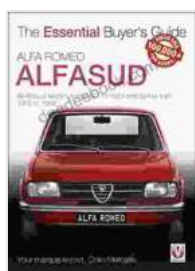


# The Ultimate Guide to All Pontiac Firebird Saloon and Sprint Models: 1971-1989

The Pontiac Firebird, introduced in 1967, quickly established itself as a formidable player in the American muscle car arena. Its stylish design and potent performance made it a favorite among enthusiasts, and it soon became a symbol of freedom and exhilaration.



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While the Firebird's initial focus was on youth-oriented performance, the early 1970s brought a new era of muscle car evolution. As insurance premiums soared and emissions regulations tightened, manufacturers shifted their attention towards more fuel-efficient and practical models. It was in this changing landscape that the Pontiac Firebird Saloon and Sprint models emerged.



The Saloon was available in both coupe and convertible body styles, and it offered a wide range of engine options, from the economical 250 cubic inch inline-six to the more powerful 400 cubic inch V8. While not as potent as the Firebird's high-performance variants, the Saloon's engines provided ample power for everyday driving.

The Saloon's interior was designed with comfort and convenience in mind. The seats were plush and supportive, and the dashboard was equipped with an array of gauges and controls. Standard features included power steering, power brakes, and a radio, making the Saloon a well-equipped and comfortable daily driver.

Over the years, the Pontiac Firebird Saloon underwent several updates and revisions. In 1976, it received a redesigned front end that featured a more rounded and aerodynamic appearance. The interior was also updated with a new dashboard and instrument cluster. In 1980, the Saloon received a revised rear end that included larger taillights and a more stylized rear bumper.

The Pontiac Firebird Saloon remained in production until 1983. During its 12-year run, it became the most popular variant of the Firebird lineup, appealing to buyers who desired a combination of style, performance, and practicality.

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The Pontiac Firebird Sprint debuted in 1976 as a more performance-oriented variant of the Saloon. It was available in both coupe and hatchback body styles, and it offered a range of engine options, including a 305 cubic inch V8 and a 350 cubic inch V8.

The Sprint's exterior was distinguished by its sporty appearance. It featured a blacked-out grille, a front air dam, and a rear spoiler. The interior was also given a performance-oriented makeover, with upgraded seats and a revised instrument cluster. Standard features included power steering, power brakes, and a limited-slip differential.

The Pontiac Firebird Sprint quickly gained a reputation for its impressive performance. Its powerful engines and well-sorted suspension gave it excellent acceleration and handling capabilities. It was a popular choice among enthusiasts who sought a car that combined the practicality of the Saloon with the exhilaration of a true sports car.

The Sprint model underwent several updates and revisions throughout its production run. In 1980, it received a new front end that featured rectangular headlights and a revised grille. The interior was also updated with a new dashboard and instrument cluster.

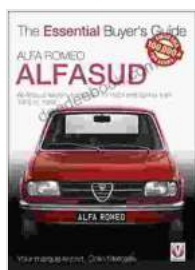
In 1985, the Pontiac Firebird Sprint received its most significant update. It was redesigned to share its platform and styling with the third-generation Firebird. The new Sprint featured a more aerodynamic and aggressive appearance, with a sloping hood, quad headlights, and a sleek rear end.

The third-generation Sprint was offered with a range of engine options, including a 305 cubic inch V8 and a 350 cubic inch V8. It also received a number of performance upgrades, such as a revised suspension and improved brakes. The Sprint remained in production until 1989, when it was discontinued along with the rest of the Firebird lineup.

The Pontiac Firebird Saloon and Sprint models played a significant role in the evolution of the American muscle car. They offered a unique blend of

style, performance, and practicality, appealing to a wide range of buyers.

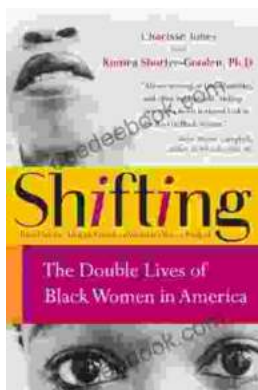
Today, these models are highly sought after by collectors and enthusiasts alike. They represent a unique era in automotive history, and they continue to captivate the hearts and minds of car lovers everywhere.



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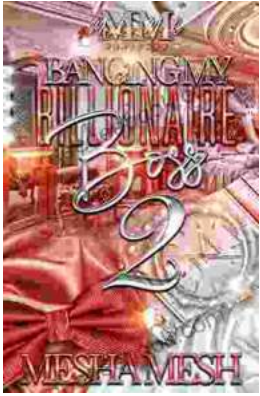
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