

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. HR-7
PG: 68-41-45
Magi No.
DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Lustine Chevrolet Automobile Dealership

2. Location

street & number 5710 Baltimore Boulevard not for publication

city, town Hyattsville vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. Philip Lustine

street & number _____ telephone no.: _____

city, town _____ state and zip code _____

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. _____ liber _____

street & number _____ folio _____

city, town _____ state _____

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date _____ federal state county local

depository for survey records _____

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This structure is 2 stories high and is multifunctional in terms of space usage i.e., sales, service, and parts divisions are all located under the large flat roof. The facade, where two auto display rooms are, has lots of glass with small metal panes. A protruding cornice-like element has a corrugated effect, is capped with aluminum, and echoes the round corners below it. At the roofline are three metal and neon signs, the central one is oriented to the East and directly parallel to the street; the others, face the automobile traffic along the north and south bound U.S. Route 1. Two facade doorways are wide enough to allow automobiles in and out of the showroom floor. Pedestrian doors are glass with metal frames. The north elevation has glass panels sandwiched between cast stone piers. The service department entrance is adjacent and oriented toward the rear of the stone piers. The south elevation is 6 course common brick bond and houses the parts division. At the rear of the huge building are the service bays. The wall plane is completely lined with metal casement windows, above which are corrugated metal sections. The entire wing must extend for nearly 200 feet. The whole dealership was built in 1950.

A separate temporary structure is located near the southern property boundary which is the automobile leasing division of Lustine, Inc. The mobile home unit is one story tall with 8 bays, a flat roof, and sided with vertical wood panelling. A wooden entry porch that faces north has metal posts which support the corrugated plastic shed roof. The unit rests on a trailer bed and concrete block piers. Also and most importantly is the location of the many, many current model year Chevrolet automobiles.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1951 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

As early as 1922 when designated on a Sanborn Fire Insurance Map this site was once three individual properties with frame dwellings. Lustine Chevrolet moved into the new automobile showroom, service and parts departments in 1951 after two of the residences were razed. The third house, known as the Rose Mansion, was demolished in 1979 to allow more space for the storage and display of new automobiles.

