When the first Minis appeared in 1959 they were immediately hailed as one of the motoring events of all time. They were cars so unique in concept and brilliant in design that they set entirely new standards for small-car engineering.

Today, more than 20 years and 4.5 million cars later, the fact that the basic Mini has changed so little proves just how far ahead of its time it has always been.

Of course there have been detail changes. Thousands of them, ranging from more luxurious seating for driver comfort to more sophisticated controls and steering and more economy from the Mini’s 1,275 cm³ power unit.

In the meanwhile the big changes have taken place in the world around us. Changes like a 17-fold increase in oil prices, a trebling of the car population and drastic speed limits on main roads.

They’re all changes which mean that, no matter what cars you’ve owned or dreamed of owning in the past, there’s never been a better time to buy a Mini than right now.

So welcome back at your Leyland dealer!
The Mini is the last of the few utterly distinctive, instantly recognisable production cars that dared to be different.

From the matt black radiator grille to the stylish rear light cluster, from the smart radial-clad 250-mm wheels to the elegant roofline finisher, it’s a car whose classic appearance you can be truly proud of.

It’s also one of the smallest cars ever made. So it’s easy to park, a joy to handle in heavy traffic or on the open road – and a litre of petrol takes it a very long way indeed.

Beneath the Mini’s polished exterior lies the secret of its reputation as the “most fun on wheels”.

All-round independent suspension, precise rack and pinion steering, diagonally-split pressure-regulated 178-mm drum brakes and a swiftly responsive 1 275 cm³ 4-cylinder engine put the Mini in a class all of its own when you judge by the simple test of how much enjoyment you can get out of driving a car.

So open that big door and slip into your 1980 Mini...
At first you’ll think the Mini has achieved the impossible by being bigger inside than outside. That’s because its trail-blazing wheel-at-each-corner transverse-engine configuration still gives you more driver, passenger and luggage space per centimetre of kerb length than any other design.

In addition to carrying four adults in pure wool-upholstered comfort, the Mini has a more than useful 0.154 cm³ of carpeted flat floor boot space and a tank range of over 500 km. The generous full width parcel tray with a cubby box beneath holds all your odds and bobs, and a heater/demister with flow-through ventilation adds further to your creature comforts.

Comprehensive instrumentation in front of the wheel provides all the information you need at a glance. The driving controls are ergonomically placed for instant accessibility. And the 4-speed all-synchromesh gear box is a constant delight to handle.

All in all, the 1980 Minis combine timeless eye-appeal and driving satisfaction with a very timely ability to conserve fuel and cope with crowded traffic conditions – and they throw in an exceptional degree of comfort and relaxation as well.

The incomparable Mini. If ever you needed one, it’s now.
1275E Specifications

**Engine**
- Type: In line, mounted transversely
- Number of Cylinders: 4
- Bore: 70.64 mm
- Stroke: 81.3 mm
- Cubic capacity: 1275 cm³
- Compression Ratio: 9.4:1
- Power Output I.S.O. Nett: 42.0 kW @ 5,000
- Torque Maximum: 88.8 N.m. @ 2,500 r/min
- Valves: Pushrod operated overhead
- Power/Mass Ratio: 15.47 kg/kW
- Fan: Eleven bladed – plastic
- Fuel Tank: Capacity: 33.8 litres

**Transmission**
- Type: 4 speed, all synchromesh
- Gear Ratios: First: 3,525:1
- Second: 2,218:1
- Third: 1,433:1
- Top: 1,00:1
- Reverse: 3,544:1
- Final drive ratio: 3.44:1

**Suspension**
- Front and Rear: Independent Rubber Cone with Hydraulic Dampers

**Electrical system**
- Type: 12 volt with alternator

**Steering**
- Type: Rack and Pinion
- Turning Circle: 9.8 m
- Turns – Lock to Lock: 2.33

**Brakes**
- Type: 2 leading shoe; hydraulic, drums front & rear
- Tyres: 145/SD10 Radials

**Dashboard & Instruments**
- Twin dial instrument housing in front of driver includes:
  - Speedometer, fuel gauge, water temp gauge, warning lights for direction, indicators, ignition, main beam, oil pressure, switches for lights & windscreen wiper, adjustable fresh air ventilation, brake failure warning light.
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Choose from these custom-built Mini accessories and make your car as personal as your lounge at home.

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2. Rectangular Spotlamps. Part No. 00 LAM 114
3. Mudflaps. Part No. 00 MFP 101
4. Sheepskin Covers. Part No. 00 SKN 124/5/6
5. Tow Hitch. Part No. 00 TOW 104
6. Wood Grain Fascia Panel. Part No. 00 WFM 102
7. Trim Rings. Part No. 10 LS1 0425
8. Rostyle Wheels. Part No. 10 21A 2363
9. Trailcluster Wheels. Part No. 00 RRW 102
10. Suitcase Set. Part No. 00 CAS 132
11. Sunroof. Refer Leyland Dealer
12. Floor Mats Front. Part No. 90 GAC 206
13. Floor Mats Rear. Part No. 00 MAT 101
14. Radio. Refer Leyland Dealer
15. Fender Flares. Refer Leyland Dealer
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