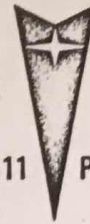


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Pontiac Motor Division announced today that it will introduce a new car next month that "goes one performance step further" in the popular muscle car field, a field and market Pontiac opened up five years ago with the GTO.

The new supercar, to be named The Judge, is specially designed to offer a unique combination of added performance, excellent handling characteristics and a very distinctive appearance.

It will have as the standard power train a 366-horsepower, V-8 Ram Air engine with 400 cubic-inch displacement, 10.75:1 compression ratio and four-barrel Quadra-jet carburetion, coupled with a fully synchronized three-speed, heavy-duty manual transmission floor mounted control with a Hurst T-handle. A 3.55:1 axle ratio will be standard as will dual exhausts.

Available as a hardtop coupe or a convertible, The Judge will be easily recognized.

The front will be distinguished by a black grille, exposed headlamps and functional Ram Air hood scoops. A three-color slash stripe on the upper edge of the front fender running back to the door, "The Judge" decals on the front fender and Ram Air decals on the sides of the hood scoops will provide side identification. At the rear will be a 60-inch floating deck air foil with The Judge emblem on the upper right hand surface.

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To complete its distinction, the first production units will be painted a bright red including the Endura energy-absorbing front bumper.

As a companion to Pontiac's GTO, The Judge will ride on a 112-inch wheelbase and the Wide Track will be 60-inches both front and rear.

Blackwall G70-14 Fiberglas tires will be mounted on Rally II wheels without chrome trim rings.

Morrokide bucket seats, driver-oriented instrumentation, a shallow dish, vinyl-cushioned steering wheel and an upper level ventilation system will highlight The Judge's interior features.

A complete list of options and accessories will also be made available for The Judge which will be available in Pontiac dealerships late next month.

Pontiac's Ram Air IV engine rated at 370 horsepower is optional and includes functional hood scoops. Available transmissions will be both a close-ratio, four-speed manual and the three-speed Turbo Hydra-matic.

A hood mounted tachometer, a rally gauge cluster and power front disc brakes will also be offered.

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THE JUDGE by Pontiac
Quick Reference Specifications

ENGINE

Cylinders	8
Bore and stroke	4.12 x 3.75
Displacement	400
Compression ratio	10.75:1
Horsepower	366 @ 5100
Torque	445 @ 3600
Valves: Intake	2.11 in.
Exhaust	1.77 in.
Camshaft:	
Lift (Man. Trans.)	.413 intake, .413 exhaust
Duration	
(Man. Trans.)	301° intake, 313° exhaust
Lift (Auto. Trans.)	.414 intake, .413 exhaust
Duration	
(Auto. Trans.)	288° intake, 302° exhaust
Carburetion	1 4-bbl. Quadra-jet
Exhaust system	Dual w/low-restriction muffler

DIFFERENTIAL

Ratio	3.55:1
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BRAKES

Type	Drum, front & rear
Dimensions:	
Front diam.	9.5 in.
Swept area	269.2 sq. in.
Rear diam.	9.5 in.
Swept area	269.2 sq. in.

TRANSMISSION

Type:	3-speed manual	
Ratios:	1st	2.42:1
	2nd	1.61:1
	3rd	1.00:1

SUSPENSION

Front	Heavy-duty coil
Rear	Heavy-duty coil
Stabilizer	1.00-in. diameter
Tires	G70-14
Rims	6-in. wide
Steering gear:	
Type	Recirculating ball bearing
Ratio	24.1
Turning circle	37.4 ft.
Turns of steering wheel lock to lock	5.6

DIMENSIONS

Wheelbase	112 in.
Front track	60 in.
Rear track	60 in.
Overall height	52.3 in.
Overall width	75.8 in.
Overall length	201.5 in.
Shipping weight	3506 lbs.
Test weight, pre-production car	N.A.
Crankcase capacity	5 qts.
Cooling system	17.8 qts.
Fuel tank	21.5 gals.