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1956 Ford Mainline & Customline Models & Specs

- **Mainline Tudor Business Sedan** 3 pass
- **Mainline Tudor Sedan**
- **Mainline Fordor Sedan**
- **Customline Tudor Sedan**
- **Customline Fordor Sedan**
- **Customline Victoria** 2 dr, pillarless hardtop

1956 FORD MAINLINE SERIES

3 models. Base trim. 1 sun visor, 1 armrest, 1 ashtray, 2 coat hooks, & **plain** bezel control knobs. Opt pass side sun visor. Opt pass side front door armrest & rear door armrests (Fordor) or sides of rear seat armrests (Tudor). Opt ashtray in back of front seat (Fordor) or w/ hinged cover in sides of rear seat armrests (Tudor). Single-Tone **Dark Gray Metallic** instr panel. **Black** 18" deep-center 3-spoke steering wheel (w/ **chrome** center horn button) & column. Dual elec horns. **Black rubber** pass mat, arrowhead pattern. 5-leaf (opt 6) rear springs. 11" dia drum brakes. 15" dia x 5" wide, 5 lug x 4.5" (114.3 mm), steel wheel rims. 6.70 x15" bias 4-ply tubeless **bsw** tires.

NOTE

- **1956 early model-year** Mainlines have **black rubber** windshield & rear window molding, no bodyside molding
- **1956 mid/late model-year** Mainlines (except Business Sedan) have **bright-metal** windshield, rear window, & bodyside rear spear-tip single molding (Single-Tone or Conv Two-Tone color) or spear-tip double molding (Conv Two-Tone color)

continued

Mainline Tudor Business Sedan



1956 Ford Mainline Tudor Business Sedan

2 dr, 3 pass Body Style **G** Body Type **70D**

Production (I-6) 6,160 + (V-8 272 & 292) 1,860 = **8,020** (NOTE 1955 prod 8,809)

Rear compartment (no back seat) for Dr's bags, salesman's samples, etc.), level floor 60.4" wide x 31.9" deep

Std **Ford V-8 272-cid 173/176-hp U-code** eng (& Conv Dr) **\$2,096.81** L.A. Calif. (\$2,130 Wash. D.C.), w/

- Std **Conv Dr**, 10" clutch, 3.78 (opt 3.89) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **(incl)**, ship 3,143 lb / curb 3,330 lb
- Opt **Overdrive**, 10" clutch, 3.89 (opt 3.78) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **+\$109.70** (\$110), ship 3,173 / curb 3,350 lb
- Opt **Fordomatic Dr**, 3.22 (opt 3.56) axle, 6.70 (7.10 w/ *SelectAire*) x 15" tires **+\$178.20** (\$192), ship 3,278 lb / curb 3,460 lb, or

Opt **Thunderbird V-8 292-cid 200/202-hp M-code** eng (Conv Dr) \$50 + \$2,096.81 = **\$2,146.81**, w/

- Std **Conv Dr**, 10" clutch, 3.78 (opt 3.89) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **(incl)**
- Opt **Overdrive**, 10" clutch, 3.89 (opt 3.78) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **+\$109.70** (\$110)
- Opt **Fordomatic Dr**, 3.22 (opt 3.56) axle, 6.70 (7.10 w/ *SelectAire*) x 15" tires **+\$178.20** (\$192), or

Opt **Ford I-6 223-cid 137-hp A-code** eng (& Conv Dr) **\$2,003.04** L.A. Calif. (\$2,030 Wash. D.C.), w/

- Std **Conv Dr**, 9-1/2" clutch, 3.89 (opt 4.11) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **(incl)**, ship 3,032 lb / curb 3,220 lb
- Opt **Overdrive**, 9-1/2" clutch, 4.11 (opt 3.89) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **+\$109.70** (\$110), ship 3,062 lb / curb 3,240 lb
- Opt **Fordomatic Dr**, 3.22 (opt 3.56) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **+\$178.20** (\$192), ship 3,167 lb / curb 3,350 lb

COLOR SCHEMES

One int Tim Upholstery

9 ext Single-Tone

Mainline Tudor Sedan



Early model-year w/ black rubber window mldg



Mid/late model-year w/ bright-metal window & bodyside spear-tip single mldg (Single-Tone color)



Mid/late model-year w/ bright-metal window & bodyside spear-tip double mldg (Conv Two-Tone color)

1956 Ford Mainline Tudor Sedan

2 dr, 6 pass Body Style **G** Body Type **70A** Prod (I-6) 52,078 + (V-8 272 & 292) 54,896 = **106,974**

Std **Ford V-8 272-cid 173/176-hp U-code** eng (& Conv Dr) **\$2,200.89** L.A. Calif. (\$2,225 Wash. D.C.), w/

- Std **Conv Dr**, 10" clutch, 3.78 (opt 3.89) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **(incl)**, ship 3,198 lb / curb 3,370 lb
- Opt **Overdrive**, 10" clutch, 3.89 (opt 3.78) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **+\$109.70** (\$110), ship 3,228 / curb 3,390 lb
- Opt **Fordomatic Dr**, 3.22 (opt 3.56) axle, 6.70 (7.10 w/ *SelectAire*) x 15" tires **+\$178.20** (\$192), ship 3,333 lb / curb 3,510 lb, or

Opt **Thunderbird V-8 292-cid 200/202-hp M-code** eng (& Conv Dr) \$50 + \$2,200.89 = **\$2,250.89**, w/

- Std **Conv Dr**, 10" clutch, 3.78 (opt 3.89) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **(incl)**
- Opt **Overdrive**, 10" clutch, 3.89 (opt 3.78) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **+\$109.70** (\$110)
- Opt **Fordomatic Dr**, 3.22 (opt 3.56) axle, 6.70 (7.10 w/ *SelectAire*) x 15" tires **+\$178.20** (\$192), or

Opt **Ford I-6 223-cid 137-hp A-code** eng (& Conv Dr) **\$2,107.12** L.A. Calif. (\$2,125 Wash. D.C.), w/

- Std **Conv Dr**, 9-1/2" clutch, 3.89 (opt 4.11) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **(incl)**, ship 3,087 lb / curb 3,260 lb
- Opt **Overdrive**, 9-1/2" clutch, 4.11 (opt 3.89) axle, 6.70x15" tires **+\$109.70** (\$110), ship 3,117 lb / curb 3,280 lb
- Opt **Fordomatic Dr**, 3.22 (opt 3.56) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **+\$178.20** (\$192), ship 3,222 lb / curb 3,390 lb

COLOR SCHEMES 3 int Trim Upholstery 9 ext Single-Tone 9 ext Conv Two-Tone

Mainline Fordor Sedan



1956 Ford Mainline Fordor Sedan

4 dr, 6 pass Body Style **G** Body Type **73A** Prod (I-6) _____ + (V-8 272 & 292) _____ = **49,448**

Std **Ford V-8 272-cid 173/176-hp U-code** eng (& Conv Dr) **\$2,247.07** L.A. Calif. (\$2,270 Wash. D.C.), w/

- Std **Conv Dr**, 10" clutch, 3.78 (opt 3.89) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires (**incl**d), ship 3,238 lb / curb 3,420 lb
- Opt **Overdrive**, 10" clutch, 3.89 (opt 3.78) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **+\$109.70** (\$110), ship 3,268 lb / curb 3,440 lb
- Opt **Fordomatic Dr**, 3.22 (opt 3.56) axle, 6.70 (7.10 w/ *SelectAire*) x 15" tires **+\$178.20** (\$192), ship 3,373 lb / curb 3,550 lb, or

Opt **Thunderbird V-8 292-cid 200/202-hp M-code** eng (& Conv Dr) \$50 + \$2,247.07 = **\$2,297.07**, w/

- Std **Conv Dr**, 10" clutch, 3.78 (opt 3.89) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires (**incl**d)
- Opt **Overdrive**, 10" clutch, 3.89 (opt 3.78) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **+\$109.70** (\$110)
- Opt **Fordomatic Dr**, 3.22 (opt 3.56) axle, 6.70 (7.10 w/ *SelectAire*) x 15" tires **+\$178.20** (\$192), or

Opt **Ford I-6 223-cid 137-hp A-code** eng (& Conv Dr) **\$2,153.30** L.A. Calif. (\$2,170 Wash. D.C.), w/

- Std **Conv Dr**, 9-1/2" clutch, 3.89 (opt 4.11) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires (**incl**d), ship 3,127 lb / curb 3,310 lb
- Opt **Overdrive**, 9-1/2" clutch, 4.11 (opt 3.89) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **+\$109.70** (\$110), ship 3,157 lb / curb 3,330 lb
- Opt **Fordomatic Dr**, 3.22 (opt 3.56) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **+\$178.20** (\$192), ship 3,262 lb / curb 3,440 lb

COLOR SCHEMES

- 3 int Trim Upholstery
- 9 ext Single-Tone
- 9 ext Conv Two-Tone

1956 FORD CUSTOMLINE SERIES

3 models. Mid trim. 2 sun visors, 4 armrests, 2 coat hooks, **bright** escutcheon control knobs, & 2 passenger-assist straps (Tudor). Ashtrays in instr panel & in back of front seat (Fordor) or in sides of rear seat armrests (Tudor). Auto pop-out cigarette lighter. **Color-keyed** Single-Tone instr panel. **Black** 18" deep-center 3-spoke steering wheel (w/ **chrome** 2/3-circle horn ring) & column. Dual elec horns. **Black rubber** pass mat, arrowhead pattern. **Bright-metal** windshield, rear window, & bodyside full-length mid spear-tip molding. 5-leaf (opt 6) rear springs. 11" dia drum brakes. 15" dia x 5" wide, 5 lug x 4.5" (114.3 mm), steel wheel rims. 6.70 x 15" (7.10 x 15" Customline Victoria V-8 Fordomatic Dr) bias 4-ply tubeless **black sidewall** tires.

Customline Tudor Sedan



1956 Ford Customline Tudor Sedan

2 dr, 6 pass Body Style **G** Body Type **70B** Prod (I-6) 29,127 + (V-8 272 & 292) 135,701 = **164,828**

Std **Ford V-8 272-cid 173/176-hp U-code** eng (& Conv Dr) **\$2,325.31** L.A. Calif. (\$2,395 Wash. D.C.), w/

- Std **Conv Dr**, 10" clutch, 3.78 (opt 3.89) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **(incl)**, ship 3,218 lb / curb 3,390 lb
- Opt **Overdrive**, 10" clutch, 3.89 (opt 3.78) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **+\$109.70** (\$110), ship 3,248 / curb 3,420 lb
- Opt **Fordomatic Dr**, 3.22 (opt 3.56) axle, 6.70 (7.10 w/ *SelectAire*) x 15" tires **+\$178.20** (\$192), ship 3,353 lb / curb 3,530 lb, or

Opt **Thunderbird V-8 292-cid 200/202-hp M-code** eng (& Conv Dr) \$50 + \$2,325.31 = **\$2,375.31**, w/

- Std **Conv Dr**, 10" clutch, 3.78 (opt 3.89) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **(incl)**
- Opt **Overdrive**, 10" clutch, 3.89 (opt 3.78) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **+\$109.70** (\$110)
- Opt **Fordomatic Dr**, 3.22 (opt 3.56) axle, 6.70 (7.10 w/ *SelectAire*) x 15" tires **+\$178.20** (\$192), or

Opt **Ford I-6 223-cid 137-hp A-code** eng (& Conv Dr) **\$2,231.54** L.A. Calif. (\$2,295 Wash. D.C.), w/

- Std **Conv Dr**, 9-1/2" clutch, 3.89 (opt 4.11) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **(incl)**, ship 3,107 lb / curb 3,280 lb
- Opt **Overdrive**, 9-1/2" clutch, 4.11 (opt 3.89) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **+\$109.70** (\$110), ship 3,137 lb / curb 3,310 lb
- Opt **Fordomatic Dr**, 3.22 (opt 3.56) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **+\$178.20** (\$192), ship 3,242 lb / curb 3,420 lb

COLOR SCHEMES 5 int Trim Upholstery 9 ext Single-Tone 7 exr Conv Two-Tone

Customline Fordor Sedan



1956 Ford Customline Fordor Sedan

4 dr, 6 pass Body Style **G** Body Type **73B** Prod (I-6) 25,092 + (V-8 272 & 292) 145,603 = **170,695**

Std **Ford V-8 272-cid 173/176-hp U-code** eng (& Conv Dr) **\$2,372.49** L.A. Calif. (\$2,440 Wash. D.C.), w/

- Std **Conv Dr**, 10" clutch, 3.78 (opt 3.89) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **(incl)**, ship 3,218 lb / curb 3,390 lb
- Opt **Overdrive**, 10" clutch, 3.89 (opt 3.78) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **+\$109.70** (\$110), ship 3,248 lb / curb 3,420 lb
- Opt **Fordomatic Dr**, 3.22 (opt 3.56) axle, 6.70 (7.10 w/ *SelectAire*) x 15" tires **+\$178.20** (\$192), ship 3,353 lb / curb 3,530 lb, or

Opt **Thunderbird V-8 292-cid 200/202-hp M-code** eng (& Conv Dr) \$50 + \$2,372.49 = **\$2,422.49**, w/

- Std **Conv Dr**, 10" clutch, 3.78 (opt 3.89) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **(incl)**
- Opt **Overdrive**, 10" clutch, 3.89 (opt 3.78) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **+\$109.70** (\$110)
- Opt **Fordomatic Dr**, 3.22 (opt 3.56) axle, 6.70 (7.10 w/ *SelectAire*) x 15" tires **+\$178.20** (\$192), or

Opt **Ford I-6 223-cid 137-hp A-code** eng (& Conv Dr) **\$2,278.72** L.A. Calif. (\$2,340 Wash. D.C.), w/

- Std **Conv Dr**, 9-1/2" clutch, 3.89 (opt 4.11) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **(incl)**, ship 3,107 lb / curb 3,280 lb
- Opt **Overdrive**, 9-1/2" clutch, 4.11 (opt 3.89) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **+\$109.70** (\$110), ship 3,137 lb / curb 3,310 lb
- Opt **Fordomatic Dr**, 3.22 (opt 3.56) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **+\$178.20** (\$192), ship 3,242 lb / curb 3,420 lb

COLOR SCHEMES

5 int Trim Upholstery

9 ext Single-Tone

7 ext Conv Two-Tone

Customline Victoria



1956 Ford Customline Victoria

2 dr, 6 pass Body Style **V** Body Type **64D** Prod (I-6) 1,791 + (V-8 272 & 292) 31,339 = **33,130**

Pillarless hardtop, windows roll down out of sight

Std **Ford V-8 272-cid 173/176-hp U-code** eng (& Conv Dr) \$ _____ [price not found] w/

- Std **Conv Dr**, 10" clutch, 3.78 (opt 3.89) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **(incl)**, ship 3,345 lb / curb 3,530 lb
- Opt **Overdrive**, 10" clutch, 3.89 (opt 3.78) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **+\$109.70** (\$110), ship 3,375 lb / curb 3,550 lb
- Opt **Fordomatic Dr**, 3.22 (opt 3.56) axle, 7.10 x 15" tires **+\$178.20** (\$192), ship 3,480 lb / curb 3,660 lb, or

Opt **Thunderbird V-8 292-cid 200/202-hp M-code** eng (& Conv Dr) \$ _____ [price not found] w/

- Std **Conv Dr**, 10" clutch, 3.78 (opt 3.89) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **(incl)**
- Opt **Overdrive**, 10" clutch, 3.89 (opt 3.78) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **+\$109.70** (\$110)
- Opt **Fordomatic Dr**, 3.22 (opt 3.56) axle, 7.10 x 15" tires **+\$178.20** (\$192), or

Opt **Ford I-6 223-cid 137-hp A-code** eng (& Conv Dr) \$ _____ [price not found] w/

- Std **Conv Dr**, 9-1/2" clutch, 3.89 (opt 4.11) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **(incl)**, ship 3,202 lb / curb 3,370 lb
- Opt **Overdrive**, 9-1/2" clutch, 4.11 (opt 3.89) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **+\$109.70** (\$110), ship 3,232 lb / curb 3,420 lb
- Opt **Fordomatic Dr**, 3.22 (opt 3.56) axle, 6.70 x 15" tires **+\$178.20** (\$192), ship 3,337 lb / curb 3,510 lb

COLOR SCHEMES

5 int Trim Upholstery

9 ext Single-Tone

7 ext Conv Two-Tone

1956 Ford Car & Station Wagon Specifications

S P E C I F I C A T I O N S

ENGINES: Ford I-6 (for all models, all transmissions) —137-h.p.; 223 cu. in. displ.; 3.62" bore x 3.60" stroke; 8.0 to 1 comp. ratio.

Ford V-8 (for Mainline and Customline Models) —272 cu. in. displ.; 3.62" bore x 3.30" stroke; 173-h.p., 8.0 to 1 comp. ratio, 2-venturi carburetor, single exhaust with Standard or Overdrive transmissions; 176-h.p., 8.4 to 1 comp. ratio, 2-venturi carburetor, single exhaust with Fordomatic Drive.

Thunderbird V-8 (for Mainline, Customline, Fairlane Series and Station Wagons) —292 cu. in. displ.; 3.75" bore x 3.30" stroke; 4-venturi carburetor, dual exhausts; 200-h.p., 8.0 to 1 comp. ratio, with Standard or Overdrive transmission; 202-h.p., 8.4 to 1 comp. ratio, with Fordomatic Drive.

Thunderbird Special V-8 (for Fairlane Series and Station Wagons) —312 cu. in. displacement; 3.80" bore x 3.44" stroke; 9.0 to 1 compression ratio, 225-h.p. with Fordomatic Drive.

ENGINE FEATURES: Short-stroke, low-friction design, deep-block construction; free-turning, overhead, intake and exhaust valves; 3-ring, super-fitted aluminum alloy pistons; full-pressure lubrication; automatic choke on all V-8's; 12-volt electrical system; turbo-action 18-mm. spark plugs; 55-amp.-hr. battery; high-output 30-amp. generator.

CLUTCH & TRANSMISSIONS: Semi-centrifugal clutch with suspended pedal. Conventional Drive has 3 forward speeds and 1 reverse. Overdrive has automatic 4th gear that cuts in at about 28 mph., cuts out at about 22 mph.

SPEED-TRIGGER FORDOMATIC: Torque converter combined with automatic gear mechanism; automatic "low gear" starts with selector in "DR" position; Safety-Sequence Selector lever on steering column, with illuminated dial in instrument panel.

FRAMES: 5-cross-member type with K-bar construction. Specially designed frames for Customline Victoria, Fairlane Victoria, Fordor Victoria, Sunliner and Station Wagons.

FRONT SUSPENSION: Angle-Poised Ball-Joint design with 3-piece stabilizer, tubular shock absorbers and tailored-to-model coil springs.

REAR SUSPENSION: Variable-rate, semi-elliptic type with tension-type shackles; diagonally mounted tubular shock absorbers; friction-control leaf inserts. Station Wagons have 7 leaves; other models 5 leaves.

REAR AXLES: Hypoid, semi-floating type; pressed steel, banjo-type housing. Station Wagons have composite type housing. Station Wagons, ratios (to 1) : V-8 or I-6—Conventional Drive: 4.09 std., 4.27 opt. Overdrive: 4.27 std. Fordomatic: 3.54 std.

All other models, ratios (to 1)—Conventional Drive: with V-8's, 3.78 std., 3.89 opt.; with I-6, 3.89 std., 4.11 opt. Overdrive: with V-8's, 3.89 std., 3.78 opt.; with I-6, 4.11 std., 3.89 opt. Fordomatic: with V-8's or I-6, 3.22 std., 3.56 opt.

STEERING: Parallelogram-linkage; 25.3 to 1 over-all ratio; 18-inch 3-spoke "deep-center" steering wheel. Approx. 41' turning diameter. Master-Guide Power Steering optional at extra cost.

BRAKES: Double-seal hydraulic; suspended pedal; 11" drum. Station Wagons, 191.4 sq. in. lining area; all others, 180.2 sq. in. Swift Sure Power Brakes optional at extra cost.

TIRES: 4-ply tubeless on all models. 7.10 x 15 on 8-pass. Country Sedan and Country Squire; also on Customline Victoria, Fairlane Victoria, Crown Victoria and Sunliner with V-8 Engine and Fordomatic. 6.70 x 15 on all other models.

DIMENSIONS: 115½" wheelbase; 58" front, 56" rear treads. Over-all length—Station Wagons, 197.6"; all others, 198.5".

BODY COLORS: Following are the 13 basic colors available: Colonial White, Raven Black, Platinum Gray, Buckskin Tan, Fiesta Red, Goldenglow Yellow, Mandarin Orange, Peacock Blue, Diamond Blue, Bermuda Blue, Nocturne Blue, Meadowmist Green, Pine Ridge Green. Certain colors are available in Single-Tone on all models (except the Parklane). Certain colors are available in conventional Two-Tone effects on Mainline and Customline Series, and on Station Wagons (except Parklane, 8-passenger Country Sedan and Country Squire). Selected Style-Tone combinations are available on Customline and Fairlane models and on all Station Wagons (except Ranch Wagon and Country Squire). New Unique Two-Tone combinations are available on all Mainline models and Ranch Wagon. Upholstery and trim are in harmonizing colors to complement the exterior colors chosen. See your nearby Ford Dealer for full information.

OTHER AVAILABLE EQUIPMENT: Full-flow oil filter, oil bath air cleaner for I-6 engine, Lifeguard instrument panel and sun visor padding, 4-Way Power Seat, Swift Sure Power Brakes, Master-Guide Power Steering, Power-Lift Windows (except Business Sedan), I-Rest tinted safety glass, Fordomatic, Overdrive, SelectAire Conditioner (for models with Thunderbird Special V-8, Thunderbird V-8 and Ford V-8 engines only), white sidewall tires, special fuel and vacuum pump unit.

PRICES: All Power Assists and Accessories as well as some of the items illustrated or referred to in this catalog are at extra cost. For the price of the model with the equipment you desire, see your Ford Dealer.

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