



# FORD *Galaxie*<sup>+</sup>

*Thunderbird Elegance*





# ANNOUNCING THE NEW FORD *Galaxie*



A brilliant new wedding  
of Thunderbird elegance and the World's  
Most Beautifully Proportioned Cars

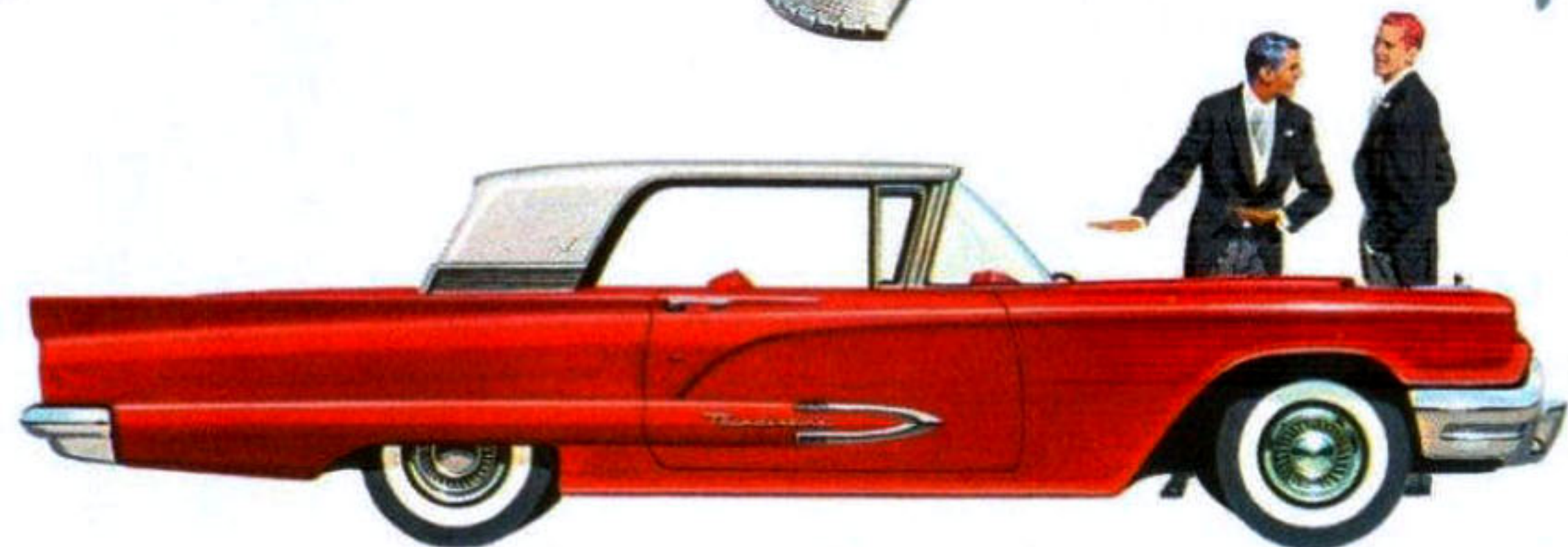
## *Glamour car of the year . . .*

The newest and most exciting of all the beautifully proportioned 59 Fords—the Galaxie! A bright, new personality in cars, the six Galaxie models are a full "fine car" 6-passenger expression of Thunderbird luxury and classic simplicity—at a modest Ford price. These Galaxies, as you'll quickly see, are as wonderfully all-the-way Thunderbird as a low-price Ford can be. Never in any Ford—nor in cars costing far more—have you seen *anything* as sweet, smart and glamorous as this!





Thunderbird in looks... Thunderbird in luxury!



The car everyone would love to own... the dashing 1959 Thunderbird! In a single year this 4-passenger car surged irresistibly into place beside the great automotive successes of all time. Now Ford has taken these elegant Thunderbird lines and married them to the world's most beautifully proportioned cars to bring you the brilliant new Ford Galaxie!



Galaxie Club Victoria (above) combines all of the crisp styling of Ford's Thunderbird with all the deep comfort of a 6-passenger, 2-door hardtop. Even cars costing far more cannot match the elegant appointments and sheer luxury of this Galaxie! And unlike some competitive 2-door models, you get full passenger comfort, easy entry and ample head room in the rear seat.



Galaxie Town Victoria (left) introduces a 4-door, 6-passenger measure of Thunderbird pleasure! For classic beauty and simple good taste, no car in Ford's price class can even compare with it. It's Thunderbird in looks... Thunderbird in luxury... Thunderbird in everything except price. If your family is too large for a 4-passenger 'T-Bird, this 6-passenger hardtop is for you!





# Classic Elegance

Here is luxury *unlimited* . . .

Here is luxury such as you have never known before—and cannot match elsewhere even today—in *any* car in Ford's price range . . .

Here is luxury your neighbors will envy . . . interiors so *plush* and appointments so *dazzling* that they do indeed bring Thunderbird elegance to the low-price field. And it's all *yours* in any one of Ford's six new 6-passenger Galaxie models!

Notice the sofa-soft, individually contoured seats . . . the deep-pile 100% rayon Luxury-Loom carpeting . . . the fully contoured inset arm rests . . . the graceful touch of sparkling bright-metal on the doors and top. Notice, too, the striking 3-tone upholsteries of nylon and radiant vinyl . . . the sew-through seat pleats.

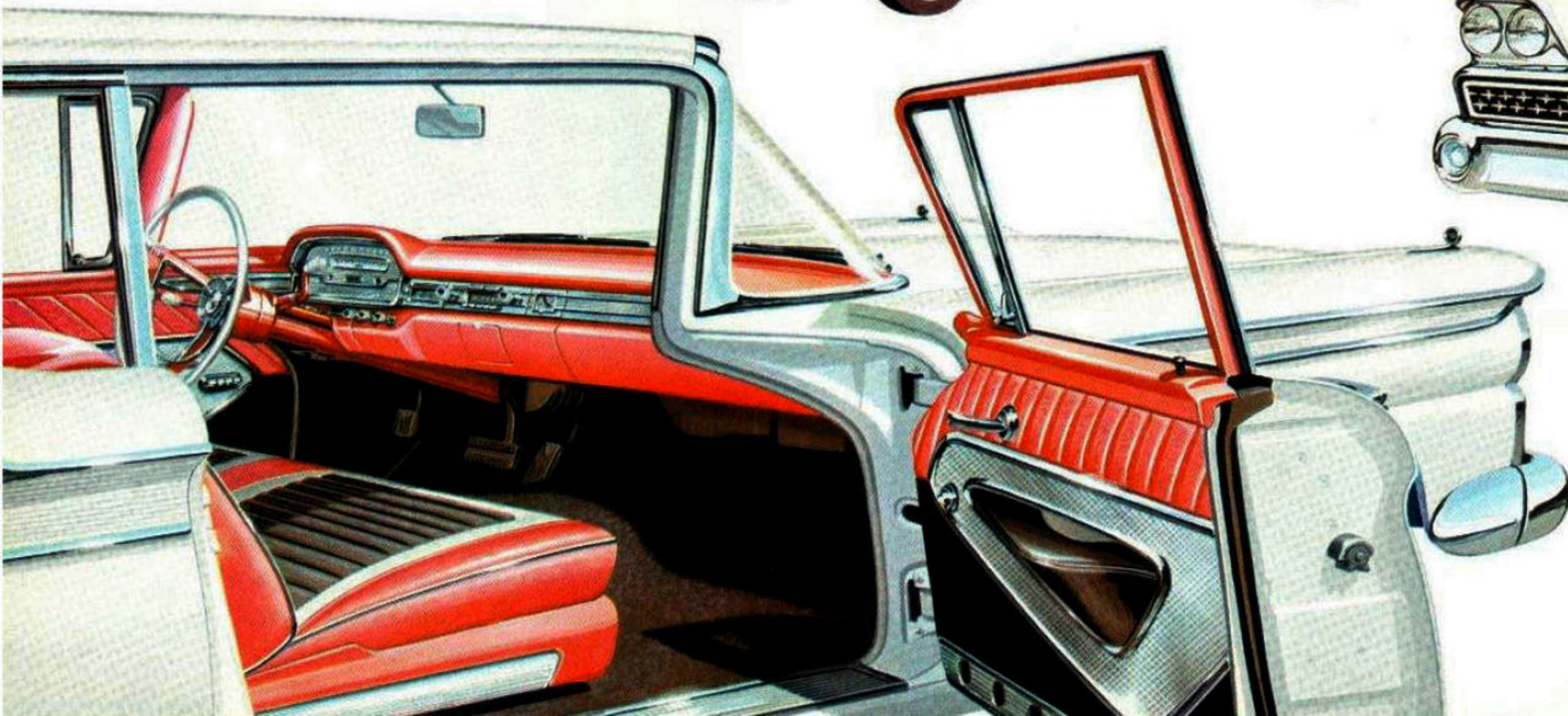
Ladies, especially, will appreciate the deeply cushioned, full-size seats and wide-opening doors that let them enter and exit *gracefully*. Unlike some competitive makes, even the passenger in the *center* rear seat rides in deep-cushioned comfort.





Look what's happened since you last said "I do!"

New Galaxie Town Sedan (right) will make you want to take a honeymoon trip all over again! Married in style to the Thunderbird in the year's most beautiful wedding, this car's smart, straight-line roof and recessed, chrome-framed rear window say Thunderbird unmistakably! And like all Ford sedans for '59, it has thin-pillar "hardtop" styling. You get both the extra strength of a center pillar and the wide-open look of a hardtop.



New Galaxie Club Sedan (above) is the closest match yet to the Thunderbird's silhouette—the *smartest* new shape in cars today! Unmatched in luxury and appointments, it's the *only* top-of-the-line 2-door conventional sedan in Ford's field. And like all Galaxie models, it has plenty of head room . . . with *comfortable* seating for *all six* passengers—not just the four corner passengers. It's a wonderful choice as a *family* car!

Luxury Lounge Interiors (left) are even more radiant in the Thunderbird-elegant Galaxie! Here you see new 100% rayon floor carpeting . . . bright Mylar appliqué on front seat side shields . . . fully contoured inset arm rests, highlighted by a Mylar center feature area in the door panel . . . and new 3-tone, sofa-soft, individually contoured seats! The convenient, beautifully proportioned instrument panel has recessed white plastic controls with bright-metal inserts that are fully illuminated and identified. Never has luxury like this even been available in Ford's field.





# Presenting the 1959 National "Open" Champions!



The Thunderbird Convertible (left) is another departure from conventional automotive design. It's the most admired . . . most talked-about car of the year . . . the car *everyone* would love to own! It gives all the luxury of a big town car . . . all the fun of a Thunderbird!



The Galaxie Sunliner (right) is the newest, most exciting version of the world's all-time favorite convertible. With a new rear window that's nearly 50% larger . . . and a top that folds down completely flush with the rear deck . . . this convertible brings you authentic Thunderbird elegance at low Ford prices!



The Galaxie Skyliner (above), introduced in 1957 after years of research, *still* is the world's only retractable hardtop . . . another example of the years-ahead engineering you get in *every* Ford. Just like magic, the Skyliner converts easily and surely from all-steel hardtop to sun-loving convertible in 60 seconds!

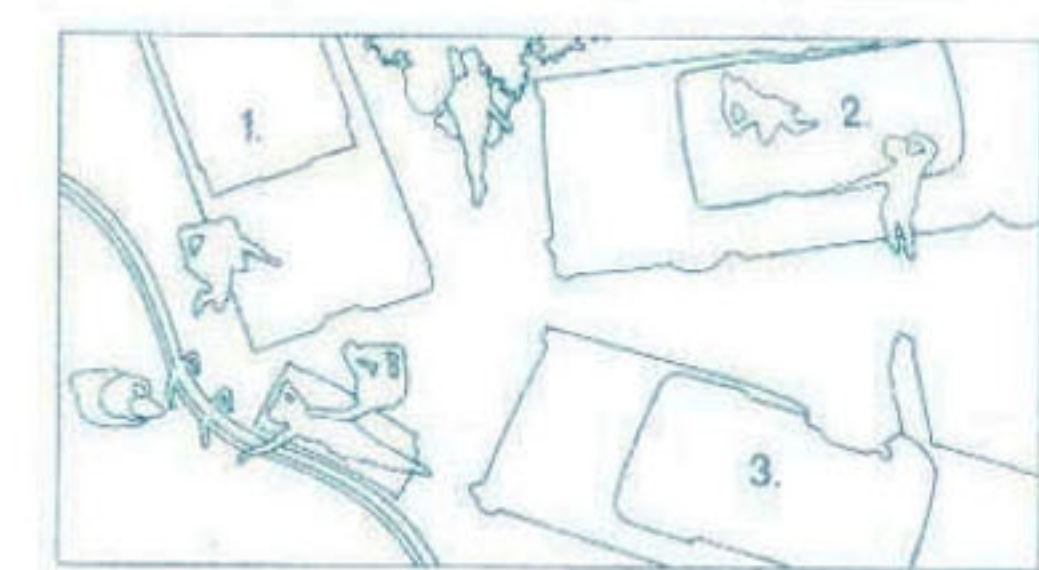




The thrilling Galaxie concept of Sunshine Living!



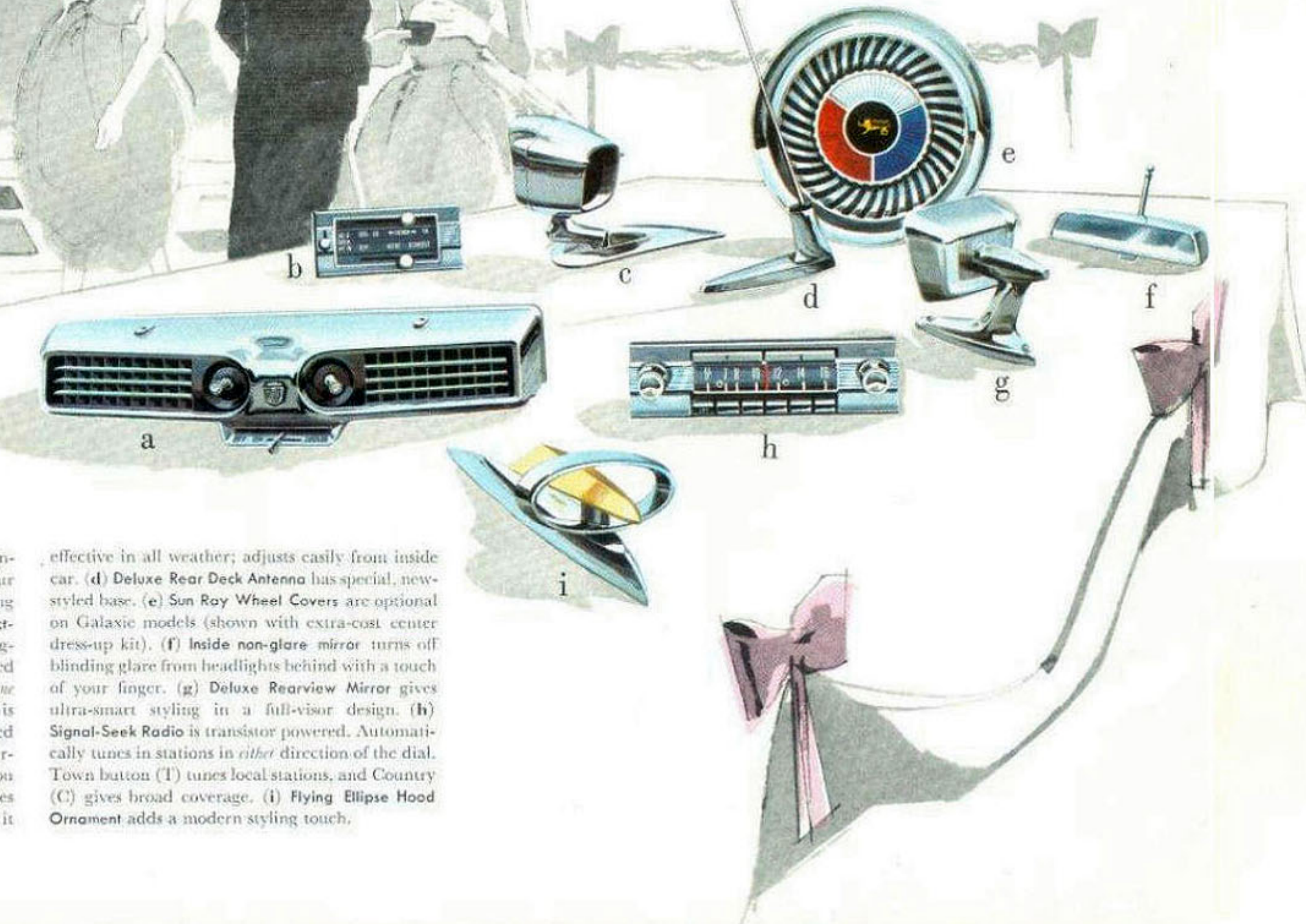
Not even the highest-priced cars in America offer you as *wide* a choice of "sunshine models" as Ford! For only Ford offers you *three* excitingly different convertibles for '59! One is the world's all-time favorite convertible (the 6-passenger Galaxie Sunliner) . . . another is the world's only *hardtop* convertible (the 6-passenger Galaxie Skyliner) . . . and the third is the world's most *admired* convertible (the 4-passenger Thunderbird). Isn't it about time that *you* began enjoying the Galaxie concept of Sunshine Living . . . in a brand-new Ford convertible?



At the left is a bird's-eye view of the posh interiors of Ford's newest convertibles. (1) Shows the interior of a 1959 Thunderbird convertible with genuine leather upholstery (optional at extra cost). For sheer high style and luxury there is nothing to match this T-Bird in the entire automotive world. (2) Shows the interior of a Skyliner featuring fully contoured inset arm rests and nylon seat cloth with sew-through pleats for that smart *hand-tailored* look. (3) Shows the Sunliner interior with its individually contoured, sofa-soft seats . . . its deep-pleated, 3-tone, all-vinyl upholstery . . . its deep-pile, 100% rayon Luxury-Loom carpeting.



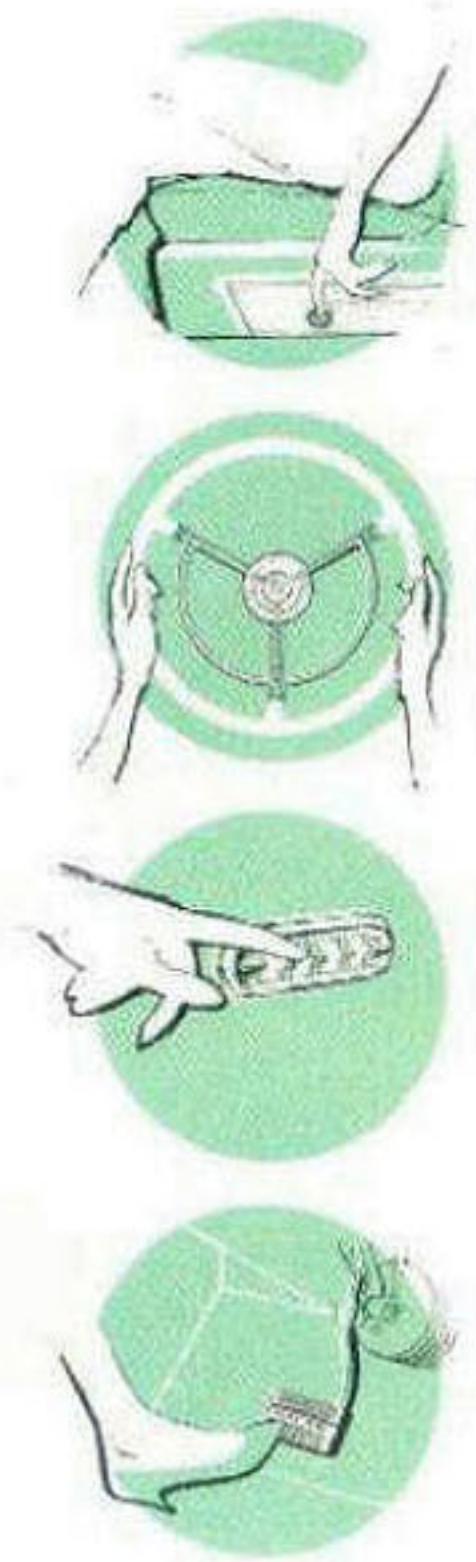
# Thunderbird-inspired accessories and options



Genuine Ford options and accessories are designed to add an exciting dash of high style to your 1959 Galaxie as well as give you extra riding comfort and convenience! For example: (a) **Select-Aire Conditioner** has strategically placed air registers and efficient blower. You get refrigerated cooling, ventilating, heating and defrosting in one compact unit (V-8's only). (b) **MagicAire Heater** is all-new "magic-blend" design. It blends desired amounts of cool air with fresh hot air. New fingertip control gives you the exact temperature you want—instantly! (c) **Visored Spotlight Mirror** gives night-and-day convenience. The hood makes it

effective in all weather; adjusts easily from inside car. (d) **Deluxe Rear Deck Antenna** has special, new-styled base. (e) **Sun Ray Wheel Covers** are optional on Galaxie models (shown with extra-cost center dress-up kit). (f) **Inside non-glare mirror** turns off blinding glare from headlights behind with a touch of your finger. (g) **Deluxe Rearview Mirror** gives ultra-smart styling in a full-visor design. (h) **Signal-Seek Radio** is transistor powered. Automatically tunes in stations in either direction of the dial. Town button (T) tunes local stations, and Country (C) gives broad coverage. (i) **Flying Ellipse Hood Ornament** adds a modern styling touch.

## WISHING MAKES IT SO... WITH FORD POWER ASSISTS

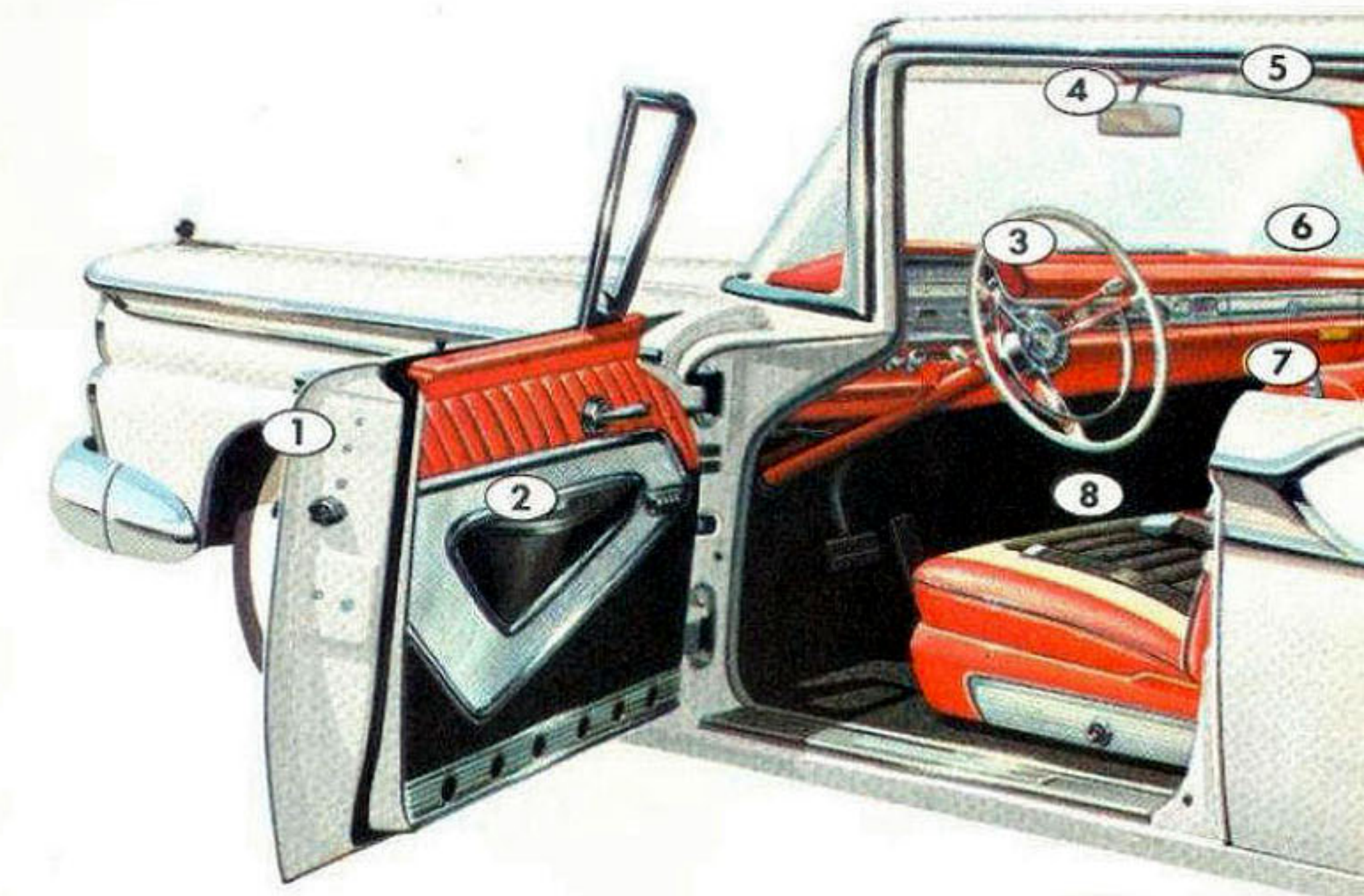


**Power Front Seat** is just one of the luxuries that Ford puts at your finger tips. Touch a button and your front seat automatically goes forward, backward, up or down. It is an infinite position, posture-control seat with synchronized tilting back.

**Master-Guide Power Steering** has been improved further to cut your parking effort up to 85% and assist you in all your driving. Yet you retain the "feel of the road" wherever you drive.

**Power-Lift Windows.** Just touch the central control buttons on the driver's door and you can raise or lower any window. For passenger's convenience, there's a handy button under each window, too.

**Swift Sure Power Brakes** with a low pedal are the brakes you love to touch. Stopping takes up to 1/3 less effort. Makes driving in traffic much easier, more relaxing. It's just touch and "whoa!"



## FORD'S OWN SAFETY FEATURES

Continuing studies by independent national safety authorities show that Ford's exclusive Lifeguard Design features do save lives and reduce injuries. For '59 Ford offers: 1. **Lifeguard door locks** to give added protection against doors springing open upon impact. 2. **Lifeguard arm rests** are fully cushioned with shock-absorbing material. 3. **Lifeguard deep-center steering wheel** protects driver from the steering post. 4. **Lifeguard safety-swivel rearview mirror** that swings away if struck. 5. **Lifeguard sun visors** that are fully cushioned with super shock-absorbing material.\* 6. **Lifeguard cushioning** provides vital protection on instrument panel.\* 7. **Lifeguard Jr. safety locks** help prevent "small fry" (and adults) from accidentally opening a rear door.\* 8. **Seat belts** help keep you in your seat in case of impact.\*

\*Optional at slight extra cost.





# New Diamond Lustre Finish

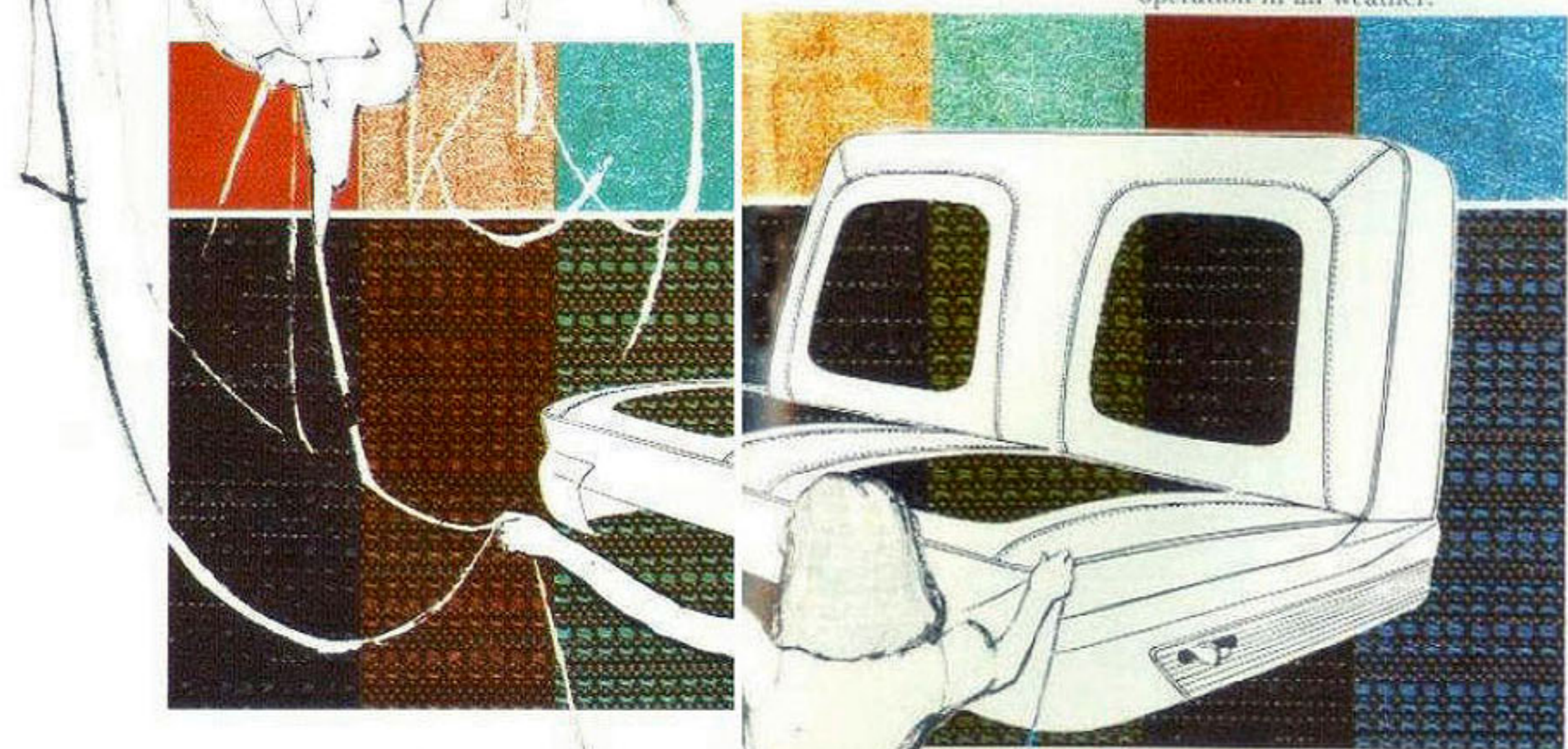
so durable you won't have to wax it... ever!

Ford's new Diamond Lustre Finish is the first major advance in automotive enamel finishes since World War II. It is the most durable finish on any car today. The uniform glass-like surface requires no "hand-finishing" to bring out its natural, deep-down lustre. And it's so bright and glossy you won't have to wax it... ever!

The superiority of this new, longer-lasting, baked-on enamel was proved first in laboratory torture tests. Then it was applied on hundreds of cars and subjected to searing

tropical sunlight and corrosive salt air for months. And Diamond Lustre Finish remained showroom bright, demonstrating that it has greater resistance to blistering, corrosion and stain than other finishes.

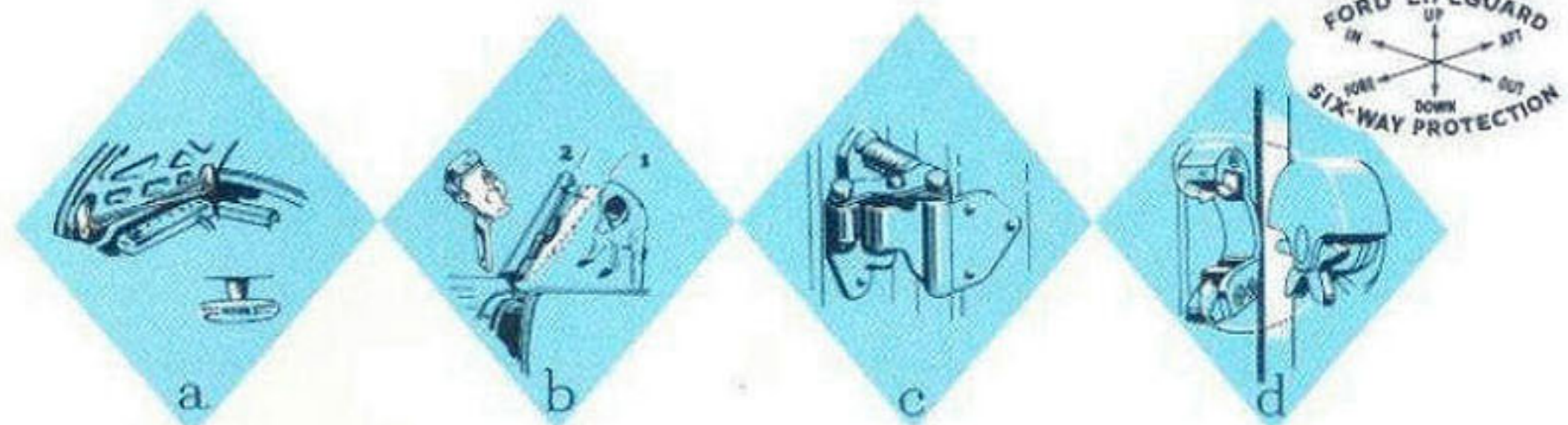
Finally, Ford engineers went after this finish with a BB gun. (The impact of air rifle pellets simulates flying stones and gravel.) And again, Diamond Lustre proved its toughness... proved it's far more chip resistant than even Ford's famous enamels of the past.



## RICH, VIBRANT INTERIORS

Ford's famous Luxury Lounge interiors are even *more* beautiful for '59. One look tells you that these color-keyed, deep-pleated nylon fabrics of Striped Nub pattern with Silver Strand provide the same kind of richness, softness and plushness found only in the most expensive American and European automobiles. And they are trimmed with a new "radiant" vinyl that gives a brighter, more spacious effect... easier to clean, too!

- a** Front-hinged hood has torsion bar hinge for easier, counterbalanced action. Release control is inside car for security.
- b** Two-stage door checks, a Ford exclusive, hold front door open in two positions: two-thirds or all the way. Has extra-heavy bolts, too.
- c** Automatic doorman hinges help swing rear doors full-open or full-closed.
- d** Lifeguard Double-Grip door locks rotate rather than slide into engagement for effortless ease of operation in all weather.



Clear-vision safety glass throughout with large area for picture-window visibility

Five roof cross braces welded to box section rails for a solid top having high strength and rigidity

Recessed full width glass in back window with distinctively vignetted roof for that straight-through look

New, large wrap-around windshield with swept-back pillars for greater visibility

Deck lid opening weatherproofed with rubber seals and rain trough

Massive dash panel with substantial ribbing makes a more rigid unit

Body area behind rear seat has extra strength for increased durability

Functional back lights are standard

New Ram-type system for superior body ventilation

Deep, full-width front seat adjusts 5" to 11 positions and is comfort-contoured for spacious support and relaxed seating posture

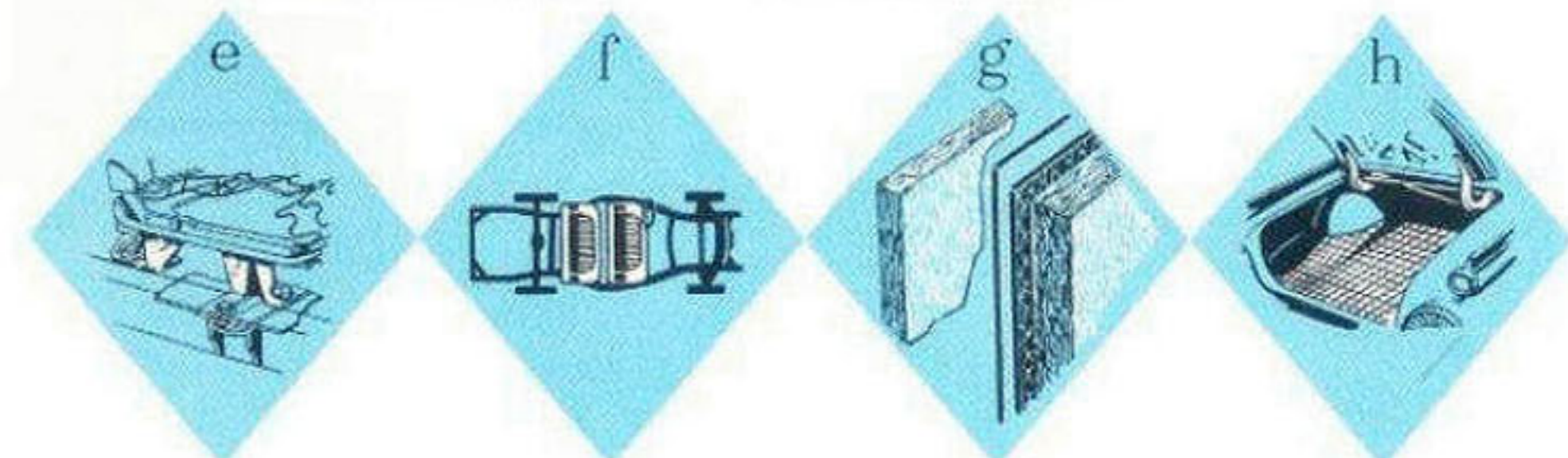
Silent-Grip body mounts to soak up road shock and noise

Center-fill fueling for easy access from either side

Thick, resilient foam padding in front seat for greater comfort

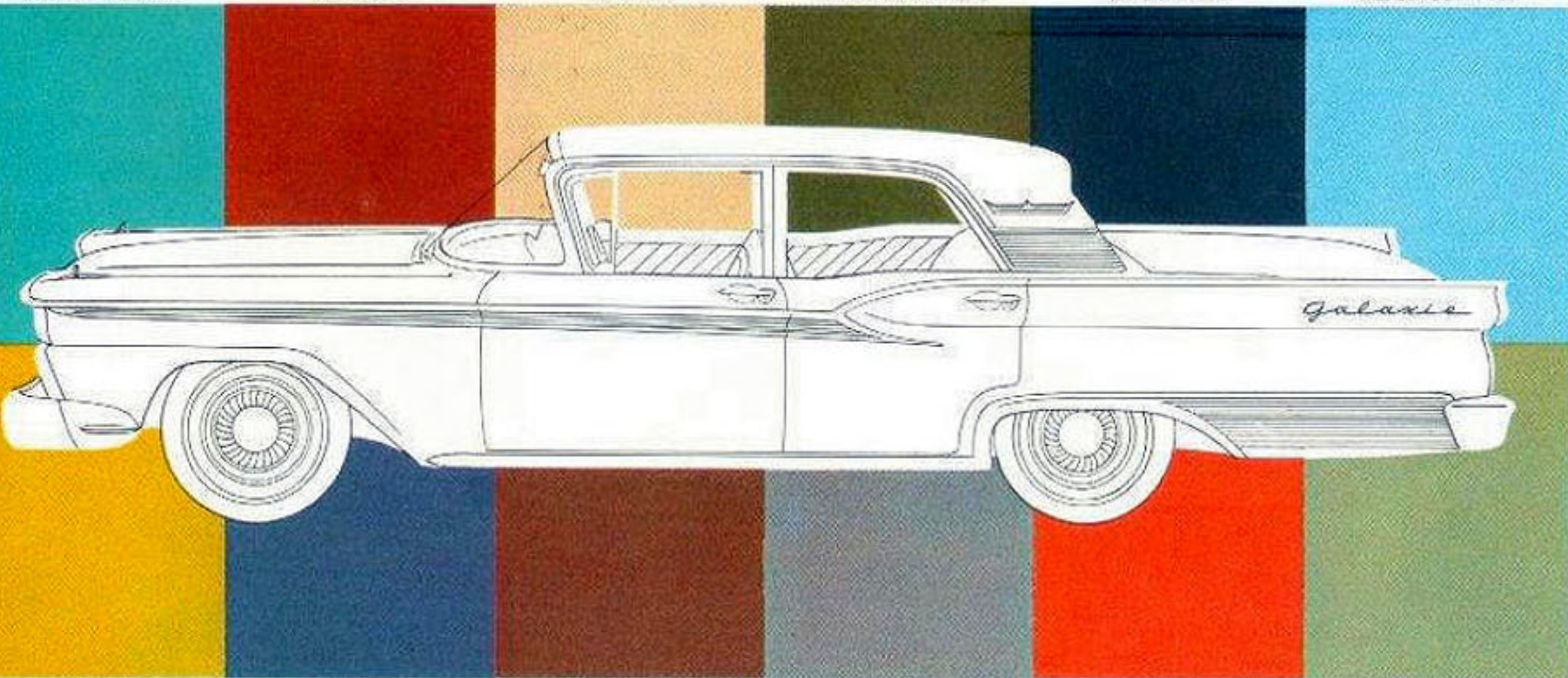
Large rocker panels and strong double-ribbed floor pan with five sturdy cross members welded to bottom give extra rigidity

Domed, ribbed wheel housings supply solid foundation for roof rails, back panel and deck lid hinges

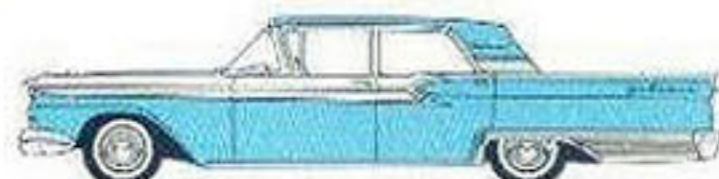


- e** Front seat safety anchorage locks the track structure to the chassis frame.
- f** Ford's husky frame bows out a full foot wider midway so passengers ride *within* the heavy frame side rails for extra protection.
- g** The best insulation in Ford's field; includes a half inch of fibrous sound-absorbing material in roof, one inch of glass fibre and felt on dash.
- h** Torsion bar hinging of the high-lift deck lid provides full counterbalancing and large trunk capacity (nearly 34 cu. ft. with spare tire). Broad, low-level entrance makes for easy loading.

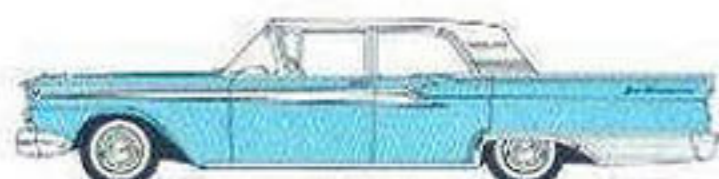
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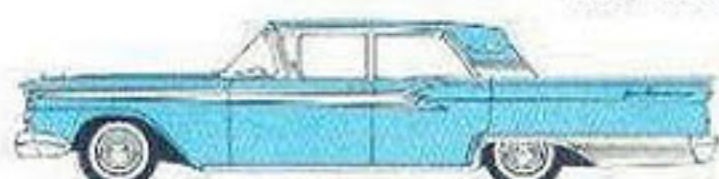
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STYLE TONE COLOR COMBINATION

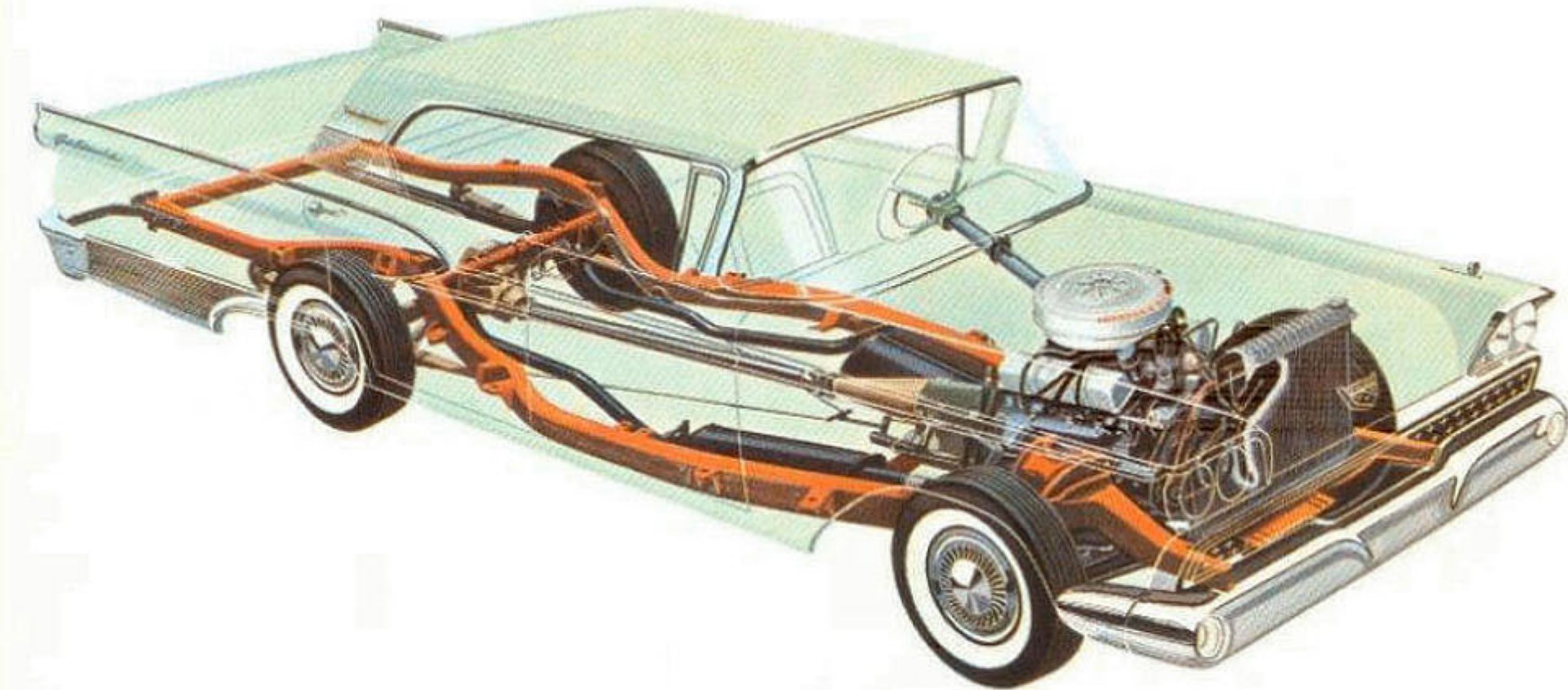


CONVENTIONAL TWO-TONE COLOR COMBINATION



SINGLE COLOR





Rugged chassis . . .

new from Tyrex cord tires up

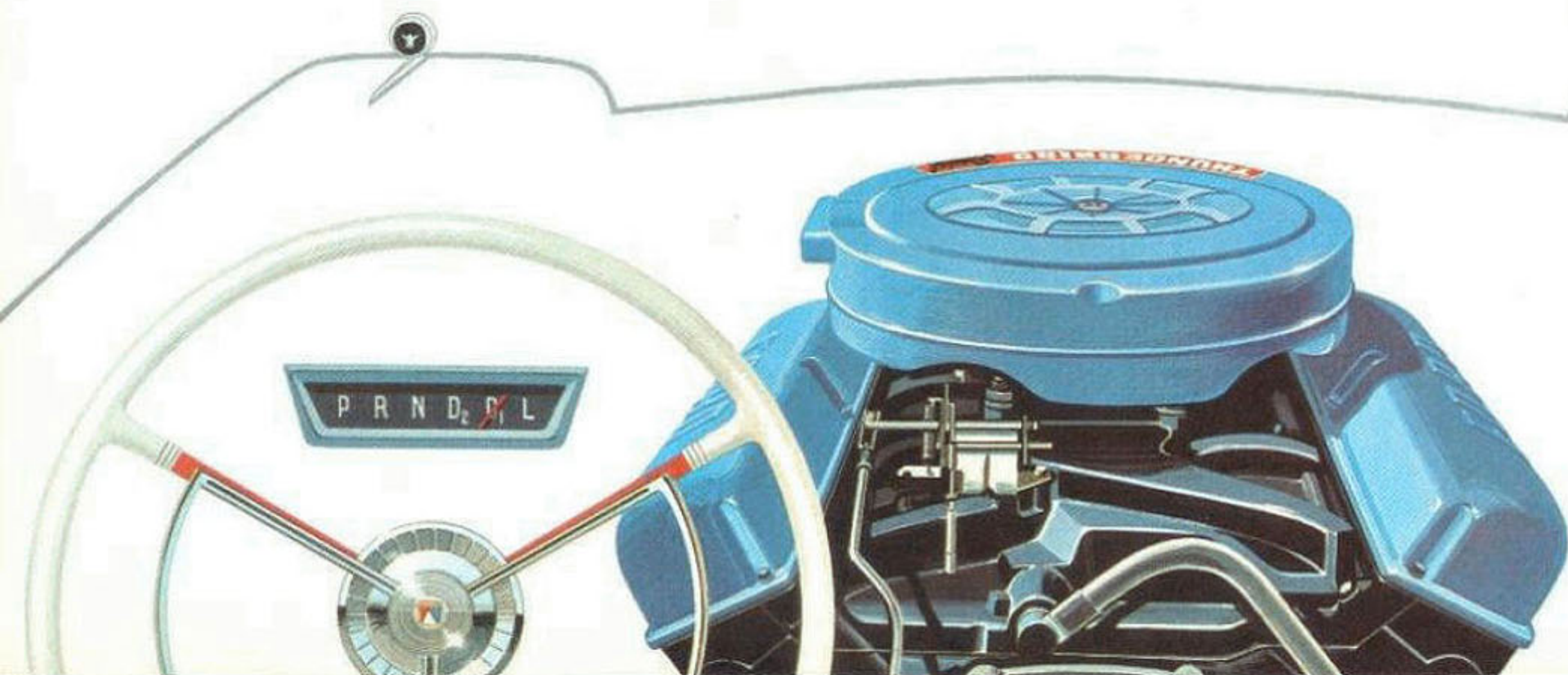
To the left is the safest, most tested chassis ever designed by Ford, the car that pioneered famous Lifeguard Design. Observe how Ford's husky frame bows out a full foot wider midway to give you far greater protection in the event of side impact!

All 59 Ford tires are made of new Tyrex cord, the tougher, cooler-running, smoother riding new cord that is the talk of the tire industry. The front suspension has a new link-type, rubber-bushed ride stabilizer. Teamed with Ford's variable-rate rear suspension, you get complete Automatic Ride Control!

New Power . . . where you can use it!

There's a big difference in Ford's Thunderbird V-8 engines for '59. They give you more responsive power in the normal driving range between 30 and 70 miles per hour where you can use it . . . rather than at top speeds where you never need it! These powerful engines represent the best in power plants from the world's master engine builder—Ford.

As for economy, all Ford engines include a Full-Flow oil filter as standard equipment. You need change oil only every 4000 miles. And, there's a vacuum-booster type fuel pump for safer, more constant windshield-wiper operation.



## SPECIFICATIONS

**Exteriors and Interiors:** A total of 13 exciting body colors of amazing new Diamond Lustre Finish are available in Single Color, Style Tone combinations or in Conventional Two Tone selections except the Sunliner. Interiors feature beautiful 3-tone upholstery with 4 Radiant and 1 Soft-Tone and leather-encased vinyl bolsters and 5 deep-pleated nylon inserts in Striped Nub with Silver Strand pattern, framed with fine rib grain white vinyl, except Sunliner which has 5 deep-pleated all-vinyl combinations. Color-keyed deep-pile Luxury-Loom carpets of 100% rayon, front and rear, in all models.

**Engines:** 145-hp Mileage Maker Six—223-cu. in. displ.; 3.67" bore x 3.60" stroke, 8.4 to 1 comp. ratio; regular fuel; manual choke. (For all models except Skyliner.)

200-hp Thunderbird 292 V-8 (Standard V-8 on all models)—292-cu. in. displ.; 3.75" bore x 3.30" stroke; 8.8 to 1 comp. ratio; regular fuel, low-liftbouette 2-venturi carburetor, automatic choke, Y-type single exhaust.

225-hp Thunderbird 332 Special V-8 (Optional on all models)—332-cu. in. displ.; 4.00" bore x 3.30" stroke; 8.9 to 1 comp. ratio; premium fuel, low-liftbouette 2-venturi carburetor, automatic choke, Y-type single exhaust (dual exhausts on Skyliner and Sunliner).

300-hp Thunderbird 352 Special V-8 (Optional on all models)—352-cu. in. displ.; 4.00" bore x 3.50" stroke; 9.6 to 1 comp. ratio; premium fuel; low-liftbouette 4-venturi carburetor, automatic choke, dual exhausts.

**Engine Features:** For greater economy and longer life, all Ford engines have Short Stroke, low-friction design, with Deep-Black construction; intake and exhaust valves of free-turning, overhead type; Super-Filter air cleaner with reusable gasper element; vacuum booster fuel pump for more constant windshield-wiper action; full-pressure lubrication with Full-Flow disposable-type oil filter; weatherproof, high capacity 12-volt electrical system; Turbo-Action 18 mm. spark plugs designed for increased gas mileage; exhaust system featuring new aluminum muffler. V-8 engines are electronically balanced while operating under their own power for extra smoothness. Thunderbird Special V-8's feature self-adjusting, hydraulic valve lifters for quietness and Precision Fuel Induction for superior performance and economy.

**Manual Transmissions:** 3-speed Conventional Drive with gear ratios tailored to each engine. Overdrive (optional) is combination of 3-speed transmission plus an automatic 4th gear. Available with all engines except Thunderbird 332 Special V-8.

**Fordomatic Drive (optional):** All new for '59, featuring a single stage, 3-element torque converter and compound planetary gear set with one clutch assembly for responsive, automatic 2-speed operation. In "D" range it gives brisk, smooth starts in low. Its simplified design uses 27% fewer parts and with its cast-aluminum construction is much lighter in weight. New Fordomatic is so dependable that after initial 1000-mile band adjustment, it requires normal servicing only each 24,000 miles. Available with all engines.

**Cruise-O-Matic Drive (optional):** A high-performance automatic featuring two selective drive ranges—smooth 3-speed operation in "Dy" range, starting in low for solid, full-power getaways and all normal driving . . . or 2-speed operation in "Dz" range, starting in intermediate for gentle, sure-footed acceleration on ice, snow or loose gravel. Coupled with specially tailored gas-saving rear axle ratios, it provides "built-in" overdrive economy. Available with all V-8 engines.

**Wide-Contoured Frame:** Strong, stiff, box-section frame. Skyliner and Sunliner have 4 cross members plus X-member; others have 5 cross members. Side rails extend outside passenger area, for better foot room and increased side protection. Silent-Grip body mounting system.

**Suspension:** Smooth-acting Sweep-Back, Angle-Posited, Ball-Joint front with new link-type stabilizer and Even-Keel variable-rate, outboard-mounted rear suspension for automatic ride control. Shock absorbers front and rear.

**Rear Axle:** Husky, low-slung hypoid, semi-floating, with special Deep-Offset straddle-mounted pinion, permits lower car level without sacrifice of inside room.

**Torque-Tailored Axle Ratios (to 1):** Skyliner—Conventional Drive or Overdrive—3.89 with Six or 292 V-8, 3.70 with 352 Special V-8; Fordomatic Drive—3.56 with Six or 292 V-8, 3.10 with 332 Special V-8, 2.91 with 352 Special V-8; Cruise-O-Matic Drive—3.56 with 292 V-8, 2.91 with 332 Special V-8 or 352 Special V-8. Optional Equa-Lock Differential Ratios (to 1): 3.70 with Six and 3-speed, Overdrive or Fordomatic; with 292 V-8 and all transmissions, also with 352 Special V-8 and 3-speed or Overdrive—3.10 with 332 or 352 Special V-8's and Fordomatic or Cruise-O-Matic.

**All Other Models: Conventional Drive—**3.56 (std.) or 3.70 (opt.) with Six; 3.56 with 292 V-8 or 352 Special V-8; Overdrive—3.70 with Six or 292 V-8, 3.56 with 352 Special V-8; Fordomatic Drive—3.56 with Six; 3.10 with 292 V-8, 2.91 with 332 or 352 Special V-8's; Cruise-O-Matic Drive—3.10 with 292 V-8, 2.91 with 332 Special V-8, 2.69 with 352 Special V-8. Optional Equa-Lock Differential Ratios (to 1): 3.70 with Six, 292 V-8 or 352 Special V-8 with 3-speed or Overdrive; also Six and Fordomatic—3.10 with 292 V-8, 332 or 352 Special V-8's and Fordomatic or Cruise-O-Matic.

**Steering:** Magic-Circle recirculating-ball type steering gear provides low friction, easy steering; 27 to 1 over-all steering ratio; 17 1/2", 3-spoke, deep-center Lifeguard steering wheel. Approximately 40-foot turning diameter.

**Brakes:** Giant-Grip double-sealed, self-energizing hydraulic brakes have suspended pedal, dash-mounted master cylinder. Drum diameter is 11". Lining area is 180 sq. in. (191 sq. in. on Skyliner).

**Tires:** 4-ply black tubeless tires of new Tyrex super cord on safety-type rims. Skyliner—8.00 x 14 on 5 1/2" rims. Sunliner with V-8 and automatic transmission—8.00 x 14 on 5" rims. All others—7.50 x 14 on 5" rims.

**Dimensions:** 118" wheelbase; 59.0" front, 56.4" rear treads. Over-all length, 208.0" (Skyliner 208.1"); Height (maximum with design load) 56.3" for Skyliner, 56.5" for Sunliner, 56.0" for Victorias and Sedans.

**Other Options and Accessories:** 1-Rest fitted safety glass. Manually operated 4-way front seat. Polar-Aire Conditioner (V-8 only). Sure-Wipe electric wipers. Automatic windshield washer-wiper. Console Runge or Full Tone Manual radios. Exhaust deflectors. Curb Guard body molding. Cushion-Stop bumper guards. Beauty Guard fender shields. Sport spare wheel carrier. Sound deadener package. Whitewall tires. And many others.

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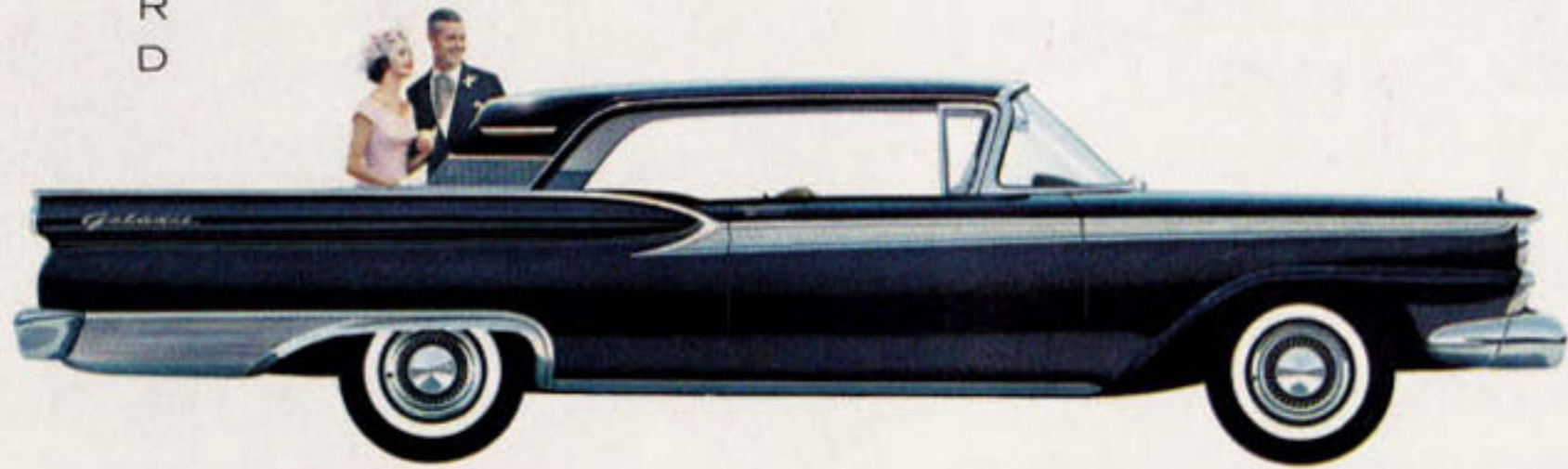


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