

Lincoln K 1936

California is a true paradise for vintage cars. Its sunny skies, dry air, and abundance of automotive enthusiasts make it the perfect place to preserve history. This stunning 1936 Lincoln, finished in deep burgundy, came from just such a haven—once owned by a family friend of Governor Hiram Johnson, one of California's most influential leaders.

The car remained in the same family for decades, before being acquired by a museum in Los Angeles. Thanks to our collaboration with U.S. institutions, this piece of American luxury made its way across the ocean to us.

It was mostly driven along the scenic West Coast, especially on the then-newly built Highway 1—a legendary stretch linking Los Angeles and San Francisco. The owner's grandson fondly recalled family beach trips to Santa Cruz and Santa Barbara in this very car.

The Lincoln K-Series, introduced in 1935, replaced the earlier KA and KB models. In 1936, it got a refreshed grille, modern steel wheels, and a particularly clever feature: a lever to adjust the brake booster pressure—located right between the gauges!

Its 150-horsepower V12 engine offered surprisingly brisk performance for the time, and a push-button starter was the height of luxury.

The K-Series remained in production until 1939, when it gave way to the more streamlined Zephyr and Continental models. Be sure to spot them in our exhibit—and notice how Lincoln's design evolved over time.