

Cadillac Series 61 – 1946 (Sedanette)

A symbol of postwar American luxury.

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The very name stands for luxury, status, and prestige—a top rival to Lincoln and Imperial.

In 1946, Cadillac offered four main model series: 60 Special, 61, 62, and 75, each differing in wheelbase length. But under the hood? They all shared the same powerful 346-cubic inch V8, producing 150 horsepower.

The Series 61 was Cadillac's flagship, its most important model at the time. Due to World War II, car production and design were frozen between 1943 and 1945. As a result, many design features from the late '30s carried on into the early '50s.

And it shows: cars like this were often chauffeur-driven, so Cadillac focused on rear seat comfort. But some owners—like us—prefer to take the wheel and enjoy the drive.

Compared to prewar models, the 1946 edition featured a bolder, more massive front grille, setting the stage for what enthusiasts now call the “egg-crate” design—a hallmark of future Cadillac styling.

A truly gorgeous and refined machine, generously loaned by the Dumke family from Germany. Thank you for helping us keep this piece of history alive.