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Personal Vehicle Report

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2004 Chevrolet Malibu



2004 MODEL SHOWN

Consumer Rating:	★★★★☆
Est. Market Price:	\$18,044 - \$23,641
Invoice Price Range:	\$17,175 - \$22,052
List Price Range:	\$18,770 - \$24,100

Key Features:

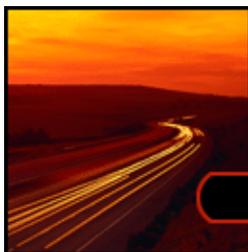
- ABS Brakes (available as a standard feature)
- Air Conditioning (available as a standard feature)
- CD Player (available as a standard feature)
- Gets 24 MPG in the city.
- Gets 34 MPG on the highway.
- Power Windows/Locks (available as a standard feature)
- Basic Manufacturer Warranty of 3 years 36,000 miles.

Vehicle Information:

The 2004 Chevrolet Malibu is a 4-door, 5-passenger family sedan, available in 3 trims, ranging from the Sedan to the LT. The 2004 Chevrolet Malibu's competitors include the Buick Regal, the Mercury Sable, and the Volvo S40 (2004.5). Upon introduction, the Sedan is equipped with a standard 2.2-liter, I4, 145-horsepower engine that achieves 24-mpg in the city and 34-mpg on the highway. The LT is equipped with a standard 3.5-liter, V6, 200-horsepower engine that achieves 23-mpg in the city and 32-mpg on the highway. A 4-speed automatic transmission with overdrive is standard on both trims. The 2004 Chevrolet Malibu is redesigned for 2004.

The Estimated Market Price is a national average of base model prices paid by consumers. Actual prices will vary by region, dealer, and options selected. Picture(s) for general illustration only. Actual vehicle(s) may vary depending upon level of features you choose. Photos Copyright 2003 Automotive Information Center The estimates shown above are based on information provided to Autoweb.com Inc. by independent sources. They are for U.S. vehicle configurations and are shown in U.S. dollars. Please keep in mind that prices can change without notice and there are many factors that affect vehicle pricing. **There are additional costs not shown here** which vary from state to state and even region-to-region. These include taxes, title, registration, and emission fees.

Specific vehicles may have dealer- or manufacturer-added options not shown here that also affect price. In addition, there may be regional marketing and advertising fees or other costs that are beyond a dealer's control. Your Autoweb.com Accredited Dealer will help you understand how a vehicle's price is calculated and would be happy to answer your questions on specific vehicle configurations.



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Customer Rankings

This is how our customers ranked this vehicle.

Maximum score is 100.

Average score based on **10** reviews submitted for this vehicle.

Average scores:

For the Chevrolet Malibu: **95**

For all vehicles: **89**

Comfort:  (92)

Performance:  (98)

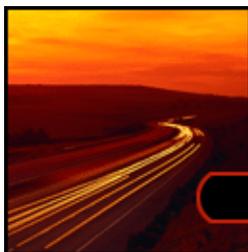
Quality:  (94)

Look:  (94)

Similar Vehicles

The following chart contains other manufacturer's vehicles that are similar to the Malibu.

Trim	List Price	Engine	MPG City	MPG hwy	ABS Brakes	Airbags
<u>Dodge Stratus Sedan ES</u>	\$21,590	2.7L 6Cyl. 200hp Ethanol/Gas	21	28		Std
<u>Honda Accord Sedan EX 5-spd AT w/ Leather and XM Radio</u>	\$24,500	2.4L 4Cyl. 160hp Gas	24	33	Std	Std
<u>Honda Accord Sedan EX 5-spd MT</u>	\$21,600	2.4L 4Cyl. 160hp Gas	26	34	Std	Std
<u>Mercury Sable GS Sedan</u>	\$21,355	3.0L 6Cyl. 155hp Gas	19	26		Std
<u>Oldsmobile Alero GL2 Sedan</u>	\$21,585	3.4L 6Cyl. 170hp Gas	20	29	Std	Std
<u>Saturn L 300 Sedan</u>	\$20,785	3.0L 6Cyl. 182hp Gas	21	29		Std
<u>Saturn L300</u>	\$21,370	3.0L 6Cyl. 182hp Gas	20	28	Std	Std
<u>Saturn L300 Sedan 2</u>	\$21,360	3.0L 6Cyl. 182hp Gas	20	29	Std	Std
<u>Saturn L300 Sedan 3</u>	\$23,260	3.0L 6Cyl. 182hp Gas	20	29	Std	Std
<u>Toyota Camry SE V6</u>	\$23,265	3.0L 6Cyl. 210hp Gas	20	28	Std	Std



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Available Trims

Manufacturers often sell the same vehicle with varying levels of equipment. These are called "trim levels." The trim levels for the Malibu are shown below.

Trim	List Price	Engine	MPG City	MPG hwy	ABS Brakes	Airbags
<u>Malibu LS</u>	\$20,770	3.5L 6Cyl. 200hp Gas	23	32	Std	Std
<u>Malibu LT</u>	\$23,270	3.5L 6Cyl. 200hp Gas	23	32	Std	Std
<u>Malibu Maxx LS</u>	\$21,600	3.5L 6Cyl. 200hp Gas	22	30	Std	Std
<u>Malibu Maxx LT</u>	\$24,100	3.5L 6Cyl. 200hp Gas	22	30	Std	Std
<u>Malibu Sedan</u>	\$18,770	2.2L 4Cyl. 145hp Gas	24	34		Std

Major standard features available for the Malibu:



Malibu LS

Cruise Control, Air Conditioning, Tachometer, Rear Defroster, Power Locks, Power Windows, Power Seats, Bench Seating, CD Player, Bucket Seating, Sunroof,



Malibu LT

Cruise Control, Air Conditioning, Tachometer, Rear Defroster, Power Windows, Bucket Seating, Power Seats, Leather Seats, Bench Seating, CD Player, Power Locks, Sunroof,



Malibu Maxx LS

Cruise Control, Tachometer, Air Conditioning, Power Windows, Power Seats, Bench Seating, CD Player, Rear Defroster, Power Locks, Bucket Seating, Sunroof,



Malibu Maxx LT

Cruise Control, Tachometer, Rear Defroster, Power Locks, Power Windows, Bucket Seating, Power Seats, Leather Seats, Bench Seating, CD Player, Air Conditioning, Sunroof,



Malibu Sedan

Tachometer, CD Player, Cruise Control, Air Conditioning, Power Windows, Power Seats, Bench Seating, Rear Defroster, Power Locks, Bucket Seating,



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Reliability and Satisfaction Ratings

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Chevrolet Malibu ■

All Vehicles ■

Overall Satisfaction With Vehicle



Vehicle Reliability

Durability



Mechanical Quality



Other Vehicle Qualities

Performance



Safety Features



Style



Interior comfort



Ergonomics



Fit and Finish



Percentage Of People Reporting Problems With:

Air Conditioning



Body Integrity



Body Hardware



Brakes



Cooling



Electrical



Engine



Fuel System



Ignition



Paint



Power Equipment



Suspension



Transmission



Other





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Customer Comments

The following comments come directly from visitors to our websites.

Things they liked...

"Overall quick responsiveness combined with unusual looks and roominess"

"High Quality feel of interior, feels like a cross between an Asian/German brand"

"I like the handling."

"Smooth ride"

"Room, fuel economy, power everything, looks"

...and things they didn't

"Soft R-rated tires that squeel on hard turns (but car still holds & sticks)"

"6 Speaker Stereo System provides ample power, but should offer a Bose option with 8 Speakers"

"Nothing I can think of. Maybe a little plain on the outside. I'm 69 and a little plain."

"Front Passenger seat comfort"

"Nothing"

General comments

"Absolutely wonderfully designed & enjoyable slick car. My 13-year old daughter thinks it's totally cool and not 'lame' at all (Silver Maxx LT with 1SB package sunroof and all) and every one of her friends LOVES it - it's totally 'different' in looks than anything out there (we did test-drive the Mazda 6s V6 wagon and the Maxx beats it hands down in performance and cool looks). The Maxx LT is quiet on the road; auto power kicks in right away when I need it. The rear interior is awesome - totally roomy, comfy, and airy light spacious feeling, incl. the two roof windows. The sound system is wonderful, didn't want the monthly payments for XM and OnStar though and also bought a separate Toshiba 9-inch (not 7 inch) TV-plus-DVD built-in powered out of the cars 12-volt outlet - antenna and all for just \$199 instead of \$995 and can

actually take it out of the car. Steering - feels silky smooth standstill and very adequate at all speeds. Took it to 100 mph - no problem, just swoosh... Highly recommend this car and got it for \$19k incl. the GMAC rebates (pre-paid the loan ASAP though, no penalty). "

Budimir Z. (Des Peres , Missouri - September, 2004)

"Engine- Very powerful, quiet, fuel economy above average for a V-6. Fit and Finish- Some of the best quality for a first year model. Tight body over rough roads or Train tracks, No squeaks or rattles yet. Driver Information Center functional. Air Conditioning- 6 Vents Cold and Very Powerful. Overall quality is way above average. Consumers that are considering a foreign make, you will buy the Malibu LT for the features, quality and price..."

Aurora , Illinois - August, 2004

"The car I owned before was getting to be one I hated to drive. This Malibu has made me wanting to go. It was driven on a 1,400 to 1,500 mile trip starting with 350 miles on it. The overall mileage for the first 1,700+ miles was 29+. The 3.5 V6 did real well in the mountains. It is the quietest, vibration free engine I have ever had. I looked for a car my wife would like to drive. She is about 5'2'. She is able to handle it well. It also fits larger people well, with the adjustable brake and gas peddles."

Leonard M. (Omaha , Nebraska - August, 2004)

"Smooth performance from the V-6 and nice handling. This LS is the quietest car I've ever owned, much quieter than the '00 Intrigue that I traded. The driver's seat is quite comfortable but the front passenger seat can be a little rough on the lower back. Rear leg room is surprisingly ample but the fold-down rear cup holder is rather cheap. I like the Driver Information Center and the mid-grade sound system is pretty impressive. 31.5 mpg on my first highway trip (mostly 70 mph). The remote starter is cool! "

Oneida , New York - July, 2004

"I have the basic Malibu, but it comes loaded with power everything. This car is one I could drive as my primary family sedan, but it serves as our available car at a vacation home. It was the least expensive lease I could find on any car and it was my first choice in that class. The fuel economy is in the mid 30s on the highway at 75mph. Outstanding car! If one wants more performance, it is available."

Jon R. (Ann Arbor , Michigan - July, 2004)

"Love this car! Chevy put everything into this car: I found the factory remote start works great for cold winter mornings and hot sunny days, the acceleration from the v-6 and the gas mileage is great...like the dual sunroofs, XM radio, electronic steering, dual heated seats, fold down/reclining front and back seats, hatch back with cargo area, cavernous rear seat area with as much leg room as the front seats, excellent electronic displays, auto dimming rear view mirror, euro styling, 4-wheel disk brakes, and extra power sockets where you need them, etc...(the list keeps growing). The more I drive it, the more I like all the thoughtful features chevy put into this car! The classic chevy is back! "

Norwalk , Connecticut - May, 2004

"This car stands out over any import I've ever owned."

Punta Gorda , Florida - April, 2004

"Steering great improvement over the 2001 heavy hand Malibu. Multi position seat, pedal adjustment and steering wheel tilt and extension adjustment make for a very comfortable driving position. Traction control excellent in snow. Only problem is a developing rattle in the rear drive line that has not yet been identified. Overall, a great improvement over the previous models."

New Haven , Connecticut - January, 2004

"Car performs well. computer panel impossible to read in the daytime--glare. Power steering went out at 9K. With all the gadgets standard, it lacks compass. AND tape deck. "

James C. (Omaha , Nebraska - August, 2004)