

“Delorean: Frequently Asked Questions”

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Q: How many Deloreans were built?

A: There were roughly 9,000 Deloreans built from 1981 to 1983 in Dunmurry Ireland. It is estimated that 7,000 still exist today.

Q: What is the “Delorean Mid-Atlantic Club”?

A: We are just a group of Delorean owners and enthusiasts that like to get together with our cars and have fun! Typically we run two or three events per year. Our website is www.deloreanmidatlantic.com. If you visit our site, you can see information on current and upcoming events, and pictures of past events in our scrapbook section

Q: How fast is that car? What kind of engine is in it?

A: The stock Delorean has a 130hp PRV engine (Peugeot/Renault/Volvo). The 1984 models were slated to offer a turbo model that never made it to production. The stock car’s top speed is 125mph

Q: It will never rust or need to be painted?

A: The front and rear fascia of the car is the only part that is painted. The body is made of stainless steel panels mounted to a fiberglass underbody. The frame of the car is still prone to rust.

Q: What do you use to clean/care for stainless steel?

A: Most owners use soap and water to wash the car, and a final polish with stainless steel cleaners (used for appliances). Others use glass cleaners for a healthy shine. Minor scratches and scrapes can be removed with a scotchbrite pad (NEVER steel wool)



Q: This car is a real classic...what is it worth? \$40-50,000?

A: The car originally sold for \$24,000 in the early 80s, and Deloreans can be found today for sale in many different conditions and prices. A car that needs a lot of TLC can be found for \$8,000 while a perfect condition car will fetch \$25-30,000



Q: Parts must be hard to come by...who would even be able to fix such a car?

A: When the factory shut down in the mid 1980s, the parts were bought by a large vendor, several original dealerships, and many individual owners. Parts are still widely available today, and many rare parts are being re-produced. There are several major vendors/shops around the country that specialize in the car. Delorean Mid-Atlantic Club’s main shop is P.J. Grady in Long Island, NY. (www.pjgrady.com)

Q: How do you open the doors in tight parking spots?

A: The Delorean door only needs 14 inches of clearance (less than a regular car) so it can actually fit in tighter spots than most other autos.

Q: I have seen some Deloreans with different setups. What options were offered on the cars?

A: There were only slight differences and options offered on the cars in the three years of production. Most of the more dramatic differences were customizations done by their owners.



Q: What do you do if you have an accident? Can you fix the stainless body?

A: Parts are easily obtainable for DeLoreans, and the stainless body panels can be replaced or repaired by an experienced DeLorean mechanic.

Q: John DeLorean went to jail for shipping drugs in the cars...right?

A: John DeLorean was acquitted of all charges in the drug trafficking sting set up by the FBI. He never served any time in jail and lived in the northern NJ area until he died. No drugs were ever shipped in DeLorean automobiles despite urban legend rumors.

Q: Where is the Flux Capacitor? Can you travel back in time? Where is Mr. Fusion?

A: Hmm...never heard THOSE jokes before. ;)

Q: I am interested in learning more about DeLoreans or possibly owning one. Where can I find more information?

A: The best place to start is www.dmcnews.com this is an internet forum for owners of the car. You can learn a lot of information on this website. Another good source if you live in the Mid-Atlantic region is to visit P.J. Grady DeLorean sales and service (www.pjgrady.com)

Q: Were the cars ever painted?

A: Although no cars left the factory painted, some dealers and owners did use a process outlined by the factory to paint them. It is sometimes more economical to paint a car that has been damaged in an accident than to repair or replace the panels with original stainless steel. The painted cars tend to be less valuable than the stainless ones so some owners have stripped the paint off.

Q: Is the car a lot of fun to drive?

A: OHHHH YES! Although underpowered by today's standards, the DeLorean is still a great car to drive. It handles beautifully, and owners enjoy getting all the looks and "thumbs up" while we drive it around town or on the highway

Q: The windows seem...small!

A: Yes they are! They are called "Toll Booth Windows". Since air conditioning came standard in the car, it was believed the only thing you needed a window for, was to pay tolls. The car was designed with the six inch windows that are outlined in the bottom center of the driver and passenger doors

Q: DeLorean owners must be hard to track down. I never see many at local car shows.

A: DeLorean owners are actually easy to find (when you look in the right places). There are large internet communities where the owners discuss the cars and plan events. Every two years, there is a "DeLorean Car Show" that draws 650+ enthusiasts, and over 120 cars!



Q: How many miles do most people put on their cars each year?

A: It depends on the owner. Some cars have only 1,200 original miles, while others have as much as 400,000!

Q: Do you spend a lot of time and money maintaining the car?

A: As with any other classic automobile, there is maintenance involved. A car that is in good condition will still require \$1,000-\$1,500 per year in maintenance. Things tend to wear out on a 20+ year old car. ;)