

Chevrolet New Standard Series FC, Master DeLuxe Series FD, Master DeLuxe Series FA

1936 Chevrolet Owner's Instruction and Operating Manual

Instructions for the Care of Your Chevrolet 1936 Passenger Cars

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the proper operation and maintenance of your 1936 Chevrolet passenger car. It covers models including the New Standard Series FC and Master DeLuxe Series FD & FA, which feature knee-action suspension, as well as Sedan Delivery and Coupe Delivery variants. Familiarizing yourself with these instructions will ensure reliable performance and extend the life of your vehicle.

CONTROLS AND INSTRUMENTS

Understanding the function of each control and instrument is crucial for safe and efficient driving.

- **Ammeter:** Indicates the charging or discharging rate of the battery.
- **Choke:** Used to enrich the fuel mixture for cold starting.
- **Ignition Switch:** Controls the electrical system and engine starting.
- **Lighting Controls:** Operate headlamps, tail lamps, and interior lights.
- **Throttle:** Regulates engine speed.
- **Brakes:** Foot pedal operates service brakes; hand lever operates parking brake.
- **Clutch Pedal:** Disengages the engine from the transmission for gear changes.
- **Steering Wheel:** Controls the direction of the vehicle.

OPERATING YOUR CHEVROLET

Starting the Engine

1. Ensure the transmission is in neutral and the parking brake is engaged.
2. Pull the choke knob out fully if the engine is cold.
3. Turn the ignition key to the 'ON' position.
4. Press the starter button until the engine starts. Release the choke gradually as the engine warms.

Driving

Engage the clutch, select first gear, and smoothly release the clutch while applying throttle. Shift through gears as speed increases, ensuring smooth transitions to prevent strain on the drivetrain.

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Regular maintenance is vital for the longevity and performance of your Chevrolet.

- **Every 1,000 Miles:** Check engine oil level, tire pressure, and water level in the radiator. Lubricate chassis points as per the lubrication chart.
- **Every 5,000 Miles:** Change engine oil, inspect spark plugs, check battery fluid level, and adjust brakes if necessary.
- **Annually:** Flush and refill cooling system, inspect fan belt tension, and check all electrical connections.

Key Components for Inspection

- **Air Cleaner:** Clean regularly to ensure proper air intake.
- **Battery:** Keep terminals clean and check electrolyte level.
- **Carburetor:** Ensure proper adjustment for fuel efficiency.
- **Cooling System:** Maintain proper coolant levels and inspect hoses for leaks.
- **Distributor:** Check points and timing periodically.
- **Fuel Pump:** Inspect for leaks and proper operation.
- **Universal Joint:** Lubricate as specified to prevent wear.
- **Water Pump:** Check for leaks and proper function.

TROUBLESHOOTING TIPS

Symptom	Possible Cause	Action
Engine Fails to Start	No fuel, weak battery, faulty ignition.	Check fuel tank, battery connections, spark plugs.
Engine Overheats	Low coolant, faulty fan belt, clogged radiator.	Check coolant level, fan belt tension, radiator fins.
Poor Braking Performance	Worn brake linings, air in hydraulic system, improper adjustment.	Inspect brake linings, bleed brake lines, adjust brakes.

SPECIFICATIONS

This section provides key technical data for your 1936 Chevrolet.

- **Engine:** Inline 6-cylinder, overhead valve.
- **Displacement:** Specific displacement varies by model, refer to detailed engine specifications.
- **Electrical System:** 6-volt, positive ground.
- **Transmission:** 3-speed manual.
- **Fuel Type:** Gasoline.
- **Tire Pressure:** Consult tire manufacturer recommendations and vehicle placard.

IMPORTANT NOTE

This manual is a historical reprint intended for informational and reference purposes for owners of 1936 Chevrolet vehicles. It reflects the technology and practices of its original publication era. For modern vehicle maintenance and safety, always consult with qualified automotive professionals. There is no contemporary warranty or direct manufacturer support available for vehicles of this age.