

Buick Special 1947 (Sedanette)

A blue dream from postwar Florida.

Florida, 1947

Mr. Francis walks into a Buick dealership, his eyes wide at the sight of a stunning blue Buick Special 40, styled as a sleek Sedanette.

The company proudly promotes its new Fireball straight-eight engine, and they're not wrong—4.1 liters of smooth power, moving the car's 5.3-meter length and 1.7-ton weight with ease. The fully synchronized 3-speed manual transmission shifts effortlessly, and Francis enjoys years of comfort in one of just 14,603 units ever produced.

Though the body design traces its roots to the prewar era, it still feels classy. Major visual updates wouldn't come until 1949.

This particular car came into our hands fairly recently, and after some basic maintenance, it was back on the road—and a joy to drive.

We wish we could take you for a ride. It's a pleasant, comfortable cruiser, a car that perfectly captures the spirit of the late 1940s and early 1950s.