylon - tubeless, black sidewall, minimum 4-ply construction.

Tires to be Fireston, Goodrich, Goodyear, or U.S. Royal. NOTE: The same make, size and class of tire that is used on the test will be furnished on all cars.

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5 each, not smaller than G78 x 15. Specify tire size.

Tires offered must be marked to designate "Patrol Type" - AND be constructed to withstand high torque and heavy service of police work. If tires offered are not so marked, bidders representation must be confirmed in writing by tire manufacturer and signed by responsible tire manufacturer's representative.

Wheels: Five wheels (police special) not less than 6 inch rim width.

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES:

Speedometer to be accurate within + or - three (3) per cent. Speedometer calibration certificate to be furnished.

Tinted glass throughout.

All cars will be equipped with air conditioning, factory built-in, with the heater as an integral unit. Unit tested at the track will be equipped with air conditioning, power steering and any other item included in these specifications that would affect the handling of the vehicle.

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SAFETY ITEMS:

Padded dash, as dark as possible to eliminate glare in the windshield.

Dual electric windshield wipers (two or more speeds).

Inside rear view mirror--Day and Night.

Outside rear view mirrors, non-glare--door mounted left and right sides. Mirrors to be so designed that they do not change adjustment when doors are closed.

During the tests, the vehicles will also be evaluated on their visibility to the rear. The vehicles must provide adequate rear visibility.

Parking brake indicator light.

Dual horns.

Horn ring (half ring or bar type acceptable).

Gasoline tank will not form bottom of trunk.

All vehicles shall be equipped with all of the items necessary to meet the 1974 Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

A flexible, waterproof conduit with a not less than 1-1/4 inch inside diameter will be installed. It will descend from the floor of the trunk, running into the motor area and terminating in the upper area of the firewall into the interior of the vehicle. This end to be secured by U-clamp or other suitable clamping devices.

Maximum length of the conduit will not exceed 10 feet, 9 inches. It will be at least 2 inches away from the engine exhaust system. Flexible conduit shall be adequately supported by U-clamps or other suitable type clamping device. Conduit emergency control units mounted on tunnel between front seat and dash.

NOTE: If conduit runs on the inside of the vehicle, it will be necessary to run it through the firewall and clamped as previously as specified. Installation will not interfere with positioning of rear seat cushion, rear doors or any other portion of the vehicle chassis. Entire installation must be approved by the Los Angeles County Communications Department.

A one and one-half inch hole through the upper quadrant of the firewall to be insulated with a rubber grommet adjacent to the flexible conduit installation. Exact location of hole to be determined by Communications Department.

Vehicle shall incorporate certain radio frequency interference suppression measures and devices so that radio interference generated as the result of its operation does not exceed the limits established in S.A.E. Standard J 551 entitled "Measurement of Vehicle Radio Interference (30 to 400 megacycles)". Manufacturer shall supply certification of compliance with S.A.E. Standard J 551 at time of delivery of the test car.

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:

All time limits stated in the Purchase Order are of the essence and should the delivery not be completed on or before the time stipulated, it is mutually agreed by and between the successful bidder and the County of Los Angeles that:

A delay would seriously affect the public and the operation of the Los Angeles County; that a reduction in the unit price of five dollars (\$5) per calendar day for each and every day for each unit which exceeds the delivery time set forth in the Purchase Order is the nearest measure of damages for each delay that can be fixed at this time; therefore, the County and the successful bidder hereby establish said reduction in the unit price of five dollars (\$5) per calendar day for each and every day of delay for each unit as liquidated damages and not as a penalty or forfeiture for the breach of agreement to complete delivery by the successful bidder on or before the time specified in the Purchase Order.

Liquidated damages shall not apply to time elapsing between date of delivery and date of notification to the successful bidder or rejection of sub-specification material.

The above conditions may be invoked if deliveries exceed the specified time or if replacement of material not meeting specifications exceeds the specified time.

Should the successful bidder be obstructed or delayed in the work required to be done herewith by changes in the work or by any default, act, or omission of the County, or by strikes, fires, act of God, or by the inability to obtain materials, equipment or labor due to Federal Government restrictions arising out of the defense or war
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LIQUIDATED DAMAGES (cont.)

program, then the time of completion shall be extended for such periods as may be agreed upon by the County and the successful bidder. Shall there be insufficient time to grant such extensions prior to completion date of the contract, the County may at the time of acceptance of the work waive liquidated damages which may have accrued for failure to complete on time, due to any of the above, after hearing evidence as to the reasons for such delay and making a finding as to the cause of same.

In event that the successful (low) bidder is on strike at the time of the award of the bid, the County reserves the option to accept the first acceptable low bid from a manufacturer that is not on strike.

Prior to close of the bid, a car dealer, manufacturer, or his representative will be required to furnish a vehicle for test purposes. This vehicle will be equipped with the engine, brakes, springs, shock absorbers, steering gear, tires, wheels, stabilizer bars, spotlights, and all other special equipment as called for as part of the specifications required on all black and white vehicles in this requisition.

Vehicle must also be equipped with an air pollution exhaust control device that is approved by the State of California for use on 1974 model cars sold in California.

These demonstrator vehicles will be subjected to a brake and roadability test. The County of Los Angeles will not be responsible for any damage during the test or the condition of the vehicle when returned to the submitter after testing. Furthermore, all cars tested will be at the owner's risk for any damage occurring to the vehicles for any reason.

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Companies selling the test vehicle to Los Angeles County will not be required to furnish the additional vehicle above. The company, however, will furnish the tires and wheels used for testing at the track.

Vehicles will be tested and driven under the supervision of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and will be tested and driven by employees of the department or personnel designated by the department.

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Dealer to furnish Dealer's Bill of Sale in the name of Los Angeles County, 1100 North Eastern Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90063, and two copies of Smog Certificate for each vehicle.

In compliance with the Los Angeles County Board Order #126, every 1974 model vehicle with a 6,000# GVW or less shall be tested for exhaust emissions by the manufacturer before delivery. The results of this test will be furnished, showing the concentration of hydro-carbons (HC), carbon monoxide (CO), and nitrous oxide (NOX) at the time of delivery to Los Angeles County. These vehicles not meeting the State of California Assembly Line Emission Standards will not be accepted.

Bidders shall submit detailed literature of the vehicle they propose to furnish.

Failure to submit this information is sufficient cause for rejection of bid.

These specifications prepared by:

J. F. Beach, Chief, Shops and Garages, and approved by:

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Date: _____ Location: _____ Make & Car # _____

Model: _____ C.I.D.: _____ H.P.: _____ Axle Ratio: _____

Stop#	Speed	Decel. Reading	Lbs. Pressure on Pedal	Interval Time	Remarks
1					
2					
3					
4					
Panic					
1					
2					
3					
4					
Panic					

Stops 1 through 4 in both series shall be made from a speed of not less than 90 MPH, if possible. Drivers shall try to obtain 17-21 ft/sec deceleration in each stop.

BRAKE COMMENTS:

Lac #	Driver	ROADIBILITY & PERFORMANCE		
		Driver	Driver	Driver
1				
2				
3				
4				
Aver Time				
Aver Speed				

Date _____ Make & Car # _____ Driver _____

- * 1. UNDERSTEER
 - ___ Excessive
 - ___ No Problem
- ** 2. OVERSTEER
 - ___ Excessive
 - ___ No Problem
- 3. BODY LEAN
 - ___ Excessive
 - ___ Moderate
 - ___ Satisfactory
- 4. BOUNCE
 - ___ Excessive (bottoms out)
 - ___ Stiff
 - ___ Satisfactory
- 5. STEERING RATIO
 - ___ Slow
 - ___ Fast
 - ___ Satisfactory
- 6. STEERING WHEEL SIZE
 - ___ Too Small
 - ___ Too Large
 - ___ Satisfactory
- 7. TRANSMISSION SELECTOR
 - ___ Location
 - ___ Satisfactory
 - ___ Unsatisfactory
 - ___ Operated Properly
 - ___ Yes
 - ___ No
- 8. BRAKES
 - ___ Fade
 - ___ Pull (left or right)
 - ___ Wheel lockup (which one)
 - ___ Satisfactory
- 9. TOP SPEED OBTAINED
_____ M.P.H.

* Ploughing: rear end won't come out, tends to go off corner nose first
** Slides out; rear end slides out and is uncontrollable

Date _____ Location _____

Make & Car # _____ Model _____ Driver _____

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Entering and Exiting - (Front)----- Good () Fair ()
- Entering and Exiting - (Rear)----- Good () Fair ()
- Leg Room----- Good () Fair ()
- Head Room - (Front)----- Good () Fair ()
- Head Room - (Rear)----- Good () Fair ()
- General Visibility----- Good () Fair ()
- Location of Mirrors----- Good () Fair ()
- Location of Door Handles----- Good () Fair ()
- Location of Speedometer----- Good () Fair ()
- Location of Instruments----- Good () Fair ()
- Protruding Knobs or Sharp Edges----- No () Yes ()
- Windshield Distortion----- No () Yes ()

Remarks:

MAKE _____

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Automotive Test Unit

ERGONOMICS EVALUATION FORM

Grade each factor on a 1 to 10 scale with 1 representing "totally unacceptable", 5 representing "average" and 10 representing "superior".

1. SEAT (FRONT)

Construction

Springs

Padding

Cover material

Configuration

Depth of bench

Angle of back

Adjustability

General body support

2. WHEEL-PEDAL-SEAT RELATIONSHIP

Adjustment capability

Seat

Backrest

Total distance

Ease

Control accessibility

Wheel adjustability

Page Total _____

3. CONTROLS & INSTRUMENTATION

Vehicle controls

Shift position _____

Shift indicator visibility _____

Hood release position (interior only) _____

Handbrake release position _____

Small controls (knobs & switches) _____

Ashtray location _____

Cigarette lighter location _____

Instrumentation

Adequacy _____

Clarity _____

Placement _____

Night legibility _____

Additional available space _____

4. VISIBILITY

Visibility

Front _____

Left Side _____

Left rear quarter _____

Right side _____

Right rear quarter _____

Rear _____

Page Total _____

5. HEATER/A-C/VENTS & CONTROLS

Controls

Control position _____

Control adjustment _____

Vent placement _____

Vent adjustability _____

Efficiency

Blower range _____

Temperature range _____

Noise _____

6. WINDOWS AND DOORS

Controls

Convenience of operation _____

Speed of operation _____

Position _____

Protrusion _____

Dimensions

Height _____

Width _____

Opening angle _____

Area _____

Page Total _____

7. COCKPIT STOWAGE SPACE (B/W ONLY)

Clipboard _____
Shotgun _____
Reports & paperwork _____
Radar unit _____
Additional & miscellaneous _____

8. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT LOCATION & CAPABILITY (B/W ONLY)

Trunk release _____
Shotgun rack & lock _____
Stationary spotlights _____
Radar mounting _____

9. REAR COMPARTMENT

Seats

Springs _____
Padding _____
Cover material _____
Depth of bench _____
Minimum distance to front seat _____
Angle of back _____

Capability

Floor covering _____
Door locks (security) _____
Security screen space (B/W only) _____

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10. TRUNK

Construction

Configuration _____
Location of spare tire _____

Dimensions

Light equip. (first aid, flares, etc.)
stowage _____
Accessibility _____

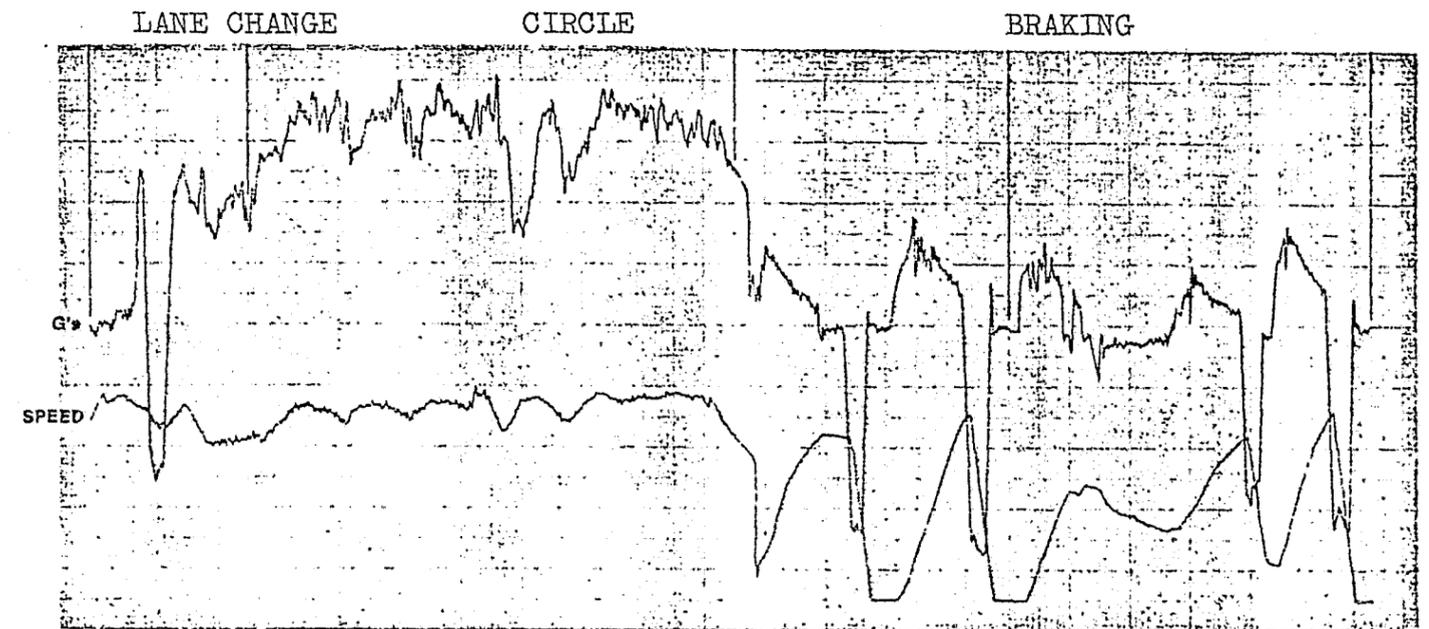
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Signed: _____

Rank: _____ Unit: _____

Please use bottom of this page for any comments you may have regarding this vehicle.

HEWLETT-PACKARD STRIP CHART READOUT



A partial section of the Hewlett-Packard strip-chart readout showing speeds and G - forces generated by a vehicle during handling, steady-state turning (200 ft. circle) and braking phases of test.

PERFORMANCE
TEST DATA SHEET

CAR: _____

DATE: _____

Acceleration

0 - 30: _____ sec.
 0 - 45: _____ Sec.
 0 - 60: _____ sec.
 SS $\frac{1}{4}$ mi.: _____ mph.
 Max g: _____ g.
 30-50: _____ sec.
 30-65: _____ sec.
 60-80: _____ sec.
 60-95: _____ sec.

10 - T: _____
 15 - T: _____
 20 - T: _____
 mph÷10: _____
 g.X 10: _____
 10 - T: _____
 15 - T: _____
 15 - T: _____

Braking

30 - 0: _____ g.
 60 - 0: _____ g.

g.X 10: _____
 g.X 10: _____

Handling & Recovery

1 lane: _____ g.
 2 lane: _____ g.
 3 lane: _____ g.
 recovery: _____ g.
 l. circle: _____ g.
 r. circle: _____ g.

g.X 10: _____
 g.X 10: _____

TOTAL: _____

TOTAL ÷ 2 = SCORE: _____

Los Angeles County

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Automotive Unit Vehicle Test Program

STATION MECHANIC EVALUATION FORM

Grade each factor on a 1 to 5 scale with 1 representing "totally unacceptable", 3 representing "average" and 5 representing "superior".

I. MAINTENANCE

A - Access

Normal Maintenance

- a) Plugs _____
- b) Oil fill _____
- c) Oil drainage _____
- d) Oil filter _____
- e) Fuel system _____
 - 1. filters _____
 - 2. lines _____
 - 3. carburetor _____
- f) Distributor & Coil _____
 - 1. position _____
 - 2. type _____
 - 3. R&R points & condenser _____
- g) Electrical _____
 - 1. battery position _____
 - 2. wiring _____
 - 3. alternator position _____
 - 4. light replacement _____
- h) Transmission _____
 - 1. linkage _____
 - 2. drainage _____
 - 3. cooler _____

B - Repairability

Mechanical

- a) Radiator R&R _____
- b) Engine component R&R _____
- c) Engine assembly R&R _____
- d) Transmission R&R _____



PETER J. PITCHESS, SHERIFF

County of Los Angeles
Office of the Sheriff
Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

December 2, 1974

U.S. Department of Justice
Law Enforcement Assistance Administration
National Criminal Justice
Reference Service
Washington, D.C. 20530

To whom it may concern:

Thank you for your inquiry about our new Vehicle Testing and Evaluation Program.

The enclosed report entitled "Vehicle Testing and Evaluation Program" describes our initial efforts at improving testing procedures for the selection of potential vehicles which may fit Departmental needs. This report includes the 1973/74 budget year specifications as enclosure #1 which is representative of all previous years' specifications which addressed the total fleet concept.

The enclosed new 1974/75 budget period specifications differ markedly from previous hardware description type specifications as they address performance wherever possible. Report #2 lists the addition of certain test phases, the test results of those vehicles tested, and serves as a basis for our present performance specifications for 1975 model year cars.

Those compact vehicles acquired by our Department as a result of the new testing program are now undergoing in-use field testing and evaluation in varying assignments at units throughout the Department. Only after sufficient time and mileage accumulation will the data collected help evaluate pre-purchase test procedures and their values as predictors.

Our Vehicle Testing and Evaluation Program is conducted solely by using Departmental resources and is not funded by any Federal or other agency grant as erroneously assumed by some inquiring agencies.

We hope that the enclosed information will convey to you our approach to getting closer to the law enforcement community's common concerns and goals in the area of cost-effective police vehicle acquisition and emergency fleet management.

Please be assured of our continued cooperation in all matters of mutual concern.

Sincerely,



PETER J. PITCHESS
SHERIFF

DEPARTMENT Sheriff BUDGET PERIOD 1975/76 DATE 10-23-74

SPECIFICATION FOR Sheriff Patrol Cars

It is the intent of these specifications to obtain a unit suitable for the service demands of the department involved. All installations shall be made in a neat and workmanlike manner and all equipment furnished shall be subject to the approval of the Purchasing Agent, Chief of the Shops and Garages Division, and the using department.

The body, finish, and fittings shall be the latest model, shall not have been used in demonstrator or other service, and shall be factory standard in all respects not in conflict with the following specific requirements:

The design of the vehicle must be such that it does not hamper or restrict subsequent installation and use of emergency equipment, red/amber lights and siren, to the satisfaction of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Where specifications for particular items are not included, manufacturer's standards are either satisfactory, or they are not applicable to this vehicle.

Manufacturer's Standard Equipment and all devices necessary to comply with the state of California Administrative Code, and the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards will be included. Vehicle must comply with all California Motor Vehicle Pollution Control Board requirements on crankcase, exhaust and fuel emissions.

Bid Number _____

Specification _____

Make _____

Model _____

Firm Name _____

Address _____

Bidder's specifications must be filled in completely by bidder and returned to Purchasing Agent.

(cont.) All standard equipment is to appear on the vehicle as listed in the 1975 brochure.

The vehicles delivered to the County of Los Angeles by the successful bidder will be identical in every respect with the accepted test vehicle furnished including all accessories, such as map lights, etc., even though they may not be called for specifically in the specifications.

Warranty work will be performed at a dealership in the area in which the vehicle is working. Warranty period will start on the first day of the month that the vehicle is put into service. Use of other than Original Equipment parts will not void warranty.

Cars will have the "make ready" service work normally performed by the dealer completed before delivery. Cars, upon delivery will be ready for service. (Exception: Paint protective coating need not be removed).

Vehicles will be delivered to the County of Los Angeles Garage, 1055 N. Alameda, Los Angeles, California 90012, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. only, in accordance with the following schedule:

1. Within 60 calendar days after receipt of Purchase Order, 50 Black and White vehicles will be delivered.
2. During the successive 30 day period, an additional 100 Black and White vehicles will be delivered.
3. During the next successive 30 day period, the balance of the vehicles will be delivered.

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4. Failure to accept these warranty and delivery conditions may be sufficient cause for rejection of bid.

: NOTE: The above delivery schedules are minimum. The successful bidder may, if he so desires, deliver the vehicle at a faster rate.

PRELIMINARY HANDLING AND PERFORMANCE TEST:

Vehicles will be tested for cornering, steering, and other road handling characteristics, including stability, at the Pomona Fairgrounds Driver Training facility or other suitable place designated by the Sheriff's Department. Vehicles will be evaluated by the driver and/or passengers conducting the test and the opinions will be considered in rating the vehicles for overall suitability and for further testing. This test will be conducted by two or more Los Angeles County drivers who will take four practice laps of the designated course to familiarize themselves with the vehicle. Following this, four additional laps will then be completed and the roadability formally noted by the driver. An additional two laps may be driven in the opposite direction for further evaluation. The drivers will then evaluate the vehicle for handling in the corners and turns, for stability and control at high speeds and for ease of control at slow speeds. Any vehicle passing the preliminary test will be held for the remaining six-mode test procedure as outlined in the following. Vehicles not receiving a satisfactory rating in the preliminary test may not be given the six-mode procedure.

INSTRUMENTED PERFORMANCE TEST

The instrumented performance test shall consist of four major parts, all electronically recorded on a specially modified strip chart recorder. These series will be as follows:

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1. Acceleration from rest to 30 mph, 45 mph, 60 mph timed in seconds and speed at the end of a quarter mile. Also scored is initial accelerative force as expressed in percentages of gravity (g-force).
2. Acceleration from typical average traffic speeds as follows: 30 to 50 mph, 30 to 65 mph, 60 to 80 mph, 60 to 95 mph expressed in seconds.
3. Braking scored in percentages of g-force and recorded in time and g-force. Scores will be the average of no less than four (4) and no more than (6) stops just short of lock-up from 30 mph, followed immediately by the same number from 60 mph. Brake test will be made with no cooling period between stop. A final panic stop may be added as a final check on lock-up and fade at the end, but this stop may not be scored. Tests will be recorded by using an Electronic Strip chart Recorder.
 Handling and recovery. Travelling as closely as possible to an average of 40 mph, the vehicle will make successive lane changes with returns to the righthand lane as follows: single lane change and recovery, double lane change and recovery, triple lane change and recovery. Measurement will be in percentages of lateral g-force as measured by a Giannini electronic accelerometer or equivalent and recorded on the strip chart. Each lane change and the average recovery force will be scored. All lane changes will be within a prescribed 90 foot distance and marked by cones.
4. Average lateral acceleration (until the vehicle breaks away) in a steady-state turn around a 200-foot diameter (100-foot radius) circle to be measured and recorded as above or alternatively by time and formula as expressed by the formula $V^2/32.2 \times R = g$ (or $122.5/t^2 = g$). Measurement will be in each direction.

NOTE: Performance score will be the average scores of all test modes.

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ECONOMY ROAD TEST:

Economy in use of gasoline will be tested on a mixture of surface urban and suburban streets with a freeway mode added. The test will be conducted using gasoline from the pump at West Hollywood Station or other designated facility and will proceed at legal traffic speeds in normal daytime traffic conditions over a prescribed 73.12 mile loop from the start to finish at the original source. Driving mode will be with lights, air conditioner and AM radios in operation. Drivers will be Sheriff's deputies. Measurement will be by gallonage used to the nearest tenth divided into the prescribed miles driven, not into the odometer. The score will be the actual miles per gallon expressed as a percentage of a "perfect" score of 20 mpg.

ERGONOMICS EVALUATION:

Each vehicle will be subjected to an ergonomics or human factors evaluation as indicated by the attached worksheet. No fewer than four of these will be scored by four different members of the Sheriff's Department acting separately and incommunicado with each other. As many as eight may be done in individual cases to assure objectivity.

MECHANICAL EVALUATION:

Each vehicle will be evaluated for maintenance and predicated repairability by experienced members of the County Mechanical Department staff. Method of evaluation will be similar to that used in the ergonomics evaluation.

HEAT TEST:

The heat test for each vehicle will consist of measurement of the heat generated in the radiator, engine oil, transmission oil, power steering unit and the underhood ambient temperature. Each will

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be scored individually to pinpoint trouble areas and the scores will also be averaged to be put into the final scoring average. Measurement will be electronic through thermocouple wire. The test mode will be dynamic, not static although a static (idle) mode may be introduced at any time. In the specific performance parameter, included in these Specifications, vehicles meeting all the parameter will be rated 100%. Vehicles not meeting all of the parameter will be rated in varying percentage of 100%.

COMMUNICATIONS EVALUATION

Each vehicle will be evaluated and scored by the Communications Department for its adaptability to communications and other Sheriff's Department equipment prescribed for the particular class of vehicle being considered.

At the completion of the preliminary test and the six-mode test and evaluation series it may be required that the vehicle tested will be retained in the custody of the Sheriff's Department. It will be returned to the County Shops where the brake shoes and pads and the shock absorbers shall be removed and impounded as a control and check on the brakes and shock absorbers supplied on any vehicles purchased and supplied in this requisition. Manufacturer shall be prepared to furnish replacement brakes and shock absorbers which will be installed on the test vehicle prior to return to the manufacturer.

NOTE: Brake lining material will be sintered metallic, semi-metallic or the equivalent in wet/day performance. Shock absorbers must have 30 percent rebound control or more and be of the best quality available to the manufacturer.

After closing of bids, upon request of the County of Los Angeles, the successful bidder(s) will within three(3) days return the test vehicle(s) for inspection and compliance tests, other than performance requirements. If the vehicle(s)

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is (are) accepted, it (they) will be used by the County of Los Angeles to make up radio, siren and special equipment brackets as necessary. The County retains the option to purchase the test vehicle(s) as part of the overall purchase. In any case, it will be necessary for the test vehicle(s) to remain in the possession of the County Shops for approximately three (3) weeks.

All parts furnished on the vehicle(s) except special items for radio and other special equipment requested or supplied by the County will be listed in the Parts Book, a supplemental heavy duty parts book and/or a supplemental special parts listing or letter. Twenty (20) copies of each of the above twenty (20) copies of the Maintenance Manual or Shop Manual will be furnished by the successful bidder(s) within 45 days of the receipt of the purchase order.

BODY STYLE:

Four door sedan. To be painted black and white or stock colors as specified. Paint layout will be provided to the successful bidder(s).

WHEELBASE:

118 inch maximum, 105 inch minimum. Bidders may request a waiver on wheelbase limitations either up or down which may be granted at the Sheriff's Department's option.

ENGINE:

Engines not to exceed 401 cubic inch displacement. Vehicle should meet the following performance. These are as follows: 0 to 60 mph, 11.0 seconds. Speed at the end of standing 1/4 mile: 80.0 mph.

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60 to 95 mph: 15.0 seconds. Top speed: 110 mph. Engine must be operable on a 91 R.O.N. fuel. Pulley sizes, belt arrangements, and all accessories will be identical on all cars delivered under this order.

Manufacturer's standard oil filter with replaceable element will be furnished.

Cooling equipment which will hold coolant temperature to 215 degrees F./or less under both static barrier idle test and dynamic high speed test conditions. Engine oil temperature must remain below 240 degrees F. under similar conditions. Testing will be done under ambient air conditions of 100 degrees or less and an upward variation will be allowed for ambient temperatures of more than 100 degrees. All testing will be done with the air conditioner in operation. All engines to be equipped with factory installed coolant recovery system. Dealer installed after-market systems will NOT be acceptable. Silicon hose is desired. Those furnishing Silicon hose the additional cost will be considered in the bid.

BRAKES:

Will be power disc brakes on front wheels of all vehicles. Drums or discs will be acceptable on rear wheels.

Heaviest duty semi-metallic or sintered metallic type linings or their wet and dry performance equivalent will be furnished.

Brakes must be of sufficient capacity and effectiveness to meet the following test parameters: 30 to 0 mph - 1.0 g average of four stops as outlined in test procedures. 60 to 0 mph - 0.80 g average of four stops as outlined in the test procedures. Equality of application at end of test will be evaluated and remain a factor.

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TRANSMISSION:

To be three-speed (minimum) fully automatic, heaviest duty available. All transmissions must be of the same make and model. The cooling system must be capable of maintaining transmission fluid temperatures below 240 degrees F. under all operating conditions. Each transmission will be equipped with a suitable device to prevent the transmission from being manually shifted into the lowest range from the driver's compartment. An alternative is a fail-safe lock-out with a full guarantee that will prevent shifting either manually or automatically into low gear at any speed over 35 mph. Such a lock-out must operate both in acceleration and in over-run or deceleration downhill.

NOTE: Particular attention will be paid during testing and possible subsequent service to the behavior of this component. Problem transmissions will be cause for rejection of vehicle.

REAR AXLE:

Heavy duty. Specify ratios available. Ratio offered as first choice to be compatible with performance and economy requirements. Limited slip is recommended. Specify additional cost of limited slip differential.

NOTE: It is recommended that considerable thought be given this component balance before submission to test.

ELECTRICAL:

Battery not less than 70 ampere-hour rating.

Alternator not less than 60 ampere output, and not less than 15 amp. output at 700 engine rpm. Dual belt driver preferred. Belts, dual or single, must be of high performance type.

All units must have Electronic Ignition.

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The wiring on all vehicles must be identical in every respect. Silicon high tension wiring is desired. Those furnishing Silicon wiring the additional cost will be considered in the bid.

UPHOLSTERY: Black and White Sedans.

Heavy duty front seats with heavy duty foam rubber required. Seats to be installed in the chassis in the rearmost position.

Heavy duty rear seats--no foam rubber required.

Solid vinyl headliner and side panels.

Solid vinyl covered arm rests.

Solid vinyl covered rear seat and lazy back.

Front seat and lazy back to be vinyl (or breathable vinyl) and vinyl trim, color of front seat and lazy back to be selected by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and will be the same color in all cars.

NOTE: This specification subsection will greatly affect ergonomics evaluation because of past problems encountered.

UPHOLSTER: Plain colored sedans.

All single tone plain colored cars to have cloth (or beathable vinyl) and vinyl trim. Exterior and interior colors selected will be standard with successful bidder.

Single tone colored cars that are equipped with a standard broadcast radio will have not less than three interior color selections.

INTERIOR:

Heavy duty rubber floor mats--front and rear.

Floor mat--trunk.

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Single key locking system for all cars, including trunk and glove compartment. All cars to be keyed alike and each car to have four keys.

Hood to be controlled by an inside release located on the driver's side. There must be sufficient difference of the hood control from the brake release that there can be no confusion between the two under any circumstance or condition.

Deck lid to be controlled through a remote control switch. Location of control switch to be approved by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Control Switch to be of push button type and inoperative at all times when ignition key is removed. Deck lid control mechanism to be electric.

Deck lid, when opened remotely, will not open up completely so as to prevent damage to the hinges. Deck lid must remain in the full open position, when opened manually. Trunk light to be furnished and connected so that it goes on automatically when deck lid is opened.

Ash trays--front and rear.

Cigarette lighter (front only).

Shall be equipped with a dome light (dome light not to operate with opening and closing of doors).

Rear door handles to be furnished and installed but to be inoperative from inside on black and white vehicles only.

CHASSIS:

To be equipped with:

Power steering to also include a cooler if necessary to keep the fluid temperature below 250 degrees F. under all operating conditions.

Heavy duty front suspension recommended.

Heavy duty rear suspension recommended.

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Suspension must be adequate to produce handling scores as follows: Single lane changes: 0.55 g; double lane change: 0.75 g; triple lane change: 0.80g; recovery average; 0.85 g. Left and right circle must be at least 0.75g. These requirements must be met considering the additional weight of the front push bumper (approx 45 #s) and the trunk mounted 2 way radio (approx. 27#).

Heavy duty shock absorbers, front and rear in conformance with requirements on page 6.

NOTE: Shock absorber action should have no less than 30 percent rebound control.

Heavy duty stabilizer bars, front and rear where available, giving the best combination to reduce body roll and provide flat cornering. Stabilizer bars are not to extend below lowest point of vehicle chassis.

TIRES--Highway Patrol Type tires - Nylon radial, tubeless, black sidewall, minimum 4-ply construction.

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5 each, not smaller than ER70 x 15 or GR78 x 15, depending on make and model of vehicle. If these sizes not available specify sizes proposed to be furnished.

Tires must be constructed to withstand high torque and heavy service for police work.

Wheels: Five wheels (police special) not less than 6 inch rim width.

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES:

Speedometer to be accurate within + or - three (3) percent. Speedometer calibration certificate to be furnished.

Tinted glass throughout.

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All cars will be equipped with air conditioning, factory built-in, with the heater as an integral unit. Unit tested at the track will be equipped with air conditioning, power steering and any other item included in these specifications.

To be equipped with rear window de-fogger.

SAFETY ITEMS:

Padded dash, as non-reflective as possible to eliminate glare in the windshield.

Dual electric windshield wipers (two or more speeds).

Inside rear view mirror-Day and Night.

Outside rear view mirrors, non-glare--door mounted left and right sides. Mirrors to be so designed that they do not change adjustment when doors are closed, and to have a square inch surface of not less than 14 inches.

During the tests, the vehicles will also be evaluated on their visibility to the rear. The vehicles must provide adequate rear visibility. This will carry importance in ergonomics evaluation.

Parking brake indicator light.

Dual horns.

Gasoline tank will not form bottom of trunk.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A flexible, waterproof conduit with a not less than 1-1/4 inch inside diameter will be installed. It will descend from the floor of the trunk,

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running into the motor area and terminating in the upper area of the firewall into the interior of the vehicle. This end to be secured by U-clamp or other suitable clamping devices.

Maximum length of the conduit will not exceed 10 feet, 9 inches. It will be at least 2 inches away from the engine exhaust system. Flexible conduit shall be adequately supported by U-clamps or other suitable type clamping device. (Emergency control units mounted on tunnel between front seat and dash.)

NOTE: If conduit runs on the inside of the vehicle, it will be necessary to run it through the firewall and clamped as previously specified. Installation will not interfere with positioning of rear seat cushion, rear doors or any other portion of the vehicle chassis. Entire installation must be approved by the Los Angeles County Communications Department.

Vehicle shall incorporate certain radio frequency interference suppression measures and devices so that radio interference generated as the result of its operation does not exceed the limits established in S.A.E. Standard J 551 entitled "Measurement of Vehicle Radio Interference (30 to 400 megacycles)." Manufacturer shall supply certification of compliance with S.A.E. Standard J 551 at time of delivery of the test car.

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:

All time limits stated in the Purchase Order are of the essence and should the delivery not be completed on or before the time stipulated, it is mutually agreed by and between the successful bidder and the County of Los Angeles that:

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A delay would seriously affect the public and the operation of the Los Angeles County; that a reduction in the unit price of five dollars (\$5) per calendar day for each and every day for each unit which exceeds the delivery time set forth in the Purchase Order is the nearest measure of damages for each delay that can be fixed at this time; therefore, the County and the successful bidder hereby establish said reduction in the unit price of five dollars (\$5) per calendar day for each and every day of delay for each unit as liquidated damages and not as a penalty or forfeiture for the breach of agreement to complete delivery by the successful bidder on or before the time specified in the Purchased Order.

Liquidated damages shall not apply to time elapsing between date of delivery and date of notification to the successful bidder or rejection of sub-specification material.

The above conditions may be invoked if deliveries exceed the specified time or if replacement of material not meeting specifications exceeds the specified time.

Should the successful bidder be obstructed or delayed in the work required to be done herewith by changes in the work or by any default, act, or omission of the County, or by strikes, fires, act of God, or by the inability to obtain materials, equipment or labor due to Federal Government restrictions arising out of the defense or war program, then the time of completion shall be extended for such periods as may be agreed upon by the County and the successful bidder. Shall there be insufficient time to grant such extensions prior to completion date of the contract, the County may at the time of acceptance of the work waive liquidate damages which may have accrued for failure to complete on time, due to any of the above, after hearing evidence as to the reasons for such delay and making a finding as to the cause of same.

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In the event that the successful bidder is on strike at the time of the award of the bid, the County reserves the option to accept the first acceptable bid from a manufacturer that is not on strike.

Prior to close of the bid, a car dealer, manufacturer, or his representative will be required to furnish a vehicle for test purposes. This vehicle will be equipped with the engine, brakes, springs, shock absorbers, steering gear, tires, wheels, stabilizer bars, spotlights, and all other special equipment as called for as part of the specifications required on all black and white vehicles in this requisition.

These demonstrator vehicles will be subjected to a seven phase performance and acceptability test series. The County of Los Angeles will not be responsible for any damage during the test or the condition of the vehicle when returned to the submitter after testing. Furthermore, all cars tested will be at the owner's risk for any damage occurring to the vehicles for any reason.

The company will furnish the tires and wheels used for testing at the track.

Vehicles will be tested and driven under the supervision of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and will be tested and driven by employees of the department of personnel designated by the department.

Life cycle cost of vehicle combined with test scores will be factors utilized to determine successful bidder, these factors are:

- Instrumented performance test score
- Economy road test score
- Ergonomics evaluation score
- Mechanical evaluation score

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- Heat test score
- Communications equipment adaptability score
- Unit cost
- Parts replacement costs
- Unit resale value based on Kelley Blue Book values

Bidder to fill in the attached parts price list showing list prices and discounts extended to L.A. County.

Dealer to furnish Dealer's Bill of Sale in the name of Los Angeles County, 1100 North Eastern Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90063.

In compliance with the Los Angeles County Board Order #126, every 1975 model vehicle with a 6,000# GVW or less shall be tested for exhaust emissions by the manufacturer before delivery. The results of this test will be furnished, showing the concentration of hydro-carbons (HC), carbon monoxide (CO), and nitrous oxide (NOX) at the time of delivery to Los Angeles County. These vehicles not meeting the State of California Assembly line Emission Standards will not be accepted.

Bidders shall submit detailed literature of the vehicle they propose to furnish.

Failure to submit this information is sufficient cause for rejection of bid.

These specifications prepared by:

J. F. Beach, Chief, Shops and Garages, and approved by:

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As a part of these specifications, Bidder will fill in the following Parts Price List and submit with your bid. Parts Prices quoted are to be on parts used on your V-8 Engine with a cubic inch displacement between 350 and 401.

<u>Group</u>	<u>Part No.</u>	<u>List Price</u>	<u>Discount Extended to L.A. County</u>	<u>Availability Local or Factory</u>
ENGINE				
Cylinder Head				
Gasket Set				
8 Pistons				
Connecting Rod Bearings				
Main Bearings				
Oil Pan				
Timing Gear				
Timing Chain				
Partial Engine				
Timing Cover				
Ring Set (8 Pistons)				
ELECTRICAL				
Alternator				
Regulator				
Starter				
Complete Distributor				
Distributor Points				
High Tension Wiring				
FUEL				
Carburetor				
Fuel Pump				
Fuel Tank				
COOLING				
Radiator				
Water Pump				
Viscous Drive Pan and Blade Assembly				

Parts Price List

<u>Group</u>	<u>Part No.</u>	<u>List Price</u>	<u>Discount Extended to L.A. County</u>	<u>Availability Local or Factory</u>
AIR CONDITIONING				
Compressor				
Compressor Clutch				
Condenser				
TRANSMISSION (AUTOMATIC)				
Case				
Converter				
Trans. Rebuild Kit (Complete)				
STEERING				
Gear Box				
Power Steering Pump				
FRONT SUSPENSION				
Lower Arm				
Upper Arm				
Knuckle				
Spindle				
DIFFERENTIAL				
Gear Set				
Axle				
Housing				
BRAKES				
Brake Rotors				
Booster & Master Cyl.				
Brake Pads				
Brake Lining				
Brake Drums, Rear W/Hub				

