

Advanced User Hints

Assembly Plant information

1955-1959 Thunderbird VINsorter is fundamentally straightforward. All cars of any particular year were built at the same assembly plant. 1955-1957 at Dearborn and 1958-1959 at Wixom.

1960-1967 Thunderbirds were all built at Wixom (Y).

1968-1976 Thunderbirds were built at Wixom and Los Angeles (J)

1977-1979 Thunderbirds were built at Los Angeles, Chicago (G), and Lorain (H).

1980 Thunderbirds were built at Chicago and Lorain.

1981-1982 Thunderbirds were built at Lorain.

1983-1985 Thunderbirds were built at Atlanta (A) and Lorain.

1986-1997 Thunderbirds were built at Lorain.

1999 Thunderbird concept cars have Lincoln VINs and were built at the "Pilot Plant" in Allen Park, Michigan. Two are Convertibles and one is a Sports Roadster.

2002-2005 Thunderbirds were built at Wixom.

Body Style Names

Sun Roof Hardtop applies only to 1960 models here.

Town Landau is a 1966 body style; there was no 1966 Landau. Town Landau is also a 1977-1982 body style. The Special Landau is two years only in 1963 and 1965.

Town Hardtop is a 1966 body style; there is also a 1966 Hardtop.

4-door Landau is 1967-1971 only. Apollo is 1967 only.

Commemorative Edition is 1976 only.

Diamond Jubilee is 1978 only.

Heritage is 1979 Hardtop, and 1981-1983 Coupe.

Silver Anniversary is 1980 only.

Elan is 1984-1986; FILA is 1984-1985.

Turbo Coupe is 1983-1988; Super Coupe is 1989-1995.

"Coupe" is 1980-1992 and is used to designate the base model. "LX" is used in 1987-1997.

"Coupe Sport" is used in 1987, 1988, 1991, and 1992.