1969 Plymouth Road Runner: Muscle Cars In Detail No. 5

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Explore the 1969 Plymouth Road Runner inside and out with this resource that showcases the wildly popular, affordable muscle car, its big-block engine options, and the brilliant marketing strategy that featured cartoon graphics and a beep-beep horn.

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The 1969 Plymouth Road Runner was an interesting marriage of a car that attempted to appeal to potential buyers with a low-cost, lightweight, and potent bare-bones package. It also added a brilliant marketing strategy of partnering with a famous studio and a popular cartoon character. The end result was a wildly popular, big-block, affordable muscle car with great graphics and a cool beep-beep horn. The public loved it.

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In the Winter of 1996, Wes Eisenschenk made the full commitment to 1969 Road Runner ownership while chiseling out a project car sitting behind a shed in suburban St. Paul, Minnesota. From that day on, he began immersing himself in the collector car hobby, and with the 1969 Road Runner in particular. 1969 Plymouth Road Runner: In Detail No. 5 is his way of thanking every person who has shared their knowledge and expertise in order to create this volume on the singular model. Wes is also the author of CarTech's best seller, Lost Muscle Cars.

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