

1978 Pontiac Firebird Trans Am

2dr Hardtop Coupe . 8-cyl. 400cid/220hp 4bbl

#1 Concours condition

\$55,400

▾ -4%

#2 Excellent condition

\$42,300

▾ -4.1%

#3 Good condition

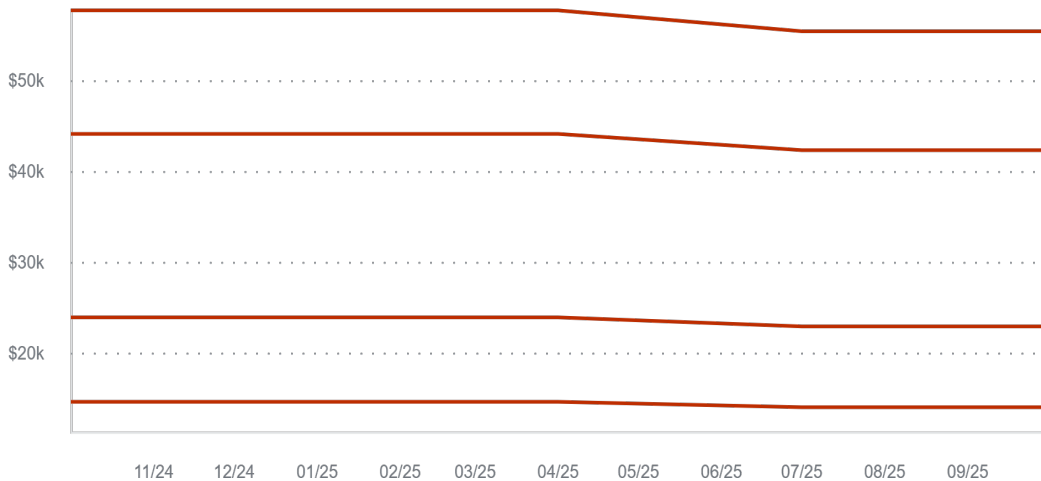
\$22,900*

▾ -4.2%

#4 Fair condition

\$14,000

▾ -4.1%



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

Value adjustments

+15%
4-spd.

Model description

Although Pontiac marketers deemed the sleek new 1970 Firebird, "The beginning of tomorrow," no one could have imagined the basic car would be produced for twelve years. The five 1970 Firebird models were all coupes. More than ever, most were sports cars at heart.

Reduced power ratings for 1971 were offset by availability of Pontiac's enormous 455 in Formula and Trans Am models. The signature Trans Am "chicken" hood appliqué first appeared in 1973. In 1973 and 1974, a mighty SD-455 engine powered a limited number of now extremely collectible Firebirds.

Mid-1976 brought a Limited Edition Trans Am, which set the style for the incredibly popular Trans Ams to follow. In 1979, T/A model year production exceeded 100,000.

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The big 455-cid V-8 disappeared after 1976 and 1979 saw the final Pontiac 400 V-8s. A 4.9L Turbocharged V-8 was showcased in the 1980 Turbo Trans Am Indy Pace Car edition. During 1980-81, a 5.0L V-8 was the largest engine offered.

Although less powerful and much more common than earlier high-performance Firebirds, late '70s Trans Ams are enjoying renewed popularity today.

Body styles

2dr Hardtop Coupe

Engine types

8-cyl. 400cid/220hp 4bbl

8-cyl. 403cid/185hp 4bbl

1970-1981 Pontiac Firebird stats

Highest sale	Lowest sale	Most recent sale	Sales
\$495,000	\$451	\$70,875	3882

Equipment

Standard Equipment

- Automatic Transmission
- Bucket Seats
- Heater/Defroster
- Power Front Disc Brakes
- Power Steering
- Shaker Hood
- Tachometer

Optional Equipment

- Air Conditioning
- Power Windows
- Speed Control

Additional Info

- Shipping Weight: 3511 lbs
- Vehicle Length: 196.8 in
- Wheelbase - Inches: 108.1 in

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.