

Lincoln 1961

A Design Icon with a Heavy Legacy

This Lincoln hails from Iowa, but for many Americans, it's more than just a classic—it's a symbol of a pivotal moment in history. This fourth-generation Continental is forever linked to the tragic assassination of President John F. Kennedy, who rode in a stretched version of this very model.

The design is the work of Elwood Engel, and this was his crowning achievement. The sleek, minimalist silhouette earned it the nickname "slab-side"—just look at the perfectly flat body line stretching from fender to fender. It was unlike anything else on the road in the early 1960s: modern, elegant, and deeply influential.

Take a stroll to our red hall and find the Chrysler Imperial—you'll notice a resemblance. That's no accident: Engel designed both, bringing his signature style to Chrysler after leaving Ford.

Now for the best part: this very Lincoln was lovingly owned by an elderly lady for 40 years. But one day, she nearly ran over her cat Sindy, who had made a habit of napping beneath the car. That was the end of an era—she decided to sell it.

Naturally, we assumed she'd opt for a smaller, more practical vehicle... but no. Her new car? A massive Dodge RAM 4x4 pickup. "Now I can see under it better," she explained. Smart move—Sindy-approved!

This particular 1961 model is also rare. It's the only year with this unique dashboard design. Later Continentals switched to a completely different interior layout, making this early version a true collector's gem.