

Lincoln K Brunn 1938

A one-of-a-kind custom-built masterpiece

You are looking at the crown jewel of our collection: a 1938 Lincoln, custom-bodied by the esteemed coachbuilder Brunn of Buffalo, New York. This car is entirely one-of-a-kind, built on special commission for aristocrat Elizabeth Hime Cates of Youngstown, Ohio.

Every detail was tailored to her wishes. She requested a raised roofline—so she could sit comfortably without removing her elegant hat. She wanted a lockable engine compartment, black trim on the grille and hubcaps, and a retractable roof section at the rear. These personal touches make the car as unique as its original owner.

Lady Cates lived to the age of 98, and the car had driven just 15,000 miles when it passed to the wealthy Hanson family of Maryland. A few years later, this Lincoln was invited to the world-renowned Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, where it won the top prize for originality.

As lead judge Bill Burchett said:

"It was absolutely untouched—no restorations, no modernizations. Just perfect."

When the shipping container finally arrived, we could barely believe our eyes. We had never even met the seller in person. To have acquired such a rare, authentic, and storied vehicle?

It feels like a miracle—and we are honored to share it with you.