

Lincoln Continental Mark IV – 1959 (Convertible)

The last word in length, luxury, and late-'50s American design.

The year 1959 is often seen as a turning point in American automotive history—a peak of extravagant styling. Cadillac introduced its famous sky-high tailfins, while Lincoln stretched the silhouette of its land yachts even further.

Measuring nearly six meters long, the Mark IV remains one of the largest convertibles ever made—a true monument on wheels.

The Continental line represented Lincoln's finest engineering and design. While earlier Continentals were ultra-exclusive, the Mark IV was designed to be more accessible, priced at \$6,000—a full \$4,000 less than its hand-built predecessor.

This strategy worked. The car became a favorite not only among buyers but also government officials, who ordered Lincolns for various official purposes.

Our particular car spent over 40 years tucked away in a dry barn in Sumas, Washington, right on the Canadian border. The owner had passed away, and his grandson had little interest in the car. That's where we came in.

Despite its age, the Continental was in impressively good condition. Only the rubber hoses and a few seals had deteriorated. The real challenge? Transporting a non-running, six-meter-long piece of Detroit steel all the way to Prague.

Was it worth it? Absolutely.