

Lincoln Navigator Opened a New Road

The Lincoln Navigator helped define the full-size luxury SUV segment. First shown as a concept in sketch form at the 1996 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, Lincoln Navigator made its debut at the 1997 North American International Auto Show.

Navigator's combination of space, power and versatility complemented by luxury and comfort was enthusiastically embraced by customers. More than 40,000 were sold the first year, and it remains one of Lincoln's best-known nameplates.

The next generation of Lincoln Navigator arrives this year with a host of customer-focused technologies, a powerful twin-turbocharged EcoBoost® engine, updated exterior design and new interior amenities.



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1997

- 1996** | An artist's rendering of the Lincoln Navigator – the brand's first sport utility vehicle – unveiled at Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance
- 1997** | Vehicle debuts at North American International Auto Show in January, answering the call from customers who want a full-size sport utility with roominess, power and versatility that retains the luxury, comfort and prestige of Lincoln cars
- 1997** | Production begins, and Navigator goes on sale in July. Vehicle highlights include 5.4-liter single-overhead-cam V8 engine upgraded to produce 260 horsepower and 345 lb.-ft. of torque, two-wheel or four-wheel drive, full leather seating surfaces, wood- and leather-trimmed steering wheel, illuminated running boards, driver and front passenger power seating and power windows; Navigator could seat up to eight with an optional second-row bench seat



1999

- 1999** | Engine upgraded to double-overhead-cam 5.4-liter V8 delivering 300 horsepower and 360 lb.-ft. of torque. This new V8 – the first Ford Motor Company four-valve engine available in an SUV – is mated to a four-speed electronically controlled automatic overdrive transmission; power-adjustable pedals offered
- 2000** | Satellite navigation system, and heated and cooled front seats offered
- 2001** | Rear-seat VHS tape entertainment system offered



2003



- 2003** | Revised exterior and all-new interior with walnut burl, premium leather trim, satin-nickel finishes and white LED-backlit controls and switches; power running boards, power-folding third-row seats, power liftgate, HID headlamps, rear-seat DVD entertainment system offered
- 2004** | AdvanceTrac® with RSC® (Roll Stability Control™) added
- 2005** | Six-speed automatic transmission added



2007



- 2006** | DVD-based satellite navigation system with a voice-activated touch screen and THX® audio system offered
- 2007** | All-new precision grille inspired by Lincoln Star leads exterior updates; Navigator L with extended wheelbase introduced, providing an additional 25 cubic feet of cargo space
- 2008** | Heated and cooled front seats, power-folding third-row seats, power liftgate, and 600-watt, 14-speaker THX II Certified audio system standard; rear view camera available

- 2009** | Flex fuel capability added; heated second-row seats, front park assist, Easy Fuel® capless fuel filler, rain-sensing windshield wipers and Lincoln SYNC® standard
- 2010** | HD Radio™ and Sirius XM Travel Link standard
- 2014** | Wide suite of technology, including new twin-turbocharged EcoBoost® engine, will be offered when the 2015 Lincoln Navigator goes on sale later in the year



2014



- 2015** | The 2015 Lincoln Navigator with enhancements to its design and powertrain will be in showrooms later this year



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