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1964 Lincoln Continental Restoration Guide

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Factory-Correct Restoration Reference

1964 Lincoln Continental Restoration Guide

Model Years 1964

Model year	1964 — the stretch: 126-inch wheelbase
Body styles	4-door sedan; 4-door convertible
Wheelbase	126 in (new)
Engine	430 cu in MEL V8, 320 hp / 465 lb-ft
Transmission	3-speed Turbo-Drive automatic
Brakes	Four-wheel drums (final year)
Production	32,969 built (published) — see corrections
Interior	Full-width instrument panel (new)

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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What This Year Is — and What Changed

The 1964 car is the generation's first real redesign, done for one purpose: rear-seat room. Three inches went into the wheelbase, the roofline squared off, flat side glass replaced the curved panes, and the pod-style dash gave way to a full-width panel. Convertibles gained room at the cost of some rigidity — cowl shake is a known 1964-65 convertible trait, not necessarily damage.

1964 change register

- Wheelbase stretched 123 to 126 in; rear seat moves back for real legroom gains.
- Roofline squared off (notchback profile) and flat side glass replaces curved glass — glass and weatherstrip do not interchange with 1961-63.
- Full-width instrument panel replaces the pod dash; upholstery patterns, door panels and fittings all revised.
- Fuel filler moves from behind the rear grille to the left rear fender; the rear grille is replaced by a plain decklid panel with an elongated Continental star.
- 430 MEL now rated 320 hp / 465 lb-ft.



Factory Specification — 1964

Item	Factory specification	Notes
Engine	430 cu in M EL V8	320 hp / 465 lb-ft (factory gross)
Wheel base / length	126 in / ~216 in	New for 1964; run 1969
Side glass	Flat	New for 1964; curved glass returns 1966
Fuel filler	Left rear fender	Was concealed at the rear, 1961-63