

More power from Shelby America

SEE INSIDE



Fordberry?

BlackBerry and Ford aim for a self-driving car together.

SEE INSIDE



Now what does Henrik have up his sleeve?

SEE INSIDE



The area's most complete automotive resource and listings.

3,892 vehicles for sale inside — plus more than 7,000 online at timesunion.com/cars

Automotive

timesunion.com/cars

E-class offroad
Mercedes-Benz clears the ground with a new tall wagon.
SEE INSIDE

TEST DRIVE

Easy Rider

2017 Chevrolet Impala

DAN LYONS | text
Special to the Times Union

Like last week's test car — the Kia Cadenza — the Chevy Impala is a member of the large car segment. A charter member, in the case of Impala; the big Chevy first appeared in the U.S. market in 1958.

As Impala rolls out for 2017, the sales figures for the previous model year are still being finalized. At this point, the rear view mirror suggests a good news/bad

2017 Chevrolet Impala
MSRP: \$28,175 - \$36,520

news report for the Chevy. Through September, Impala sales were topping the large car segment. The 74,038 units moved was slightly ahead of Dodge Charger (72,270).

The bad news is that sales are off for the big car market as a whole. The 4 percent drop through September comes on the heels of a 12 percent decline last year. The data seems to suggest either a market migration to smaller, more fuel-efficient vehicles, or a shift in buyer preference towards crossovers.

Still, many manufacturers would kill for 70,000 sales in any segment, and Impala's front-row seat in this recently flagging class reflects how well the car meets the needs of buyers for this most traditional of body styles — the big, four-door sedan.

Room and comfort are the two main commodities that large cars trade in. Impala has sufficient space to hold five adults, and a generous amount of their belongings. The trunk measures a (Musty Reference Warning) drive-in worthy 18.8 cubic feet, with a luggage-friendly, squared-off shape. That compares to



As Chevrolet's contribution to the big car segment, Impala has sold more than 74,038 units through September of this year.

16.5 in Charger, and 14.3 in the Nissan Maxima (third in segment sales last year). Impala's rear seat legroom measures 39.8 inches, which is more than Maxima (34.2 inches), less than Charger (40.1 inches).

Impala is offered in three trim levels: LS, LT and Premier. All versions score points for a minimally fussy array of center stack controls. Some cabin materials look arguably a little lower grade than you'd expect at this price point, though that's less the case in the top trim level.

The interior of Premier and LT trim cars like my tester get Chevy's MyLink infotainment system. Phone, navigation (optional) and sound system functions are accessed via the 8-inch touch-

screen or voice controls. Standard smartphone integration is provided for Android Auto and Apple CarPlay. Additional input sources include a trio of USB ports, and an SD card slot. HD radio and Bluetooth connectivity round out the basic features. An integrated navigation system is bundled with keyless entry/start for \$795.

Impala's ride and handling are dialed towards the comfort side of the equation; more road trip than race track.

The Technology package (\$1,150) includes an audio upgrade (Bose 11-speaker Centerpoint sound system, CD player) along with a wireless phone charger, 120v power outlet, rear deck spoiler and 19-inch wheels. Leather trimmed upholstery, heated seats and a power seat for the front passenger cost a collective \$1,495, while a moon roof tacks on \$1,050.

Continued on page 2



**More for your trade
Newer technology and comfort
A more comprehensive warranty**

MOHAWK XCHANGE PROGRAM

Drive a New Honda
For The Same Payment as Your Current One!



MXP
MOHAWK EXCHANGE PROGRAM

One more reason we're the Capital Region's #1 Honda dealer

Call one of our Vehicle Exchange Specialists at 518-370-4911 extension 181 to show you how to get started!



Damien Tucker
Mohawk Exchange Specialist



Kelly Simone
Mohawk Exchange Specialist



Tiffany Szemplinski
Mohawk Exchange Specialist

MOHAWK Honda
We go out of our way to please you!

175 Freemans Bridge Road (Route 50) in Glenville
518-370-4911 • mohawkhonda.com

* BASED ON 2013/14/15 NEW VEHICLE SALES PER AHM

PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE MANUFACTURER