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# MUSCLE CARS

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# Incredible **Power**

The driver steps on the gas pedal.  
The muscle car's engine roars. People  
turn to watch. The back tires spin and  
sling gravel. Then the car disappears.  
Only a cloud of dust is left behind.

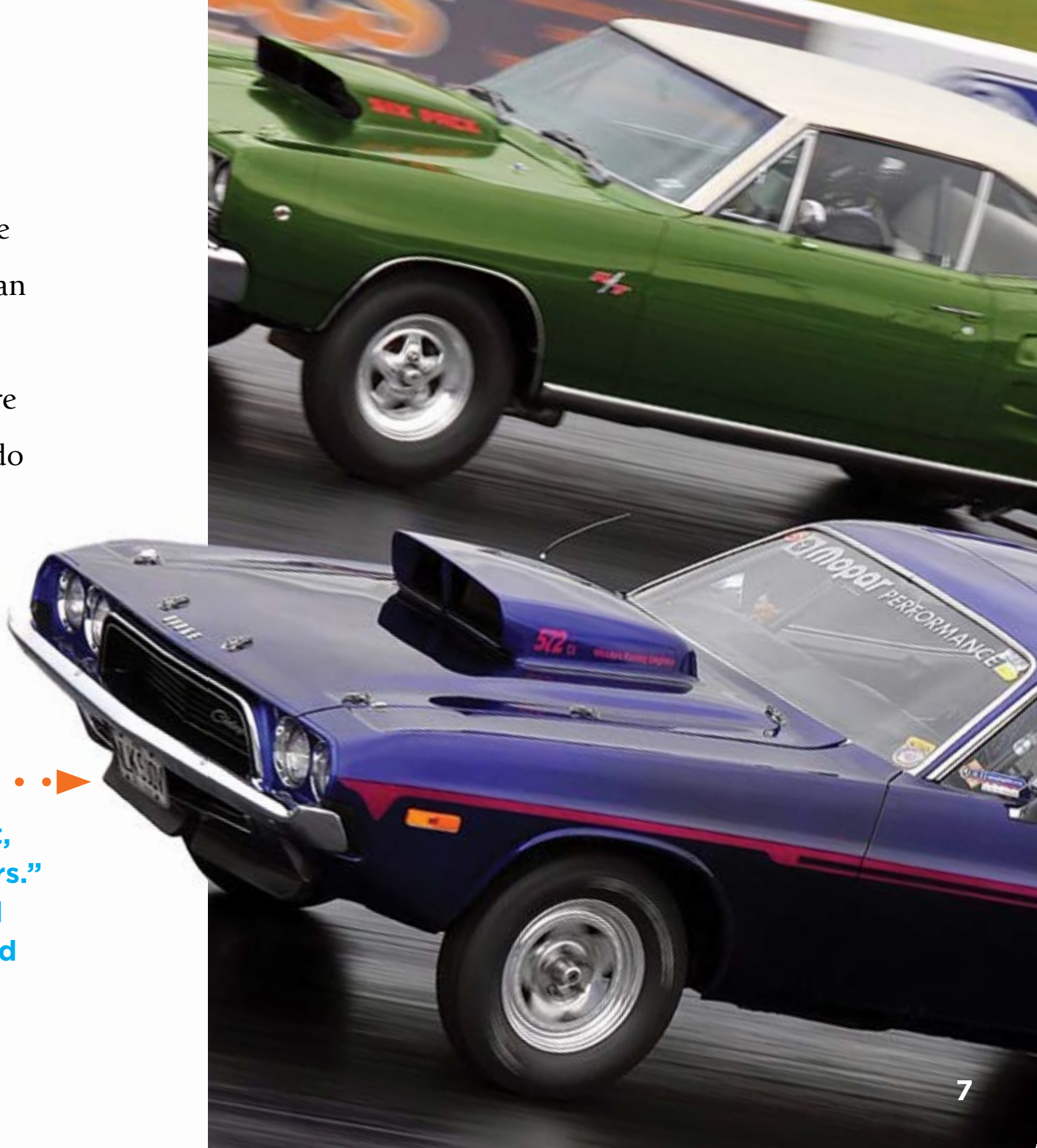


## Mean and Lean

Muscle cars look tough. They have big engines. They speed up faster than normal cars. When the light turns green, they zoom off! Muscle cars are fun to see on city streets. They also do well in **drag races**.



When muscle cars first came out, carmakers called them “supercars.” People said the cars’ motors had a lot of muscle. So people started calling the cars “muscle cars.”





# By the Numbers

AVERAGE TIME TO GO FROM  
**0 to 60 MILES**  
(97 KILOMETERS) PER HOUR



..... **9 to 12 MILES**  
(14 TO 19 KM) PER GALLON  
mileage of a  
1967 Ford Mustang  
Shelby GT500



ABOUT  
**13**  
SECONDS

AVERAGE TIME IT TAKES A  
MUSCLE CAR TO TRAVEL  
.25 MILES (.40 KM)

..... **ABOUT**  
**\$3,000**  
COST OF A PONTIAC GTO  
IN 1964

