

1981 Jeep CJ-8 Scrambler

2dr Pickup 4x4 · 4-cyl. 151cid/82hp 2bbl OHV

#1 Concours condition

\$44,500

▼ -4.9%

#2 Excellent condition

\$31,900

▼ -12.6%

#3 Good condition

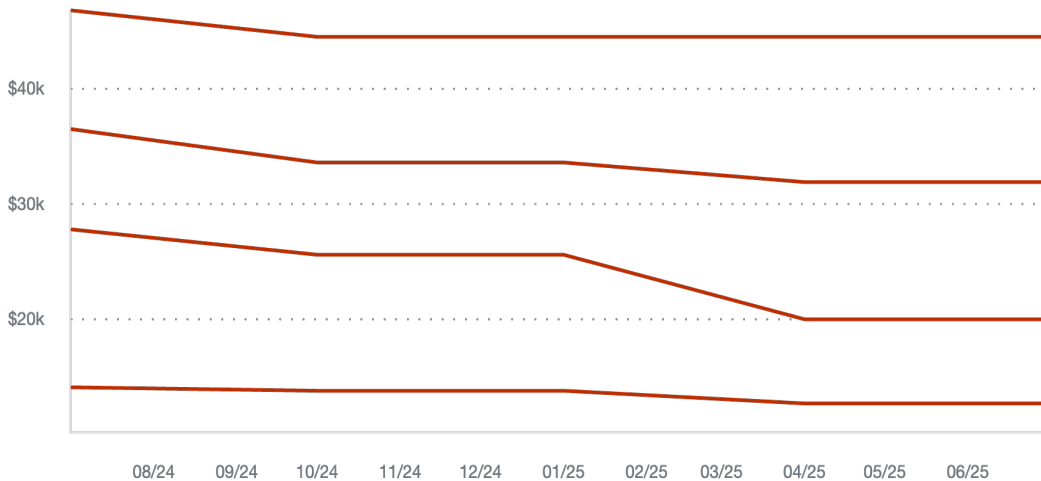
\$20,000*

▼ -28.1%

#4 Fair condition

\$12,700

▼ -9.9%



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

Value adjustments

+5%
for soft top on pickup.

-2%
for hard top wagon.

Model description

Derived from the CJ-7, with a 10-inch longer wheelbase and extended rear overhang, the CJ-8 Scrambler was initially available as a pickup with a bulkhead behind the seats. Buyers could choose either a hard fiberglass pickup cab with steel doors or folding vinyl pickup top with vinyl doors. Its introduction in 1981 meant that it preceded all other domestic-made compact pickups by at least a year (the Chevrolet S-10 was introduced in 1982 and the Ford Ranger was a mid-year introduction for 1983). Later, a full-length hard fiberglass wagon roof was made available, but very few were fitted. By and large, the majority of Scramblers were hard cab pickups.

Powertrain availability and options generally mirrored both its CJ-7 and CJ-5 stablemates. As such, only for the introductory year was the AMC 304 cid V-8 available as an option. Trim packages, however, were generally unique and limited on the Scrambler. Aside from the plain entry level model, a SC Sport and SL Sport were also available. Both featured "SCRAMBLER" decals on the hood sides, but the SL also had most fittings in chrome, to include the grille and bumpers. During 1982, the Laredo package was also made available on the Scrambler, becoming Jeep's top end trim package for all models.

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The Scrambler never saw large sales (even for Jeep) and was dropped for 1986. In addition to low sales, it was also dropped because Jeep's new Cherokee/Wrangler based pickup – the Comanche – had just been introduced.

Body styles

2dr Pickup 4x4

Engine types

4-cyl. 151cid/82hp 2bbl OHV

6-cyl. 258cid/110hp 2bbl OHV

1981-1986 Jeep CJ-8 Scrambler stats

Highest sale	Lowest sale	Most recent sale	Sales
\$85,575	\$7,350	\$18,690	318

Equipment

Additional Info

Drive Type: 4RD

Manufacturer Code: C212

Manufacturer MSRP: 7288

Market Segmentation: Subcompact Utility

Shipping Weight: 2650

Truck Front Axle: Unknown

Truck Gross Vehicle Weight Rating Code: 1

Truck Rear Axle: Unknown

Wheel Base Longest - Inches: 103.5

Wheel Base Shortest - Inches: 103.5

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.

#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.

#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.

#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.