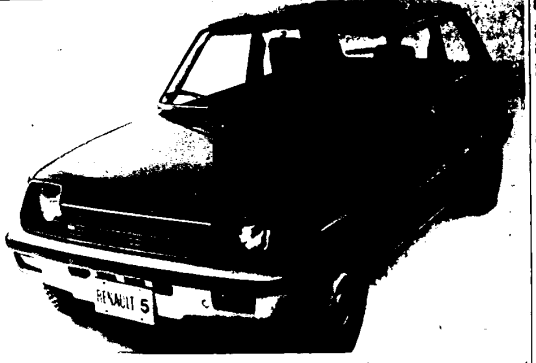

Renault's small car was redesigned for the American market after more than two years of worldwide driving.

Renault's mini-car available in U.S.

The original 40-miles-per-gallon mini-car, proven by more than two years of on-road operation, Renault 5, is available in two versions for the American market.

Nearly one million of the three-door hatchbacks have been produced and sold in Europe since 1973, headed by France, where the car originated and where this one model occupies 10.3 per cent of the market at present.

Renault 5 went on sale in the United States Feb. 1 in both a basic STL version and a more luxurious 5GTL version, which offer options that allow the motorist to tailor the car to his own taste.

THE U.S. VERSIONS of the mini-car combines perky styling and passenger comfort with economy operation and useful performance.

Renault 5 mini-car can be seen at Bill Hermann Renault, 31151 West Ten Mile Road, in Farmington.

Renault 5's origins and basic approach to motoring are plainly Gallic, but the improved package and performance levels are designed specifically to meet the special demands of the American driver.

The car's basic design is a spacious, unitized box with its four wheels at the corners for stability under demanding driving. While Renault 5 has the shortest overall length of any major mini-car, it also has the longest wheelbase.

THROUGH USE of double-acting hydraulic telescopic shock absorbers front and rear, couple with independent, unequal-length control arms and independent trailing arms, the car has ride characteristics of a larger and heavier machine.

The car appears to roll gently on sharp turns when viewed form outside, but inside the ride is smooth and effortless, and full adhesion to the road surface is never broken.

For the U.S. market, with its special emission-control demands and extra weight brought about by safety requirments, Renault 5 has been equipped with a front-mounted, longitudinally positioned four-cylinder engine of 1,289 cubic centimeters (78.66 cubic inches).

It is an in-line, overhead valve engine with removable wet cylinder sleeves. Dual-barrel Weber carburetors are fitted on both versions of the car.

IN STOCK FORM at 6,000 r.p.m., the engine is rated at 58 horsepower, which can drive the 1,819 pound (curb weight) car almst 90 miles per hour in top gear. For most economical performance, a floor-mounted, tight-gate all-synchromesh manual four-speed shift is standard.

Renault 5, running on regualr or low-lead regular fuel (no-lead in California), is EPA-rated at 40-miles per gallon in the country, 28 in the city, and 32 m.p.g. average based on 55 per cent country/45 per cent city driving situations. A U.S. gallon (.38 litre) fuel tank is standard.

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