

# 1956 Imperial Imperial

4dr Sedan . 8-cyl. 354cid/280hp 4bbl

#1 Concours condition

**\$40,100**

↗ +2.6%

#2 Excellent condition

**\$27,000**

↗ +3.8%

#3 Good condition

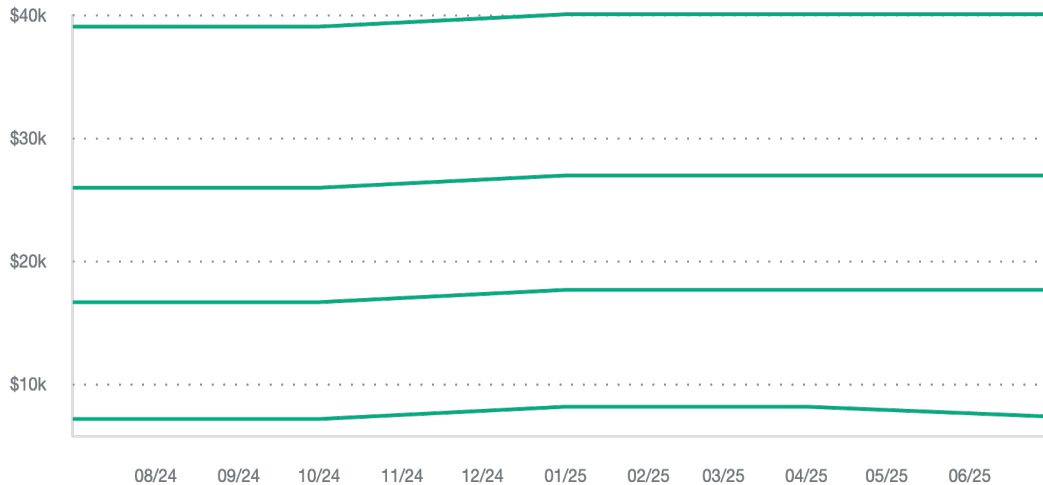
**\$17,700\***

↗ +6%

#4 Fair condition

**\$7,400**

↗ +2.8%



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

## Model description

In 1955, the Chrysler Corporation's Imperial model stepped into the modern world with a complete redesign as its own brand. Up to 1954, these top-of-the-line cars were designated "Chrysler Imperial," but for 1955 they simply became "Imperial." Visually, the bulging rear fenders held over from 1940s styling cues were gone, replaced by a sleek 1950s-era design with long chrome side spears and a bold split grille. Unique "gunsight" taillights were mounted atop the rear fenders.

The Imperial was available as a two-door hardtop or a four-door sedan, and tipped the scales at a massive 4500 pounds with a 130-inch wheelbase. A 331.1-cid Chrysler Hemi V-8 engine produced 250 horsepower and was mated to Chrysler's two-speed PowerFlite automatic transmission.

Power steering and power brakes were standard, along with leather upholstery. Available options included only air conditioning, power windows, and the first-ever signal-seeking all-transistor radio.

For 1956, a four-door hardtop was added to the line, but major styling changes were few. More chrome was added to the side spears. The Hemi engine was upgraded to 353.1 cubic inches and 280 horsepower. The new three-speed TorqueFlite automatic transmission was introduced mid-year, and a power seat was added as standard equipment.

during this generation, 11,430 Imperials were made in 1955 and 10,268 in 1956. Of these, 5,512 were two-door hardtops, 1,543 were four-door hardtops, and the balance were four-door sedans. Collectors will want to gravitate towards the 2,094 two-door hardtops or the four-door hardtops of 1956, especially those with the later TorqueFlite automatic. However, with only a few differences available between cars, condition should be the primary decision factor.

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**Body styles**

2dr Southampton Hardtop                      4dr Sedan                                      4dr Southampton Hardtop

**Engine types**

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**1955-1956 Imperial Imperial stats**

Highest sale	Lowest sale	Most recent sale	Sales
<b>\$418,000</b>	<b>\$110</b>	<b>\$5,412</b>	<b>54</b>

**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.