

Lincoln Capri 1954

A rare island of elegance in a sea of steel.

We corresponded with Mr. Willis Smith for quite some time. At a Lincoln owners' club gathering, he casually mentioned that his Capri had seen better days—his upholsterer was too busy, and he was thinking about letting it go.

Well... he probably shouldn't have said that. We were already on his trail. A few conversations later—and now you're looking at what we believe is the only Lincoln Capri in the Czech Republic. Named after the picturesque island of Capri in the Bay of Naples, this Lincoln was launched in 1952 as the successor to the Cosmopolitan. But it wasn't just a new model—it was a standalone premium car, set apart from Lincoln's usual lineup.

Under the hood? A special treat: an all-new prototype V8 with 90-degree cylinder heads. Later known as the Y-block, this engine became a Lincoln favorite for its powerful yet silky-smooth performance. The Capri name spanned three generations. This one—the first—is the only one with a completely unique design. The next two generations borrowed heavily from other Lincoln models.

So yes—Ohio lost a Capri, but we gained something truly rare and beautiful.

And that upholstery issue? Handled. The interior was fully restored with period-correct materials, bringing back its original charm without losing an ounce of authenticity.