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1958 Cadillac Eldorado Restoration Guide

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Model Years 1958

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Output	335 hp
Transmission	4-speed Hydra-Matic automatic
Production	Brougham 304 (Seville/Biarritz are Series 62 production; see note)

Every specification in this guide was checked against factory literature, marque references, period road tests, and documented survivor vehicles. Where sources disagree or the record is silent, this guide says so rather than guessing.

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How This Guide Works

This is a **single-year restoration** guide for the 1958 Cadillac Eldorado - one model year, given its own guide because the year changes are the restoration: specifications, finishes and procedures that differ from the year before and the year after are called out in the 1958 Register below, and shared platform material is labeled as shared. Cadillac factory shop manuals 1957-1960; Cadillac-LaSalle Club marque references; Hemmings Eldorado Brougham research; Hagerty model histories.

Scope. This guide covers the 1958 Cadillac Eldorado as built. Neighboring years appear only where a change boundary must be drawn - a part or procedure belonging to another year is named as such, never silently applied to this one.

Platform Snapshot

Fact	Detail
Model year	1958
Engine (standard)	365 cu in Cadillac V8, triple two-barrel
Output	335 hp
Transmission	4-speed Hydra-Matic automatic
Chassis	Series 62 cars: 129.5 in wheelbase; Brougham (Series 70): 126 in
Original list price	Brougham \$13,074 class (flagship pricing carried)
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The 1958 Register - What Makes a 1958 a 1958

- Quad headlamps go line-wide: the 1958 front clip is new, with a full-width jeweled grille and bumper 'dagmars' set lower and wider apart. A 1958 Eldorado with dual lamps is wearing the wrong nose.
- The Eldorado engine changes its induction and its number: triple two-barrel carburetors (tri-power) and 335 hp replace the 1957 dual-quad 325 hp setup - on the Seville, Biarritz AND the Brougham.
- Ten vertical chrome slashes ahead of the open rear wheel housings and crest medallions on the tailfin flanks are 1958 Seville/Biarritz identifiers.
- The split rear bumpers gain a low-profile combined reverse-light/grille unit in place of 1957's separate round exhaust exits and reverse lamps.
- Last year of the Detroit hand-built Brougham: 304 built. Production of the Brougham body moves to Pinin Farina in Italy for 1959 - a 1959 Brougham is a different car under the skin (see the 1959 guide).

Engines - the 1958 Specification

Engine	Output	Notes
365 V8, triple two-barrel (all Eldorados)	335 hp	Tri-power induction replaces dual quads for 1958; compression raised to 10.25:1 in Brougham specification

Tri-power linkage and progressive throttle operation are the 1958 service story: set up all three carburetors as a system to the 1958 manual. A dual-quad intake on a '1958' Eldorado is 1957 hardware.



The 335-hp rating applies across the Eldorado line this year - do not let a Brougham's price or a Seville's script change the engine specification.

Year-Correct Procedures

Brougham air suspension continues for its second and final Detroit year - same leveling-valve diagnosis as 1957, and the same warning: many cars were later converted to coil springs, so verify before ordering parts.

Brougham interior upper door panels change from the 1957 metal finish to leather for 1958, and new wheel covers appear - small tells that separate the two Detroit Brougham years.

Finishes and Trim - 1958 Only

- Brougham buyers chose from 44 trim combinations and 15 special monotone paint colors.
- The jeweled grille texture and the deck-lid V ornament/script placement are 1958-only arrangements - the grille is the fastest year check on the car.

Restoration Sequence Notes

- Photograph and record the car's tags, casting numbers and as-found trim before teardown - on a single-year restoration the as-found evidence is what the finished car is judged against.
- Verify every year-locked item in the 1958 Register before ordering parts; the commonest defect in this model's restorations is a neighboring year's part fitted without malice and without record.
- Keep a build file: sources consulted, measurements taken, and every substitution made, however small.

Recommended for this restoration

Shop exact-fit supplies on Amazon

- Cadillac 365 390 V8 engine rebuild gasket set
- 1957-1960 Cadillac weatherstrip kit
- Cadillac Eldorado air suspension conversion kit

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Sources Consulted

Cadillac factory shop manuals 1957-1960; Cadillac-LaSalle Club marque references; Hemmings Eldorado Brougham research; Hagerty model histories. Where sources disagreed, the disagreement is recorded in this guide's corrections file and the disputed figure is not asserted.

Thank you for restoring a 1958 Cadillac Eldorado the way it was built - one year at a time. - RestorationEssentials