



# DINKY TOY TAXIS



## 278 – Plymouth Gran Fury

Dinky's Plymouth Gran Fury taxi was produced from 1978 to 1980. It was a sibling of two other toys, the Plymouth Police Car (no. 244), made from 1977 to 1980, and the Plymouth Stock Car (no. 201), which was made from 1979 to 1980.

The police car was the oldest of the three, suggesting that the Gran Fury model that the toys represented was from 1977 or earlier.

The police car was made in Britain, but both the stock car and the taxi were made for Dinky in Hong Kong. The taxi's number (no. 278) was also used for the Vauxhall Victor ambulance.

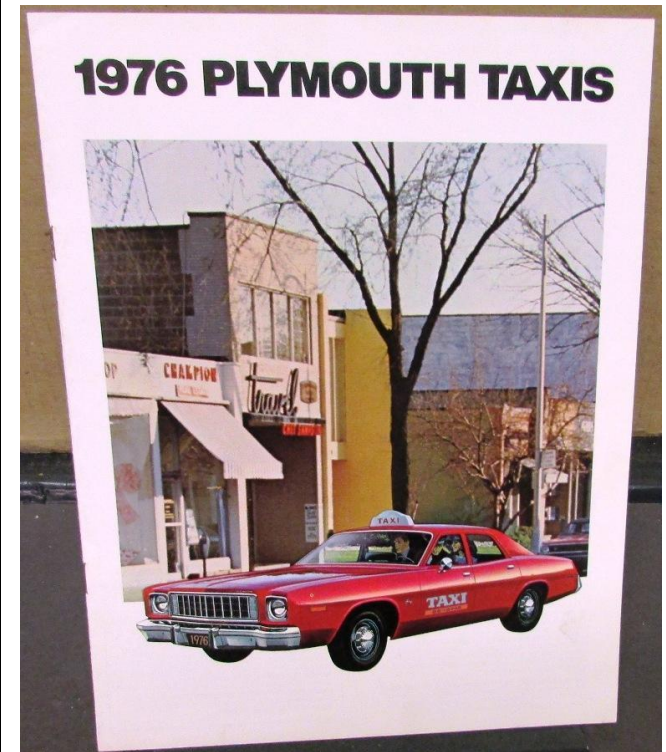
The Dinky Gran Fury was equipped with Speedwheels, Dinky's answer to Mattel's Hot Wheels.

The real life Gran Fury was initially manufac-



tured from 1975 to 1978. A smaller version, specifically intended for fleet owners like police departments and taxi companies, was introduced in 1980.

Nevertheless, Plymouth had long offered taxi packages for its sedans, and taxi package sales brochures for 1975 and 1976 appear to depict Gran Furies on the covers (below).



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**Page 1 Right** – Autopaper.com: 1976 Plymouth Taxis sales brochure ([Link](#)). For a 1975 brochure, see Bluesmobiles. Proboards.com ([Link](#)).

**Page 2 Center top** – Internet Movie Car Data-base: 1976 Plymouth Gran Fury from *Gloria* (1980) ([Link](#)).

**Page 2 Center bottom** – Still captured from *Gloria* (1980) *Original Trailer* on Youtube ([Link](#)).

## Other Notes

“Plymouth Gran Fury,” Wikipedia ([Link](#)).



**Above:** *This comically battered 1976 Gran Fury plays a small but critical role as a New York taxi in the 1980 thriller Gloria, starring Gena Rowlands (seen here holding pursuers at bay as she backs toward the cab). Apparently it escaped the notice of New York taxi inspectors.*

