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Lincoln TOWN CAR

One of the last of the traditional-style big luxury sedans, the Town Car continues to be a consistent seller, thanks to its long list of standard features, competitive pricing and outstanding attention to detail.

Produced by
Ford Motor Co.,
Dearborn, Michigan



VITAL STATISTICS

Top speed:	130 mph
0-60 mph:	7.9 sec.
Engine type:	V8
Displacement:	4.6 liter
Max power:	220 bhp at 4,500 rpm
Max torque:	290 lb-ft at 3,500 rpm
Weight:	4,015 lbs.
Gas mileage:	23 mpg
Price:	\$42,930



"...allows total comfort."

"Once upon a time, most full-size cars were like this, but today there are few traditional-style, full-size choices. A truly huge interior welcomes you, allowing the driver and passengers to stretch out in total comfort at any speed. At speed the Town Car is whisper-quiet, and for a 4,000-lb. car it handles as well as can be expected. Its anti-lock braking is reassuring and the 220-bhp V8 is creamy smooth, offering plenty of torque for brisk acceleration."

Changes for 1999 include revised wood appliques and storage space in the armrest.



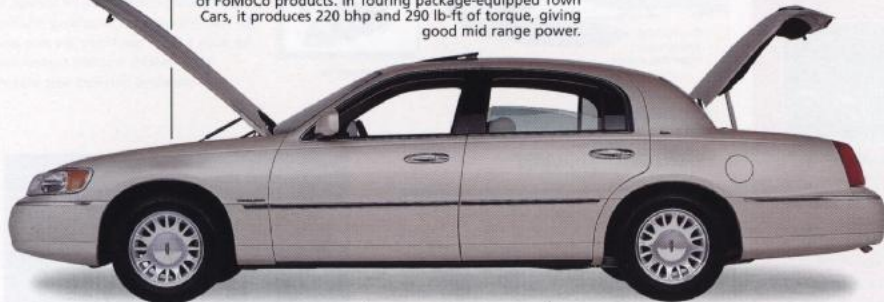
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The Town Car is the most traditional and luxurious vehicle in the Lincoln lineup—customers undoubtedly agree because this fabulous four-door is the company's best seller hands down.

Overhead-cam V8

Since its introduction in Town Cars back in 1991, the 4.6-liter single overhead-cam engine has become a mainstay of FoMoCo products. In Touring package-equipped Town Cars, it produces 220 bhp and 290 lb-ft of torque, giving good mid range power.



Side airbags

A new feature is the standard side airbags located in the bolsters of the front seats. These are designed to provide incremental head and chest protection. Inflation time upon impact is 30 milliseconds.

Well-located axle

A major criticism of large U.S. cars in the past was their wayward handling. Ford engineers paid considerable attention to handling on the Town Car, with better location of the rear axle with the use of a Watt linkage. This results in reduced oversteer at the limit.

Touring suspension

Lincoln offers a sport suspension on the Signature and Cartier editions. This adds 60-series Touring tires on cast-aluminum wheels, revised spring rates and revalved shocks along with a 3.55:1 rear axle ratio.



Subtle differences

Touring package-equipped Town Cars also have a small number of external differences. The lower-body cladding and fascias are body-colored and the grill is painted argent silver with chrome trim.



Spacious interior

Classified as a large car by the Environmental Protection Agency, the Town Car boasts one of the biggest interiors of any production car. Rear-seat leg room is 41 inches and head room is 39.2 inches in the front.



Specifications

1999 Lincoln Town Car Cartier

ENGINE

Type: V8

Construction: Cast-iron block and heads

Valve gear: Two valves per cylinder operated by a single overhead camshaft per bank of cylinders

Bore and stroke: 3.60 in. x 3.60 in.

Displacement: 4.6 liter

Compression ratio: 9.0:1

Induction system: Sequential multipoint electronic fuel injection

Maximum power: 220 bhp at 4,500 rpm

Maximum torque: 290 lb-ft at 3,500 rpm

TRANSMISSION

Four-speed automatic

BODY/CHASSIS

Steel-perimeter chassis with separate four-door sedan body

SPECIAL FEATURES



All Lincolns now have a Jaguar-like chromed license plate holder.

Cartier

Cartier badges signify this car is the top-of-the-line model.

RUNNING GEAR

Steering: Recirculating ball

Front suspension: Unequal-length wishbones with coil springs, telescopic shock absorbers and anti-roll bar

Rear suspension: Live axle, four-bar link, air springs, Watt Linkage, telescopic shock absorbers and anti-roll bar

Brakes: Discs (front and rear)

Wheels: Cast aluminum, 16-in. dia.

Tires: P235/60TR16

DIMENSIONS

Length: 215.3 in. Width: 78.2 in.

Height: 58.0 in. Wheelbase: 117.7 in.

Track: 63.4 in. (front), 65.3 in. (rear)

Weight: 4,015 lbs.

Milestones

1990 Smoother styling on a carried-over chassis and suspension marks Lincoln's new Town Car. It wins *Motor Trend's* coveted 'Car of the Year' award.

1991 A 4.6-liter modular V8 replaces the pushrod 5.0-liter unit.



The boxy first-generation Panther platform Town Car lasted until 1989.

1995 A revised grill and taillights, plus a standard anti-theft system, selectable steering and new optional wheels, appear on the new model.

1996 A special Diamond anniversary model briefly goes on sale.



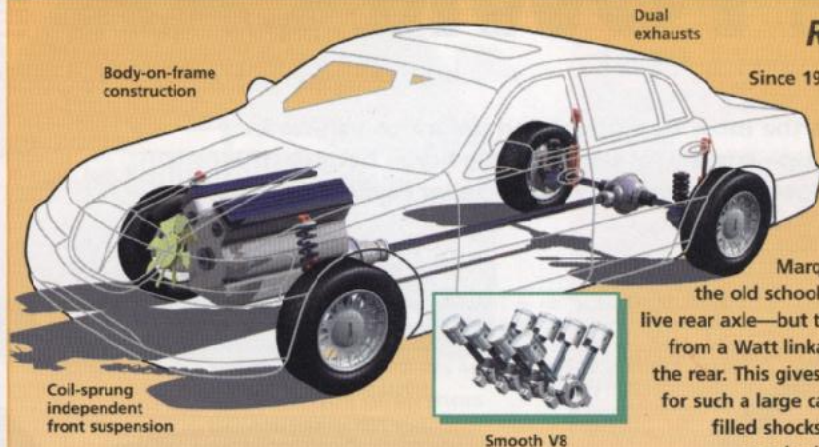
1990-1997 Town Cars are refined and popular luxury cruisers.

1998 A new, more aerodynamic body and interior and bigger brakes are just a few of the many changes.

VALUE GUIDE

ORIGINAL PRICE	
1998	\$38,500
CURRENT PRICE	
1999	\$42,930
PRODUCTION TOTAL	
	Still in production

UNDER THE SKIN



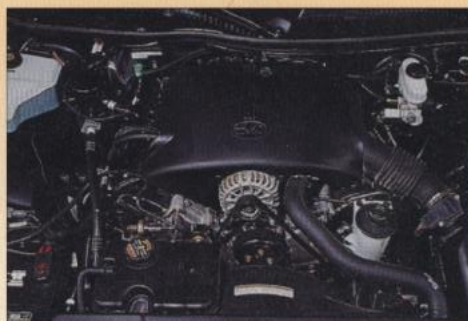
Rock steady

Since 1980, the Town Car has been built off the body-on-frame Panther platform (shared with the Ford Crown Victoria and Mercury Grand Marquis). Suspension is of the old school—independent front, live rear axle—but the Town Car benefits from a Watt linkage and air springs at the rear. This gives it surprising stability for such a large car. There are also gas-filled shocks, traction control and standard anti-lock disc brakes.

THE POWER PACK

Modular power

Since 1991, all Town Cars have been powered by Ford's modular 4.6-liter (281-cubic inch) single overhead-cam V8. This smooth, silky V8 has Ford's EEC-V processor that controls the sequential multipoint electronic fuel injection, electronic voltage regulator, mandatory on-board diagnostics II programming and a distributorless ignition. The engine is offered in two states of tune: 205 bhp or 220 bhp, enabling 0-60-mph sprints in a shade less than eight seconds.



Touring

Offered in Executive, Signature and Cartier editions, the Town Car is a tremendous luxury buy. To get the most for your money, order the top-of-the-line Cartier edition with the Touring package, which adds a stiff suspension and provides an extra 15 bhp.



The Touring package is available only on Signature and Cartier series.

NOSE TO NOSE

TOP SPEED	0-60 mph	POWER	SS ¼ MILE	RIVAL CARS
150 mph	7.9 sec.	282 bhp	16.0 sec.	 BMW 740iL
155 mph	6.3 sec.	290 bhp	16.0 sec.	 LEXUS LS400
130 mph	7.9 sec.	220 bhp	16.1 sec.	 LINCOLN TOWN CAR CARTIER

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