



## 1971 Oldsmobile 4-4-2, with W-30 Option

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1971 saw the beginning of the end for all muscle cars, and the 4-4-2 was no exception. To comply with a GM decree that all engines must be able to run on unleaded fuel, all engines saw a drop in compression and a corresponding drop in power ratings. This was further compounded by the move to rate engines with all accessories attached (the "net rating") which lead to some drastic changes over the previous "gross" ratings. The standard 455 dropped to 270bhp net (340bhp gross) while the W-30 dropped to 300bhp net (350bhp gross). The W-31 and Rallye 350 models were dropped, and the Hurst/Olds was still unavailable, but the W-30 was still available for the enthusiasts, and sported the familiar Force Air induction system and the 1970 hotter cam.

The W-30 hit its performance peak and included a balanced and blueprinted 455 V8 with a hotter cam, performance carb, low-restriction exhausts and the Force Air induction system which utilized two prominent scoops on the hood. The W-30 package also included a lightweight fiberglass hood, plastic inner fenders, aluminum differential carrier and cover, and less sound insulation in an attempt to cut weight and improve performance. (Source: [www.muscleclub.com](http://www.muscleclub.com))

This particular car is one of 247 made with the 350 hp 455 V-8 and factory four-speed with Hurst Shifter and 3.73 rear end. This car has less than 17,000 original miles.

### Features and Specifications

Engine: (W-30) 455 V8 300 bhp @ 4700 rpm, 410 lb-ft @ 3200 rpm.

Performance: (W-30) 455/300: 0-60 in 6.5 sec, 1/4 mile in 14.8 sec @ 98 mph.