

1981 Delorean DMC-12

2dr Coupe · 6-cyl. 2850cc/130hp FI

#1 Concours condition

\$117,000

↗ +15.8%

#2 Excellent condition

\$81,300

↗ +8.3%

#3 Good condition

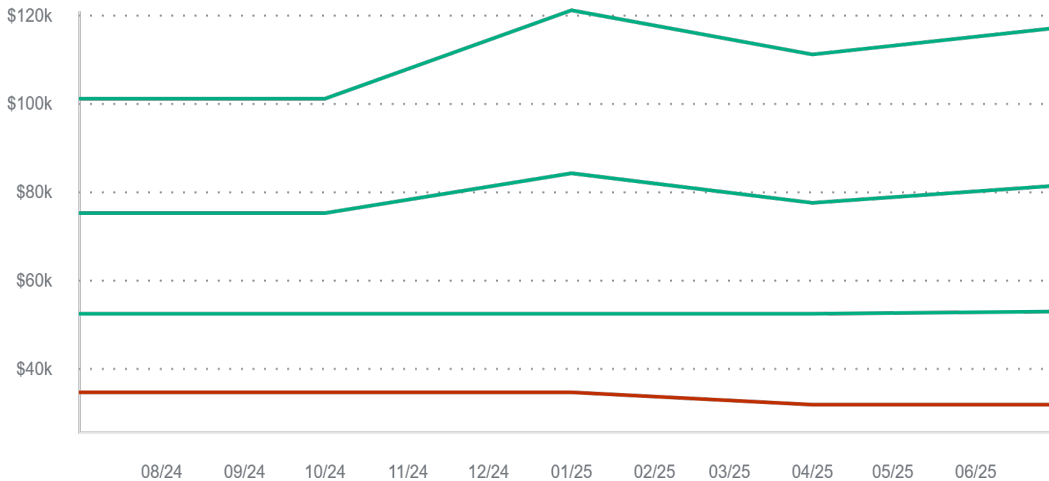
\$52,800*

↗ +1%

#4 Fair condition

\$31,700

↘ -8.1%



NOTE: The chart displays price changes for the last year.

Value adjustments

-5%
for auto.

Model description

Conceived by John Z. DeLorean, engineered in part by Lotus, and styled by Giorgetto Giugiaro, the DeLorean DMC-12 debuted in 1981. The car quickly piqued the interest of governments hither and yon, who were eager to attract the new car manufacturer and its jobs. The British government ultimately lured the DeLorean Motor Company to Northern Ireland, and a manufacturing facility was established in suburban Belfast.

The public eagerly awaited the vehicle's 1981 launch, as the car had a rear-mounted engine set-up, gullwing doors, an angular form, and a novel stainless steel finish to accompany its who's-who pedigree. The car came fully loaded, with the only choice for the buyer being the color of the leather seats (gray or black) and the type of transmission (automatic or a 5-speed manual).

The execution of the idea missed the mark, however. Instead of being sporty, the DMC-12 was equipped with a sluggish Peugeot-Renault-Volvo V6 that produced 130 hp. The car's build quality was also reputedly poor upon launch, and the sticker price was a substantial \$26,000. All of these factors and more conspired to suppress sales.

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Production slowly continued into 1982 until the company went bankrupt (some cars were later assembled in 1983 and title accordingly). John DeLorean desperately tried to secure funding to rescue production, and became involved in a large-scale FBI cocaine bust. The arraignment effectively destroyed any hope of reviving the company and the DMC-12.

Body styles

2dr Coupe

Engine types

6-cyl. 2850cc/130hp FI

1981-1983 Delorean DMC-12 stats

Number produced **	Highest sale	Lowest sale	Most recent sale	Sales
6700	\$248,000	\$7,479	\$65,625	468

** Number produced is specific to this year and configuration.

Vehicle's condition classification

#1. Concours

#1 vehicles are the best in the world. Imagine the best vehicle, in the right colors, driving onto the lawn at the finest concours. Perfectly clean, the vehicle has been groomed down to the tire treads. Painted and chromed surfaces are mirror-like. Dust and dirt are banned, and materials used are correct and superbly fitted.

#2. Excellent

#2 vehicles could win a local or regional show. They might even be former #1 vehicles that have been driven or have aged. Seasoned observers will have to look closely for flaws but will be able to find some. The paint, chrome, glass and finishes will all appear as excellent. The vehicle drives as a new vehicle of its era would.

#3. Good

#3 vehicles drive and run well but are not used for daily transportation. The casual passerby will not find any visual flaws, but these vehicles might have some incorrect parts. #3 vehicles could possess some, but not all, of the issues of a #4 vehicle, but they will be balanced by other factors such as fresh paint or a new, correct interior.

#4. Fair

#4 vehicles are daily drivers, with flaws visible to the naked eye. The chrome might have pitting, the windshield might be chipped and perhaps the body has a minor dent. Imperfect paintwork, split seams or a cracked dash might be present. No major parts are missing, but there might be non-stock additions. A #4 vehicle can also be a deteriorated restoration.