

# 1958-1968 Thunderbird

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# **1958 Thunderbird**

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# '58 Thunderbird Identification

## SERIAL NUMBER

Example: H8YH10001

H ..... 8-Cylinder 352 Cubic Inch Engine  
 (4-barrel)  
 8 ..... 1958 Model  
 Y ..... Wixom Assembly Plant  
 H ..... Tudor Hardtop  
 100001 ..... First Unit Built

## ENGINE

G ..... 8-Cylinder 332 Cubic Inch  
 (4-barrel (Export))  
 H ..... 8-Cylinder 352 Cubic Inch  
 (4-barrel)  
 J ..... 8-Cylinder 430 Cubic Inch  
 (4-barrel)

\*While sales literature advertised the '430' option, they were not available until introduction of the '59 models.

## MODEL YEAR

The number "8" designates 1958.

## ASSEMBLY PLANT

Code      Location

Y ..... Wixom Assembly Plant,  
 Wixom, Michigan  
 S ..... Pilot Plant, Dearborn, Michigan

(This is where prototype units were manufactured for testing and research, while these cars were not slated for sale to the public, some may have been used by Ford executives/employees, and later released to dealers for sale/dispersal.)

## MODEL

H ..... Tudor Hardtop  
 J ..... Tudor Convertible

## CONSECUTIVE UNIT NUMBER

The assembly plant, with each model year, begins with consecutive unit number 100001 and continues on for each unit built.

The highest estimated number is 135758, for 35,758 Thunderbirds of all models being produced in 1958.

## BODY

63A ..... Tudor Hardtop  
 76A ..... Tudor Convertible

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### PRODUCTION FOR 1958

<u>Model</u>	<u># Built</u>	<u>% Of Production</u>
Hardtop .....	35,758 .....	94.37
Convertible .....	2,134 .....	5.63
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>37,893 .....</b>	<b>100.00</b>

NOTE: No information has been compiled on export-model cars. "H"-series figures include these units.

## COLOR

(see separate chart)

## TRIM

Deviation trim sets used existing trim codes plus a suffix. A trim code with a numerical suffix is not serviced, while a trim code with an alphabetical suffix is serviced.

### ALL VINYL

	<u>Vinyl Bolster</u>	<u>Vinyl Insert</u>
XE .....	Blue .....	White
XF .....	Green .....	White
XG .....	Red .....	White
XH .....	Black .....	White
XL .....	Tan .....	White
XM .....	Turquoise .....	White

NOTE: More information is needed on two-toned bolster/insert combination deviation sets.

### VINYL & NYLON HIGHLAND TWEED FABRIC

	<u>Vinyl Bolster</u>	<u>Nylon Highland Tweed Fabric Insert</u>
XA .....	Blue .....	Blue
XB .....	Green .....	Green
XC .....	Black .....	Black
XK .....	Turquoise .....	Turquoise
All Leather (Not offered)		

## DATE

The code letters for the month are preceded by a numeral to show the day of the month when the Thunderbird was completed.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Code</u>
January .....	A	July .....	G
February .....	B	August .....	H
March .....	C	September .....	J
April .....	D	October .....	K
May .....	E	November .....	L
June .....	F	December .....	M

## TRANS (TRANSMISSION)

1 .....	Standard (3 Spd. Manual)
2 .....	Overdrive
3 .....	2-Speed Ford-O-Matic (Export)
4 .....	3-Speed Cruise-O-Matic

## AXLE (DIFFERENTIAL)

1 .....	3.10:1	2 .....	3.56:1	3 .....	3.70:1
A .....	3.10:1 Equa Lock				
C .....	3.70:1 Equa Lock				

## COLOR CHART

### 1958 Exterior Paint Color Codes

#### SINGLE COLORS

<u>Code</u>	<u>M30J#</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Sales Name</u>
A .....	1724	Black	Raven Black
B .....	495	White	Winterset White <sup>2</sup>
C .....	896	Beige	Desert Beige <sup>2</sup>
D .....	902	Tan	Palomino Tan
E .....	524	White	Colonial White <sup>4</sup>
F .....	893	Dk. Green Metallic	Silvertone Green Metallic <sup>4</sup>
G .....	899	Gold	Sun Gold <sup>4</sup>
H .....	897	Dk. Gray Metallic	Gunmetal Gray Metallic
I .....	1026	Red Metallic	Grenadier Red Metallic <sup>2</sup>
J .....	895	Bronze Metallic	Bali Bronze Metallic
K .....	856	Dk. Green Metallic	Everglade Green Metallic <sup>2</sup>
L .....	892	Lt. Blue	Azure Blue <sup>4</sup>
M .....	900	Blue-Green	Gulfstream Blue
N .....	894	Lt. Green	Seaspray Green <sup>4</sup>
O .....	979	Lt. Gray Metallic	Platinum Metallic <sup>2</sup>
P .....		Primer	
Q .....		(Not Used)	
R .....	176	Red	Torch Red No.2 <sup>4</sup>
S .....		Special	
T .....	891	Dk. Blue Metallic	Silvertone Blue Metallic <sup>4</sup>
U .....		(Not Used)	
V .....	859	Lt. Yellow	Casino Cream <sup>2A</sup>
W .....	860	Pink	Cameo/Oriental Rose <sup>2</sup>
X .....	857	Lt. Green	Cascade Green <sup>2</sup>
X .....	862	Peach	Peach <sup>2</sup>
Y .....	853	Med. Blue Metallic	Monarch Blue Metallic <sup>2</sup>
Z .....	854	Lt. Blue	Regatta Blue <sup>2</sup>
B .....	556	829	Midnight Blue <sup>6</sup>
U .....	14283	Green	Meadow Green <sup>6</sup>
V .....	1024	Dk. Blue	Academy Dark Blue <sup>6</sup>
X .....	358	Yellow	Goldenrod Yellow <sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Thunderbird-only colors

<sup>2</sup> Thunderbird & Lincoln Continental color

<sup>2A</sup> Thunderbird, Lincoln Continental & Mercury colors

<sup>3</sup> Lincoln-only color, available on T-bird by special order

<sup>4</sup> Ford color, not available on Thunderbird

<sup>4A</sup> Ford Spring color, not available on Thunderbird

<sup>5</sup> Mercury color, not available on T-Bird

<sup>6</sup> Ford Truck only

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**COLOR CHART... continued**

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**1958 Exterior Paint Color Codes****TWO-TONE COLORS**

<u>Code</u>	<u>Lower Color</u>	<u>Upper Color</u>
AB	Black	White
BA	White	Black
OA	Lt. Gray Metallic	Black
AO	Black	Lt. Gray Metallic
OB	Lt. Gray Metallic	White
BO	White	Lt. Gray Metallic
IB	Red Metallic	White
BI	White	Red Metallic
IA	Red Metallic	Black
AI	Black	Red Metallic
VB	Yellow	White
BV	White	Yellow
VA	Yellow	Black
AV	Black	Yellow
MB	Blue-Green	White
BM	White	Blue-Green
WB	Pink	White
WA	Pink	Black
AW	Black	Pink
CB	Beige	White
ZB	Lt. Blue	White
BZ	White	Lt. Blue
XB	Lt. Green	White
BX	White	Lt. Green
XB	Peach	White
KB	Dk. Green Metallic	White
BK	White	Dk. Green Metallic
YB	Med. Blue Metallic	White
BY	White	Med. Blue Metallic
DB	Tan	White
BD	White	Tan
YZ	Med. Blue Metallic	Lt. Blue
ZY	Lt. Blue	Med. Blue Metallic
KX	Dk. Green Metallic	Lt. Green
XK	Lt. Green	Dk. Green Metallic

If a special paint is used, the paint color specs will not be stamped. A special color may be indicated in a five-digit DSO/PAO number.

**TWO-TONE:** If a car hardtop is two-toned, a two-letter code is used: the first letter being the Lower Color; the second letter is the Upper (Roof) Color. Available combinations are listed separately.

**CONVERTIBLE TOPS**

While the date plate does not indicate the color of convertible top installed, the car's ROT (Build) sheet does. Convertible Top linings were color-coordinated with interiors. Tops available for 1958 included:

<u>Top</u>	<u>Lining</u>
1 - Black	Gray
2 - Lt. Green	Green
3 - Lt. Blue	Blue
4 - White	Gray
5 - White	Blue
6 - White	Green
7 - White	Buff

**NOTE:** See separate chart for color/upholstery combinations.

# **1959 Thunderbird**

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# '59 Thunderbird Identification

## SERIAL NUMBER

Example: H9YH10001

H ..... 8-Cylinder 352 Cubic Inch Engine

(4-barrel)

9 ..... 1959 Model

Y ..... Wixom Assembly Plant

H ..... Tudor Hardtop

100001 ..... First Unit Built

## ENGINE

H ..... 8-Cylinder 352 Cubic Inch (4-barrel)

J ..... 8-Cylinder 430 Cubic Inch (4-barrel)

## MODEL YEAR

The number "9" designates 1959.

## ASSEMBLY PLANT

Code      Location

Y ..... Wixom Assembly Plant,  
Wixom, Michigan

S ..... Pilot Plant, Dearborn, Michigan

(This is where prototype units were manufactured for testing and research; while these cars were not slated for sale to the public, some may have been used by Ford executives/employees, and later released to dealers for sale/dispersal.)

## MODEL

H ..... Tudor Hardtop

J ..... Tudor Convertible

## CONSECUTIVE UNIT NUMBER

The assembly plant, with each model year, begins with consecutive unit number 100001 and continues on for each unit built.

The highest estimated number is 167456, for 67,456 Thunderbirds of all models being produced in 1959.

## BODY

63A ..... Tudor Hardtop

76A ..... Tudor Convertible

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### PRODUCTION FOR 1959

<u>Model</u>	<u># Built</u>	<u>% Of Production</u>
'H' Hardtop .....	54,041 .....	80.11
'J' Hardtop .....	3,154 .....	4.68
'H' Convertible .....	9,093 .....	13.48
'J' Convertible .....	1,168 .....	1.73
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>67,456 .....</b>	<b>100.00</b>

NOTE: No information has been compiled on export-model cars. "H"-series figures include these units.

## COLOR (see separate chart)

## TRIM (INTERIOR CODES)

Deviation trim sets used existing trim codes plus a suffix. A trim code with a numerical suffix is not serviced, while a trim code with an alphabetical suffix is serviced.

### Vinyl & Nylon Check Fabric with Silver Strand

	<u>Vinyl Bolster</u>	<u>Nylon Check Fabric Insert</u>
1X .....	Dark Blue .....	Light Blue
2X .....	Dark Green .....	Light Green
3X .....	Turquoise .....	Turquoise
4X .....	Black .....	Black & White

### All Vinyl

	<u>Vinyl Bolster</u>	<u>Vinyl Insert</u>
5X .....	Dark Blue .....	Light Blue
6X .....	Dark Green .....	White
7X .....	Turquoise .....	White
8X .....	Black .....	White
9X .....	Red .....	White
5Y .....	Tan .....	White

NOTE: More information is needed on two-toned bolster/insert combination deviation sets.

### All Leather

	<u>Leather Bolster</u>	<u>Leather Inserts</u>
1Y .....	Black .....	Black
2Y .....	Tan .....	Tan
3Y .....	Turquoise .....	Turquoise
4Y .....	Red .....	Red

## DATE

The code letters for the month are preceded by a numeral to show the day of the month when the Thunderbird was completed.

<i>Month</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Code</i>
January .....	A	July .....	G
February .....	B	August .....	H
March .....	C	September .....	J
April .....	D	October .....	K
May .....	E	November .....	L
June .....	F	December .....	M

## TRANS (TRANSMISSION)

1 .....	Standard (3 Spd. Manual)
2 .....	Overdrive
4 .....	3-Speed Cruise-O-Matic

## AXLE (DIFFERENTIAL)

1 .....	3.10:1	3 .....	3.70:1	5 .....	2.91:1
0 .....	2.91:1				
A .....	3.10:1 Equa Lock				
C .....	3.10:1 Equa Lock				
F .....	2.91:1 Equa Lock				

## COLOR CHART

### 1959 Exterior Paint Color Codes

#### SINGLE COLORS

<i>Code</i>	<i>M30J#</i>	<i>Color</i>	<i>Sales Name</i>
A .....	1724	Black	Raven Black
B .....	(Not Used)		
C .....	1168	Blue	Baltic Blue <sup>2</sup>
C .....	1012	Lt. Blue	Wedgewood Blue <sup>4</sup>
D .....	1019	Turquoise	Indian Turquoise
E .....	524	White	Colonial White
F .....	1068	Buff	Hickory Tan <sup>2</sup>
F .....	1016	Tan	Fawn Tan <sup>4</sup>
G .....	1014	Green	Sherwood Green <sup>4</sup>
G .....	1066	Green	Glacier Green <sup>2</sup>
H .....	1015	Bronze Metallic	Tahitian Bronze
I .....	(Not Used)		
J .....	1061	Blue Metallic	Steel Blue Metallic <sup>2</sup>
J .....	1011	Blue Metallic	Surf Blue Metallic <sup>4</sup>
K .....	1073	Gold Metallic	Sandstone Metallic <sup>2</sup>
K .....	1286	Bronze Metallic	Tahitian Bronze Metallic <sup>4*</sup>
L .....	921	Platinum Gray	Diamond Blue <sup>2</sup>
L .....	1284	Blue Metallic	Surf Blue Metallic <sup>4*</sup>
M .....	1067	Beige	Doeskin Beige <sup>2</sup>
M .....	1285	Green Metallic	Sherwood Green Metallic <sup>4*</sup>
N .....	1060	Dk. Blue	Starlight Blue <sup>2</sup>
N .....	1287	Gray Metallic	Gunmetal Gray Metallic <sup>4*</sup>
O .....	(Not Used)		
P .....	Primer		
Q .....	1065	Green Metallic	Sea Reef Green <sup>2</sup>
Q .....	1013	Green Metallic	April Green <sup>4</sup>
R .....	1216	Red	Brandywine Red <sup>1</sup>
R .....	175	Red	Torch Red <sup>4</sup>
S .....	Special		
T .....	1071	Pink	Flamingo <sup>2</sup>
T .....	1018	Geranium	Geranium <sup>4</sup>
U .....	1172	Cordovan Metallic	Cordovan Metallic <sup>1</sup>
V .....	859	Lt. Yellow	Casino Cream <sup>2A</sup>
W .....	1169	Green Metallic	Tamarack Green Metallic <sup>1</sup>
X .....	(Not Used)		
Y .....	641	Gold	Inca Gold <sup>4</sup>
Z .....	979	Lt. Gray Metallic	Platinum Metallic <sup>2A</sup>
Z .....	1206	Lt. Gray Metallic	Gunsmoke Gray Metallic <sup>4</sup>



## COLOR CHART... continued

B	556	Turquoise	Caribbean Turquoise <sup>5</sup>
U	14283	Green	Meadow Green <sup>6</sup>
V	1024	Dk. Blue	Academy Dark Blue <sup>6</sup>
X	358	Yellow	Goldenrod Yellow <sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Thunderbird-only colors

<sup>2A</sup> Thunderbird & Lincoln Continental color

<sup>2B</sup> Thunderbird, Lincoln Continental & Mercury colors

<sup>3</sup> Lincoln-only color, available on T-bird by special order

<sup>4</sup> Ford color, not available on Thunderbird

<sup>4A</sup> Ford Spring color, not available on Thunderbird

<sup>5</sup> Mercury color, not available on T-Bird

<sup>6</sup> Ford Truck only

## 1959 Exterior Paint Color Codes

### TWO-TONE COLORS

<u>Code</u>	<u>Lower Color</u>	<u>Upper Color</u>
AE	Black	White
EA	White	Black
ZA	Lt. Gray Metallic	Black
AZ	Black	Lt. Gray Metallic
ZE	Lt. Gray Metallic	White
EZ	White	Lt. Gray Metallic
RE	Red	White
ER	White	Red
RA	Red	Black
AR	Black	Red
VE	Yellow	White
VA	Yellow	Black
DE	Turquoise	White
ED	White	Turquoise
TE	Pink	White
TA	Pink	Black
KE	Gold Metallic	White
LA	Platinum Gray	Black
LC	Platinum Gray	Blue
CL	Blue	Platinum Gray
CE	Blue	White
EC	White	Blue
CN	Peach	White
KB	Blue	Dk. Blue
NC	Dk. Blue	Blue
JE	Blue Metallic	White
LJ	Platinum Gray	Blue Metallic
JL	Blue Metallic	Platinum Gray
NE	Dk. Blue	White
EN	White	Dk. Blue
GE	Green	White
WE	Green Metallic	White
EW	White	Green Metallic
WG	Green Metallic	Green
GW	Green	Green Metallic
UE	Cordovan Metallic	White
UM	Cordovan Metallic	Beige
FE	Buff	White
EF	White	Buff
FM	Buff	Beige
MF	Beige	Buff
KE	Bronze Metallic	White
QE	Green Metallic	White

**COLOR:** If a special paint is used, the paint color specs will not be stamped. A special color may be indicated in a five-digit DSO/PAO number.

**TWO-TONE:** If a car hardtop is two-toned, a two-letter code is used: the first letter being the Lower Color; the second letter is the Upper (Roof) Color. Available combinations are listed separately.

### CONVERTIBLE TOPS

While the date plate does not indicate the color of convertible top installed, the car's ROT (Build) sheet does. Convertible Top linings were color-coordinated with interiors. Tops available for 1959 included:

<u>Top</u>	<u>Lining</u>
1 - Black (Rayon)	Black
2 - (Blank)	(Blank)
3 - (Blank)	(Blank)
4 - Lt. Blue (Vinyl)	Blue
5 - Turquoise (Vinyl)	Turquoise
6 - White (Vinyl)	Black
7 - White (Vinyl)	Turquoise
8 - White (Vinyl)	Blue
9 - White (Vinyl)	Buff

**NOTE:** See separate chart for color/upholstery combinations.

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# **1960 Thunderbird**

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# '60 Thunderbird Identification

## SERIAL NUMBER

Example: ... 0Y71Y10001  
 0 ..... 1960 Model  
 Y ..... Wixom Assembly Plant  
 71 ..... Tudor Hardtop  
 Y ..... 8 Cyl. 352 ci Engine (4 barrel)  
 100001 ..... First Unit Built

## MODEL YEAR

The number "0" designates 1960.

## ASSEMBLY PLANT

<u>Code</u>	<u>Location</u>
Y .....	Wixom Assembly Plant, Wixom, Michigan
S .....	Pilot Plant, Dearborn, Michigan

(This is where prototype units were manufactured for testing and research; while these cars were not slated for sale to the public, some may have been used by Ford executives/employees, and later released to dealers for sale/dispersal.)

## MODEL

71 ..... Tudor Hardtop\*  
 73 ..... Tudor Convertible  
 \*Sunroof did not receive a separate model number

## ENGINE

J ..... 8-Cylinder 430 Cubic Inch (4-barrel)  
 Y ..... 8-Cylinder 352 Cubic Inch (4-barrel)  
 G ..... 8-Cylinder 352 Cubic Inch (4-barrel)  
 (Low Compression Export, 84 Octane)

## CONSECUTIVE UNIT NUMBER

The assembly plant, with each model year, begins with consecutive unit number 100001 and continues on for each unit built.

The highest estimated number is 192843, for 92,843 Thunderbirds of all models being produced in 1960.

## BODY

63A ..... Tudor Hardtop\*  
 76A ..... Tudor Convertible  
 \*Hardtop with Sliding Roof Panel (Sunroof) was not given a separate body code number: see Roof/Convertible Top notes.

## TRIM (INTERIOR CODES)

Deviation trim sets used existing trim codes plus a suffix. A trim code with a numerical suffix is not serviced, while a trim code with an alphabetical suffix is serviced.

## ALL VINYL

(50 series)

	<u>Vinyl Bolster</u>	<u>Vinyl Insert</u>
52 .....	Dark Blue	Light Blue
53 .....	Dark Green	Lt. Green Met.
54 .....	Dark Beige	Light Beige
55 .....	Red	White
56 .....	Black	White
57 .....	Dark Turquoise	Light Turquoise

**NOTE:** More information is needed on two-toned bolster/insert combination deviation sets.

## VINYL & NYLON CORD FABRIC

(70 series)

	<u>Vinyl Bolster</u>	<u>Nylon Cord Fabric Insert</u>
72 .....	Dark Blue	Light Blue
73 .....	Dark Green	Light Green
74 .....	Dark Beige	Light Beige
75 .....	Black	Light Gray*
76 .....	Black	Light Gray*
77 .....	Dark Turquoise	Light Turquoise

\*'60 Shop Manual lists Black/Lt. Gray as code "75", other literature lists as "76".

## ALL LEATHER

(80 series)

	<u>Leather Bolster</u>	<u>Leather Inserts</u>
82 .....	(Not Used)	
83 .....	(Not Used)	
84 .....	Lt. Beige	Lt. Beige
85 .....	Red	Red
86 .....	Black	Black
87 .....	Med. Turq. Met.	Med. Turquoise

## DATE

The code letters for the month are preceded by a numeral to show the day of the month when the Thunderbird was completed.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Code</u>
January .....	A	July .....	G
February .....	B	August .....	H, V*
March .....	C	September .....	J, W*
April .....	D	October .....	K
May .....	E	November .....	L
June .....	F	December .....	M

\*Note: Production of 1960 Thunderbirds began in mid-August 1959, and ended on September 13, 1960. Cars built in August-September 1960 used codes V and W, respectively, to denote production exceeding 12 months.

## TRANS (TRANSMISSION)

1 .....	Standard (3 Spd. Manual)
2 .....	Overdrive
4 .....	3-Speed Cruise-O-Matic

## AXLE (DIFFERENTIAL)

3 .....	3.10:1	8 .....	2.91:1	9 .....	3.70:1
0 .....	2.91:1	C .....	3.10:1	Equa Lock	

## COLOR CHART

### 1960 Exterior Paint Color Codes — SINGLE COLORS

<u>Code</u>	<u>M30J#</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Sales Name</u>
A .....	1724	Black	Raven Black
B .....	1270	Dark Blue Metallic	Kingston Blue Metallic <sup>2</sup>
C .....	1139	Turquoise	Aquamarine
D .....	1070	Blue-Green Metallic	Sapphire Metallic <sup>3</sup>
E .....	1269	Medium Blue Metallic	Acapulco Blue Metallic <sup>2</sup>
F .....	1226	Light Blue	Skymist Blue
G .....	1262	Buff	Tawney Beige <sup>3</sup>
G .....	1262	Light Yellow	Yosemite Yellow <sup>4</sup> Ford Only
H .....	1230	Beige Metallic	Beachwood Brown Metallic
I .....	1271	Light Turquoise	Pale Turquoise <sup>3</sup>
J .....	1232	Red	Monte Carlo Red
K .....	1233	Turquoise Metallic	Sultana Turquoise Metallic
L .....	1276	Gold Metallic	Gold Dust Metallic <sup>3</sup>
M .....	1238	White	Corinthian White
N .....	921	Platinum	Diamond Blue <sup>2</sup>
N .....	1249	Buff	Sahara Beige <sup>5</sup>
O .....	(Not Used)		
P .....	Primer		
Q .....	1248	Lavender Metallic	Orchid Gray Metallic <sup>4,5</sup> Ford, Comet
R .....	1275	Yellow	Moroccan Ivory <sup>2A</sup>
S .....	1272	Dark Green Metallic	Briarcliffe Green Metallic <sup>2</sup>
T .....	1273	Medium Green Metallic	Meadowvale Green Metallic
U .....	1266	Rose Metallic	Rose Glow Metallic <sup>2A</sup>
V .....	1265	Rose	Palm Springs Rose <sup>2A</sup>
W .....	1274	Light Green	Adriatic Green
X .....	1264	Maroon Metallic	Royal Burgundy Metallic <sup>2</sup>
X .....	1271	Turquoise	Pale Turquoise <sup>5</sup> Mercury only
Y .....	1267	Dark Gray Metallic	Gunpowder Gray Metallic <sup>2</sup>
Z .....	1287	Light Gray Metallic	Platinum Metallic
B .....	556	Turquoise	Caribbean Turquoise <sup>7</sup>
L .....	1237	Green	Holly Green <sup>7</sup>
V .....	1024	Medium Blue	Academy Blue <sup>7</sup>
X .....	358	Yellow	Goldenrod Yellow <sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Thunderbird-only colors

<sup>2</sup> Thunderbird & Lincoln Continental color

<sup>2A</sup> Thunderbird, Lincoln Continental & Mercury colors

<sup>3</sup> Lincoln-only color, available on T-Bird by special order

<sup>4</sup> Ford & Falcon color, not available on Thunderbird

<sup>5</sup> Monterey & Comet color, not available on T-Bird

<sup>6</sup> Falcon Club Wagon only

<sup>7</sup> Falcon Club Wagon & Ford Truck only

<sup>8</sup> Ford Truck only

## COLOR CHART... continued

### 1960 Exterior Paint Color Codes

#### TWO-TONE COLORS

<u>Code</u>	<u>Lower Color</u>	<u>Upper Color</u>
AM	Black	White
MA	White	Black
ZA	Lt. Gray Metallic	Black
AZ	Black	Lt. Gray Metallic
ZM	Lt. Gray Metallic	White
YM	Dk. Gray Metallic	White
JM	Red	White
MJ	White	Red
JA	Red	Black
RM	Yellow	White
RA	Yellow	Black
XM	Burgundy Metallic	White
UM	Rose Metallic	White
VM	Pink	White
VA	Pink	Black
HM	Beige Metallic	White
MH	White	Beige Metallic
KM	Turquoise Metallic	White
MK	White	Turquoise Metallic
CK	Lt. Aqua	Turquoise Metallic
KC	Turquoise Metallic	Lt. Aqua
CM	Lt. Aqua	White
MC	White	Lt. Aqua
FE	Lt. Blue	Med. Blue Metallic
EF	Med. Blue Metallic	Lt. Blue
BN	Dk. Blue Metallic	Ice Blue
NB	Ice Blue	Dk. Blue Metallic
BM	Dk. Blue Metallic	White
MB	White	Dk. Blue Metallic
EM	Med. Blue Metallic	White
ME	White	Med. Blue Metallic
FM	Lt. Blue	White
MF	White	Lt. Blue
NE	Ice Blue	Med. Blue Metallic
EN	Medium Blue Metallic	Ice Blue
FB	Lt. Blue	Dk. Blue Metallic
SM	Dk. Green Metallic	White
MS	White	Dk. Green Metallic
TM	Med. Green Met.	White
MT	White	Med. Green Met.
WM	Lt. Green	White
WT	Lt. Green	Med. Green Met.
TW	Med. Green Met.	Lt. Green
WS	Lt. Green	Dk. Green Met.

**COLOR:** If a special paint is used, the paint color specs will not be stamped. A special color may be indicated in a five-digit DSO/PAO number.

**TWO-TONE:** If a car hardtop is two-toned, a two-letter code is used: the first letter being the Lower Color; the second letter is the Upper (Roof) Color. Available combinations are listed separately.

#### CONVERTIBLE TOPS / SUNROOF

While the data plate does not indicate the color of convertible top installed, the car's ROT (Build) sheet does. Tops available for 1960 included:

- 1 - Black ..... (Green, Turquoise, Gray, Beige Nylon/Vinyl; Green, Turquoise, Black, Red, Beige All Vinyl; Turquoise, Black, Red, Beige Leather interiors)
- 2 - White ..... (All interiors)
- 3 - Blue ..... (All Blue interiors)
- 5 - Sunroof ..... (HT)

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### PRODUCTION FOR 1960

<u>Model</u>	<u># Built</u>	<u>% Of Production</u>
'Y' Hardtop	74,547	80.29
'J' Hardtop	3,900	4.20
'Y' Sunroof	2,159	2.33
'J' Sunroof	377	0.41
'Y' Convertible	10,606	11.42
'J' Convertible	1,254	1.35
<b>Total</b>	<b>92,843</b>	<b>100.00</b>

NOTE: No information has been compiled on export-model cars. "Y"-series figures include these units.

# **1961 Thunderbird**

Identification  
Spec Sheet

# '61 Thunderbird Identification

## SERIAL NUMBER

Example: ... 1Y71Z100001

1 ..... 1961 Model

Y ..... Wixom Assembly Plant

71 ..... Tudor Hardtop

Z ..... 8 Cyl. 390 ci Engine (4 barrel)

100001 ..... First Unit Built

## MODEL YEAR

The number "1" designates 1961.

## ASSEMBLY PLANT

### Code      Location

Y ..... Wixom Assembly Plant,  
Wixom, Michigan

S ..... Pilot Plant, Dearborn, Michigan

(This is where prototype units were manufactured for testing and research; while these cars were not slated for sale to the public, some may have been used by Ford executives/employees, and later released to dealers for sale/dispersal.)

## MODEL

71 ..... Tudor Hardtop

73 ..... Tudor Convertible

## ENGINE

Z ..... 8-Cylinder 390 Cubic Inch (4-barrel)

R ..... 8-Cylinder 390 Cubic Inch (4-barrel)  
(Low Compression Export, 84 Octane)

## CONSECUTIVE UNIT NUMBER

The assembly plant, with each model year, begins with consecutive unit number 100001 and continues on for each unit built.

The highest estimated number is 173051, for 73,051 Thunderbirds of all models being produced in 1961.

## BODY

63A ..... Tudor Hardtop

76A ..... Tudor Convertible

## TRIM (INTERIOR CODES)

Deviation trim sets used existing trim codes plus a suffix. A trim code with a numerical suffix is not serviced, while a trim code with an alphabetical suffix is serviced.

### ALL VINYL (50 series)

#### Vinyl Bolster      Vinyl Insert

52 ..... Med. Blue Met. ..... Med. Blue Met.

53 ..... Lt. Green Met. ..... Med. Green Met.

54 ..... Lt. (Pearl) Beige ..... Lt. (Pearl) Beige

55 ..... Red ..... Red

56 ..... Black ..... Black

57 ..... Med. Turq. Met. ..... Med. Turq. Met.

**NOTE:** More information is needed on two-toned bolster/insert combination deviation sets.

### VINYL & NYLON BEDFORD CORD FABRIC (70 series)

#### Nylon Bedford Cord

#### Vinyl Bolster      Fabric Insert

72 ..... Lt. Blue Morocco Grain ..... Dk. Blue

73 ..... Lt. Green Morocco Grain ..... Med. Green

74 ..... Lt. (Pearl) Beige ..... Med. Beige

75 ..... (Not Used)

76 ..... Black ..... Med. Gray

77 ..... Med. Turquoise Met. ..... Med. Turquoise

### ALL LEATHER (80 series)

#### Leather Bolster      Leather Inserts

82 ..... Med. Blue Met. ..... Med. Blue Met.

83 ..... (Not Used)

84 ..... Lt. (Pearl) Beige ..... Med. Beige

85 ..... Red ..... Red

86 ..... Black ..... Black

87 ..... Med. Turq. Met. ..... Med. Turquoise

## DATE

The code letters for the month are preceded by a numeral to show the day of the month when the Thunderbird was completed.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Code</u>
January .....	A	July .....	G
February .....	B	August .....	H
March .....	C	September .....	J
April .....	D	October .....	K
May .....	E	November .....	L
June .....	F	December .....	M

## TRANS (TRANSMISSION)

4 ..... 3-Speed Cruise-O-Matic

## AXLE (DIFFERENTIAL)

1 .....	3.00:1	(also noted as 3.56:1)
3 .....	3.10:1	
6 .....	3.00:1	
F .....	3.56:1	Equa Lock (also noted as A)
H .....	2.91:1	Equa Lock

## COLOR CHART

### 1961 Exterior Paint Color Codes — SINGLE COLORS

<u>Code</u>	<u>M30J#</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Sales Name</u>
A .....	1724	Black	Raven Black
B .....	1368	Dark Red Metallic	Royal Red Metallic <sup>3</sup>
C .....	1139	Turquoise	Aquamarine
D .....	1361	Light Blue	Starlight Blue
E .....	1364	Medium Green Metallic	Laurel Green Metallic <sup>2</sup>
F .....	1366	Yellow Gold	Desert Gold
G .....	1262	Beige	Tawney Beige <sup>3</sup>
H .....	1367	Dark Blue Metallic	Chesapeake Blue Metallic
I .....	1426	Dark Green Metallic	Green Velvet Metallic <sup>3</sup>
J .....	1232	Red	Monte Carlo Red
K .....	1430	Light Green Metallic	Crystal Green Metallic <sup>3</sup>
K .....	1369	Dark Bronze Metallic	Algiers Bronze Metallic <sup>4</sup>
L .....	1458	Pink	Sahara Rose <sup>2</sup>
M .....	1238	White	Corinthian White
N .....	921	Platinum	Diamond Blue <sup>2</sup>
O .....	1554	Med. Green Metallic	Green Mist <sup>2</sup>
P .....	1370	Dark Gray Metallic	Nautilus Gray Metallic <sup>2</sup>
Q .....	1371	Gray Metallic	Silver Gray Metallic
R .....	1372	Med. Blue Metallic	Cambridge Blue Metallic
S .....	1373	Light Green	Mint Green
T .....	1383	Beige	Honey Beige <sup>2</sup>
U .....	1266	Rose Metallic	Rose Glow Metallic <sup>3</sup>
V .....	1265	Rose	Palm Spring Rose <sup>2A</sup>
W .....	1555	Turquoise Metallic	Garden Turquoise Metallic
X .....	1444	Maroon Metallic	Heritage Burgundy Metallic <sup>2</sup>
Y .....	1425	Brown Metallic	Mahogany Metallic <sup>2</sup>
Z .....	1427	Tan Metallic	Fieldstone Tan Metallic <sup>2</sup>
B .....	556	Turquoise	Caribbean Turquoise <sup>7</sup>
L .....	1237	Green	Holly Green <sup>7</sup>
V .....	1024	Medium Blue	Academy Blue <sup>7</sup>
X .....	358	Yellow	Goldenrod Yellow <sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Thunderbird-only colors

<sup>2</sup> Thunderbird & Lincoln Continental color

<sup>2A</sup> Thunderbird, Lincoln Continental & Mercury colors

<sup>3</sup> Lincoln-only color, available on T-Bird by special order

<sup>4</sup> Ford & Falcon color, not available on Thunderbird

<sup>5</sup> Monterey & Comet color, not available on T-Bird

<sup>6</sup> Falcon Club Wagon only

<sup>7</sup> Falcon Club Wagon & Ford Truck only

<sup>8</sup> Ford Truck only



## COLOR CHART... continued

### 1961 Exterior Paint Color Codes

#### TWO-TONE COLORS

<u>Code</u>	<u>Lower Color</u>	<u>Upper Color</u>
AM ....	Black .....	White
MA ....	White .....	Black
JM .....	Red .....	White
MJ .....	White .....	Red
PM .....	Dark Gray Metallic .....	White
QA .....	Light Gray Metallic .....	Black
QM ....	Light Gray Metallic .....	White
HM ....	Dark Blue Metallic .....	White
RM .....	Medium Blue Metallic ...	White
MR .....	White .....	Med Blue Met.
DM ....	Light Blue .....	White
EM .....	Green Metallic .....	White
ME .....	White .....	Green Metallic
SM .....	Light Green .....	White
WM ....	Turquoise Metallic .....	White
MW ....	White .....	Turquoise Metallic
CM .....	Light Aqua .....	White
TZ .....	Beige .....	Tan
ZM .....	Tan .....	White
MZ .....	White .....	Tan
YM ....	Mahogany Metallic .....	White
FM .....	Gold .....	White
VA .....	Rose .....	Black
VM ....	Rose .....	White
XM ....	Burgundy Metallic .....	White

**COLOR:** If a special paint is used, the paint color specs will not be stamped. A special color may be indicated in a five-digit DSO/PAO number.

**TWO-TONE:** If a car hardtop is two-toned, a two-letter code is used: the first letter being the Lower Color; the second letter is the Upper (Roof) Color. Available combinations are listed separately.

#### CONVERTIBLE TOPS

While the data plate does not indicate the color of convertible top installed, the car's ROT (Build) sheet does. Tops available for 1961 included:

- 1 - Black ..... (Green, Turquoise, Gray, Beige Nylon/Vinyl; Green, Turquoise, Black, Red, Beige All Vinyl; Turquoise, Black, Red, Beige Leather interiors)
- 2 - White ..... (All interiors)
- 3 - Blue ..... (All Blue interiors)

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

##### PRODUCTION FOR 1961

<u>Model</u>	<u># Built</u>	<u>% Of Production</u>
Hardtop .....	62,535 .....	85.60
Convertible .....	10,516 .....	14.40
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>73,051 .....</b>	<b>100.00</b>

# **1962 Thunderbird**

Identification  
Spec Sheet

# '62 Thunderbird Identification

## SERIAL NUMBER

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Example: ... 2Y83Z100001

2 ..... 1962 Model

Y ..... Wixom Assembly Plant

83 ..... Tudor Hardtop

Z ..... 8 Cyl. 390 ci Engine (4 barrel)

100001 ..... First Unit Built

## MODEL YEAR

The number "2" designates 1962.

## ASSEMBLY PLANT

### Code      Location

Y ..... Wixom Assembly Plant, Wixom, MI

S ..... Pilot Plant, Dearborn, MI

(This is where prototype units were manufactured for testing and research; while these cars were not slated for sale to the public, some may have been used by Ford executives/employees, and later released to dealers for sale/dispersal.)

## MODEL

83 ..... Tudor Hardtop

85 ..... Tudor Convertible

87 ..... Tudor Landau\*

89 ..... Tudor Sports Roadster+

\* Early Landaus used '83' code

+ Sports Roadsters built before February 2, 1962 used '85' code: authentication can be verified by consulting car's factory invoice and ROT build sheet.

## ENGINE

M ..... 8-Cylinder 390 Cubic Inch

(6-barrel High Performance)

R ..... 8-Cylinder 390 Cubic Inch (4-barrel)

(Low Compression Export, 84 Octane)

Z ..... 8-Cylinder 390 Cubic Inch (4-barrel)

## CONSECUTIVE UNIT NUMBER

The assembly plant, with each model year, begins with consecutive unit number 100001 and continues on for each unit built.

The highest estimated number is 178011, for 78,011 Thunderbirds of all models being produced in 1962.

## BODY

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63A ..... Tudor Hardtop

63B ..... Tudor Landau\*

76A ..... Tudor Convertible

76B ..... Tudor Sports Roadster (after 2-2-62)+

\* Early Landaus used '63A' code

+ Sports Roadsters built before 2-2-62 used '76A' code: authentication can be verified by consulting car's factory invoice and ROT build sheet.

## TRIM (INTERIOR CODES)

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Deviation trim sets used existing trim codes plus a suffix. A trim code with a numerical suffix is not serviced, while a trim code with an alphabetical suffix is serviced.

### CRINKLE ALL VINYL (50 Series)

#### Vinyl Bolster

#### Vinyl Insert

50 ..... Med. Silver Blue Met. ... Med. Silver Blue Met.

51 ..... (Not Used)

52 ..... Med. Blue Met. .... Med. Blue Met.

53 ..... Lt. Green Met. .... Med. Green Met.

54 ..... Lt. (Pearl) Beige ..... Lt. (Pearl) Beige

55 ..... Red ..... Red

56 ..... Black ..... Black

57 ..... Lt. Turq. Met. .... Lt. Turq. Met.

58 ..... (Not Used)

59 ..... Med. Chestnut Met. ... Med. Chestnut Met.

**CRINKLE VINYL & NYLON  
BEDFORD CORD FABRIC  
(70 Series)**

	<i><u>Vinyl Bolster</u></i>	<i><u>Nylon Bedford Cord Fabric Insert</u></i>
70	..... Lt. Silver Blue Met.	..... Med. Silver
71	..... (Not Used)	
72	..... Lt. Blue	..... Dk. Blue
73	..... (Not Used)	
74	..... Lt. (Pearl) Beige	..... Med. Beige
75	..... (Not Used)	
76	..... Black	..... Med. Gray
77	..... Med. Turquoise Met.	..... Med. Turquoise

**CRINKLE ALL LEATHER (80 Series)**

	<i><u>Leather Bolster</u></i>	<i><u>Leather Insert</u></i>
80	..... Lt. Silver Blue Met.	..... Lt. Slvr. Bl. Met.
81	..... (Not Used)	
82	..... Lt. Blue Met.	..... Lt. Blue Met.
83	..... (Not Used)	
84	..... Lt. (Pearl) Beige	..... Med. Beige
85	..... Red	..... Red
86	..... Black	..... Black
87	..... Med. Turq. Met.	..... Med. Turquoise
88	..... (Not Used)	
89	..... Chestnut Metallic	..... Chestnut Metallic

**DATE**

The code letters for the month are preceded by a numeral to show the day of the month when the Thunderbird was completed.

<i><u>Month</u></i>	<i><u>Code</u></i>	<i><u>Month</u></i>	<i><u>Code</u></i>
January	..... A	July	..... G
February	..... B	August	..... H
March	..... C	September	..... J
April	..... D	October	..... K
May	..... E	November	..... L
June	..... F	December	..... M

**TRANS (TRANSMISSION)**

4	..... 3-Speed Cruise-O-Matic
M	..... Cruise-O-Matic (Heavy Duty)*

\* Found on some 'M' Series cars

**AXLE (DIFFERENTIAL)**

1	..... 3.00:1 (also noted as 3.56:1)
2	..... 3.10:1 *
A	..... 3.00:1 Equa Lock
B	..... 3.10:1 Equa Lock*

\* Found on some 'M' Series cars

**COLOR CHART**

**FORD MOTOR COMPANY COLORS**

Listed below are colors used by Ford Motor Company for their entire line (Ford, Ford Truck, Lincoln and Mercury) during the model year. Some Lincoln-only colors were available on Thunderbirds by special order. If a special paint is used, the paint color specs will not be stamped. A special color may be indicated in a five digit DSO/PAO number.

**1962 Exterior Paint Color Codes — SINGLE COLORS**

<i><u>Code</u></i>	<i><u>M30J#</u></i>	<i><u>Color</u></i>	<i><u>Sales Name</u></i>
A	..... 1724	..... Black	..... Raven Black*
B	..... 1613	..... Med. Turquoise	..... Peacock Blue <sup>4,5</sup>
B	..... 1368	..... Dk. Red Metallic	..... Royal Red Metallic <sup>3</sup>
C	..... 1445	..... Dk. Gray Metallic	..... Oxford Gray Metallic <sup>3</sup>
D	..... 1070	..... Med. Turquoise Met.	..... Patrician Green Metallic <sup>2</sup>
D	..... 1451	..... Blue-Green Metallic	..... Ming Green Metallic <sup>4,5</sup>
E	..... 1269	..... Med. Blue Metallic	..... Acapulco Blue Metallic <sup>2</sup>
E	..... 1448	..... Med. Blue Metallic	..... Viking Blue Metallic <sup>4,5</sup>
F	..... 1449	..... Lt. Blue	..... Baffin Blue <sup>4,5</sup>
F	..... 1226	..... Lt. Blue	..... Sky Mist Blue <sup>2</sup>
G	..... 1446	..... Silver Metallic	..... Silver Mink Metallic <sup>4,5</sup>
H	..... 1447	..... Dk. Blue Metallic	..... Oxford Blue Metallic <sup>4,5</sup>
H	..... 1544	..... Dk. Blue Metallic	..... Caspian Blue Metallic <sup>2</sup>
I	..... 1459	..... Med. Gold Metallic	..... Castillian Gold Metallic
J	..... 1515	..... Red	..... Rangoon Red*
K	..... 1452	..... Lt. Turquoise	..... Chalfonte Blue <sup>2</sup> (also Mercury)
L	..... 1458	..... Pink	..... Sahara Rose <sup>2</sup> (also Mercury)
M	..... 1238	..... White	..... Corinthian White <sup>2*</sup>
N	..... 921	..... Platinum	..... Diamond Blue <sup>2*</sup>

## COLOR CHART... continued

O	1554	Med. Green Metallic	Green Mist <sup>2</sup>
P	1454	Med. Green Met	Silver Moss Metallic
Q	1371	Gray Metallic	Silver Grey Metallic <sup>4,5</sup>
R	1456	Lt. Yellow	Tucson Yellow
S	1453	Dk. Green Metallic	Cascade Green Metallic <sup>2</sup>
T	1543	Beige	Sandshell Beige <sup>6</sup>
U	1450	Dk. Turquoise Met.	Deep Sea Blue Metallic <sup>2</sup> (also Mercury)
V	1470	Chestnut Metallic	Chestnut Metallic <sup>*2</sup> (also Ford)
W	(Not Used)		
X	1444	Maroon Metallic	Heritage Burgundy Metallic <sup>2</sup>
Y	(Not Used)		
Z	1427	Tan Metallic	Fieldstone Tan Metallic
B	556	Turquoise	Caribbean Turquoise <sup>7</sup>
L	1237	Green	Holly Green <sup>7</sup>
V	1024	Medium Blue	Academy Blue <sup>7</sup>
X	358	Yellow	Goldenrod Yellow <sup>7</sup>

\* Sports Roadster color

<sup>1</sup> Thunderbird-only colors

<sup>2</sup> Thunderbird & Lincoln Continental color

<sup>2A</sup> Thunderbird, Lincoln Continental & Mercury colors

<sup>3</sup> Lincoln-only color, available on T-bird by special order

<sup>4</sup> Ford & Falcon color, not available on Thunderbird

<sup>5</sup> Monterey & Comet color, not available on T-Bird

<sup>6</sup> Falcon Club Wagon only

<sup>7</sup> Falcon Club Wagon & Ford Truck only

<sup>8</sup> Ford Truck only

## 1962 Exterior Paint Color Codes

### TWO-TONE COLORS

<u>Code</u>	<u>Lower Color</u>	<u>Upper Color</u>
AM	Black	White
JM	Red	White
MJ	White	Red
FM	Lt. Blue	White
EM	Med. Blue Met.	White
HM	Dk. Blue Met.	White
SM	Dk. Green Met.	White
KM	Lt. Turquoise	White
DM	Med. Turquoise Met.	White
UM	Dk. Turquoise Met.	White
TM	Beige	White
ZM	Tan Met.	White
MZ	White	Tan Met.
VM	Chestnut	White
MV	White	Chestnut Met.
IM	Med. Gold Met.	White
ZT	Tan Met.	Beige
TZ	Beige	Tan Met.
RM	Lt. Yellow	White
LM	Pink	White
XM	Maroon Met.	White

**TWO-TONE:** If a car hardtop is two-toned, a two-letter code is used: the first letter being the Lower Color; the second letter is the Upper (Roof) Color. Available combinations are listed separately.

### CONVERTIBLE TOPS

While the data plate does not indicate the color of convertible top installed, the car's ROT (Build) sheet does. Tops available for 1962 included:

1 - Black	(All Exterior Colors Except Fieldstone Tan)
2 - White	(All Exterior Colors)
3 - Blue	(Exterior Colors: Corinthian White, Diamond Blue, Skymist Blue, Acapulco Blue, Caspian Blue)

### LANDAU VINYL TOPS

While the data plate does not indicate the color of top installed, the car's ROT (Build) sheet does. Colors available for 1962 included:

1 - Black	All Trims
2 - White	All Trims

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### PRODUCTION FOR 1962

<u>Model</u>	<u># Built</u>	<u>% Of Production</u>
'Z' Hardtop	68,105*	87.302
'M' Hardtop	17	0.022
'Z' Landau (incl. in hardtop figures)		
'M' Landau	5	0.006
'Z' Convertible	8,449	10.832
'M' Convertible	8	0.010
'Z' Sports Roadster	1,307	1.675
'M' Sports Roadster	120	0.153
<b>Total</b>	<b>78,011</b>	<b>100.00</b>

# **1963 Thunderbird**

Identification  
Spec Sheet

# '63 Thunderbird Identification

## SERIAL NUMBER

Example: ... 3Y83Z10001

3 ..... 1963 Model

Y ..... Wixom Assembly Plant

83 ..... Tudor Hardtop

Z ..... 8 Cyl. 390 ci Engine (4 barrel)

100001 ..... First Unit Built

## MODEL YEAR

The number "3" designates 1963.

## ASSEMBLY PLANT

### Code      Location

Y ..... Wixom Assembly Plant, Wixom, MI

S ..... Pilot Plant, Dearborn, MI

(This is where prototype units were manufactured for testing and research, while these cars were not slated for sale to the public, some may have been used by Ford executives/employees, and later released to dealers for sale/dispersal.)

## MODEL

83 ..... Tudor Hardtop

85 ..... Tudor Convertible

87 ..... Tudor Landau

89 ..... Tudor Sports Roadster

## ENGINE

M ..... 8-Cylinder 390 Cubic Inch  
(6-barrel High Performance)

Z ..... 8-Cylinder 390 Cubic Inch (4-barrel)

9 ..... 8-Cylinder 390 Cubic Inch (4-barrel)  
(Low Compression Export, 84 Octane)

## CONSECUTIVE UNIT NUMBER

The assembly plant, with each model year, begins with consecutive unit number 100001 and continues on for each unit built.

The highest estimated number is 163313, for 63,313 Thunderbirds of all models being produced in 1963.

## BODY

63A ..... Tudor Hardtop

63B ..... Tudor Landau\*

76A ..... Tudor Convertible

76B ..... Tudor Sports Roadster

\*(Including Lt. Edition Principality of Monaco series)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### PRODUCTION FOR 1963

<u>Model</u>	<u># Built</u>	<u>% Of Production</u>
'Z' Hardtop	42,793	67.58%
'M' Hardtop	13	0.02
'Z' Landau	12,129	19.19
'M' Landau	10	0.01
Lt. Ed. Landau	2,000	3.16
'Z' Convertible	5,895	9.27
'M' Convertible	18	0.03
'Z' Sports Roadster	418	0.66
'M' Sports Roadster	37	0.063
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,313</b>	<b>100.00</b>

## TRIM (INTERIOR CODES)

Deviation trim sets used existing trim codes plus a suffix. A trim code with a numerical suffix is not serviced, while a trim code with an alphabetical suffix is serviced.

### CRINKLE ALL VINYL (50 Series)

	<u>Crinkle</u>	<u>Vachette</u>
	<u>Vinyl Bolster</u>	<u>Vinyl Insert</u>
50	Med. Silver Blue Met. ...	Lt. Silver Blue D/L
51	Lt. Rose Beige D/L	Lt. Rose Beige D/L
52	Med. Blue D/L	Lt. Blue D/L
53	(Not Used)	
54	Lt. (Pearl) Beige	Lt. (Pearl) Beige
55	Red	Red
56	Black	Black
57	Med. Turq. D/L	Lt. Turq. D/L
58	Lt. Gold D/L	Lt. Gold D/L
59	Med. Chestnut D/L	Med. Chestnut D/L

**CRINKLE VINYL & PIN STRIPE  
BROADCLOTH - (70 Series)**

<i>Crinkle</i> .....	<i>Pin Stripe</i>
<u><i>Vinyl Bolster</i></u>	<u><i>Broadcloth Inset</i></u>
70 .....	(Not Used)
71 .....	(Not Used)
72 .....	Lt. Blue D/L ..... Dk. Blue
73 .....	(Not Used)
74 .....	Lt. (Pearl) Beige ..... Med. Beige
75 .....	(Not Used)
76 .....	Black ..... Black
77 .....	Lt. Turquoise D/L ..... Dk. Turquoise
78 .....	(Not Used)
79 .....	(Not Used)

**CRINKLE LEATHER & VACHETTE  
LEATHER - (80 Series)**

<i>Crinkle</i>	<i>Vachette</i>
<u><i>Leather Bolster</i></u>	<u><i>Leather Inset</i></u>
80 .....	(Not Used)
81 .....	(Not Used)
82 .....	Lt. Blue D/L ..... Lt. Blue Met.
83* .....	White ..... White
84 .....	Lt. (Pearl) Beige ..... Med. Beige
85 .....	Red ..... Red
86 .....	Black ..... Black
87 .....	(Not Used)
88 .....	(Not Used)
89 .....	(Not Used)

\*Used in Lt. Edition "Principality of Monaco" Landau only

**DATE**

The code letters for the month are preceded by a numeral to show the day of the month when the Thunderbird was completed.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Code</u>
January .....	A	July .....	G
February .....	B	August .....	H
March .....	C	September .....	J
April .....	D	October .....	K
May .....	E	November .....	L
June .....	F	December .....	M

**TRANS (TRANSMISSION)**

4 .....	3-Speed Cruise-O-Matic
M .....	Cruise-O-Matic (Heavy Duty)*

\* Found on some 'M' Series cars

**AXLE (DIFFERENTIAL)**

1 .....	3.00:1 (also noted as 3.56:1)
2 .....	3.10:1 *
A .....	3.00:1 Equa Lock
B .....	3.10:1 Equa Lock*

\* Found on some 'M' Series cars

**COLOR CHART**

**FORD MOTOR COMPANY COLORS**

Listed below are colors used by Ford Motor Company for their entire line (Ford, Ford Truck, Lincoln and Mercury) during the model year. Some Lincoln-only colors were available on Thunderbirds by special order. If a special paint is used, the paint color specs will not be stamped. A special color may be indicated in a five digit DSO/PAO number.

**1963 Exterior Paint Color Codes — SINGLE COLORS**

<u>Code</u>	<u>M30J#</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Sales Name</u>
A .....	1724	Black .....	Raven Black*
B .....	1613	Med. Turquoise .....	Peacock Blue <sup>5</sup>
C .....	1445	Dk. Gray Metallic .....	Oxford Gray Metallic <sup>3</sup>
D .....	1070	Med. Turquoise Met. ....	Patrician Green Metallic <sup>3</sup>
D .....	1451	Blue-Green Metallic .....	Ming Green Metallic <sup>4</sup>
E .....	1269	Med. Blue Metallic .....	Acapulco Blue Metallic <sup>2</sup>
E .....	1448	Med. Blue Metallic .....	Viking Blue Metallic <sup>4</sup>
F .....		Pink .....	Pink Lustre <sup>5</sup>
G .....	1446	Silver Metallic .....	Silver Mink Metallic <sup>2</sup>
H .....	1447	Dk. Blue Metallic .....	Oxford Blue Metallic <sup>4</sup>
H .....	1544	Dk. Blue Metallic .....	Caspian Blue Metallic <sup>2</sup>
I .....	1459	Med. Gold Metallic .....	Champagne Metallic/Castilian Gold#2*
J .....	1515	Red .....	Rangoon Red*
K .....	1452	Lt. Turquoise .....	Chalfonte Blue <sup>1</sup>
L .....	1458	Pink .....	Sahara Rose <sup>2</sup>
M .....	1238	White .....	Corinthian White #2*
N .....	921	Platinum .....	Diamond Blue <sup>2*</sup>
O .....	1554	Med. Green Metallic .....	Green Mist <sup>2</sup>
P .....	1454	Med. Green Met. ....	Silver Moss Metallic <sup>4</sup>



## COLOR CHART... continued

Q	1552	Red Metallic	Spanish Red Metallic <sup>3</sup>
R	1456	Lt. Yellow	Tucson Yellow <sup>2</sup> (also Mercury)
S	1453	Dk. Green Metallic	Cascade Green Metallic <sup>2</sup>
T	1543	Beige	Sandshell Beige <sup>4</sup>
U	1450	Dk. Turquoise Met.	Deep Sea Blue Metallic <sup>1</sup>
V	1470	Chestnut Metallic	Chestnut Metallic <sup>5</sup>
W	1555	Lt. Pink Metallic	Rose Beige Metallic
X	1444	Maroon Metallic	Heritage Burgundy Metallic
Y	1553	Glacier Blue	Glacier Blue <sup>4</sup>
Z	1427	Tan Metallic	Fieldstone Tan Metallic <sup>1</sup>
B	556	Turquoise	Caribbean Turquoise <sup>7</sup>
C	1525	White	Arctic White <sup>8</sup>
G	1526	Chrome Yellow	School Bus Yellow <sup>8</sup>
K	1618	Gray	Driftwood Gray <sup>7</sup>
L	1237	Green	Holly Green <sup>7</sup>
V	1024	Med. Blue	Academy Blue <sup>7</sup>

\* Sports Roadster color

<sup>1</sup> Thunderbird-only colors

<sup>2</sup> Thunderbird & Lincoln Continental color

<sup>2A</sup> Thunderbird, Lincoln Continental & Mercury colors

<sup>3</sup> Lincoln-only color, available on T-bird by special order

<sup>4</sup> Ford & Falcon color, not available on Thunderbird

<sup>5</sup> Monterey & Comet color, not available on T-Bird

<sup>6</sup> Falcon Club Wagon only

<sup>7</sup> Falcon Club Wagon & Ford Truck only

<sup>8</sup> Ford Truck only

## 1963 Exterior Paint Color Codes

### TWO-TONE COLORS

<i>Code</i>	<i>Lower Color</i>	<i>Upper Color</i>
AM	Black	White
DM	Med. Turquoise Met.	White
EM	Med. Blue Met.	White
HM	Dk. Blue Met.	White
IM	Met. Gold Met.	White
JM	Red	White
MJ	White	Red
KM	Lt. Turquoise	White
LM	Pink	White
NM	Diamond Blue	White
OM	Med. Green Met.	White
RM	Lt. Yellow	White
SM	Dk. Green Met.	White
TM	Beige	White
UM	Dk. Turquoise Met.	White
VM	Chestnut	White
MV	White	Chestnut Met.
WM	Lt. Pink Met.	White
XM	Maroon Met.	White
ZM	Tan Met.	White
MZ	White	Tan Met.
ZT	Tan Met.	Beige
TZ	Beige	Tan Met.

**TWO-TONE:** If a car hardtop is two-toned, a two-letter code is used: the first letter being the Lower Color; the second letter is the Upper (Roof) Color. Available combinations are listed separately.

**CONVERTIBLE TOPS** - While the data plate does not indicate the color of convertible top installed, the car's ROT (Build) sheet does. Tops available for 1963 included:

- 1 - Black All exterior colors except Fieldstone Tan (C) and Sandshell Beige (SR), (special order on Green Mist)
- 2 - White All exterior colors (special order on Green Mist)
- 3 - (Not Used)
- 4 - Blue Exterior colors: Corinthian White, Diamond Blue, Acapulco Blue, Caspian Blue

**LANDAU VINYL TOPS** - While the data plate does not indicate the color of top installed, the car's ROT (Build) sheet does. Colors available for 1963 included:

- A - Black All exterior colors (special order for Green Mist)
- B - White All exterior colors (special order for Green Mist)
- C - Dk. Brown Exterior colors: Corinthian White, Tucson Yellow, Fieldstone Tan, Champagne (special order on the other colors)
- D - Dk. Blue ... Exterior colors: Corinthian White, Silver Mink, Diamond Blue, Acapulco Blue, Caspian Blue (special order on the other colors)
- E - Rose Beige. (White Leather interior - Ltd. Ed. "Monaco" Landau only)

# **1964 Thunderbird**

Identification  
Spec Sheet

# '64 Thunderbird Identification

## SERIAL NUMBER

Example: ... 4Y83Z100001

4 ..... 1964 Model

Y ..... Wixom Assembly Plant

83 ..... Tudor Hardtop

Z ..... 8 Cyl. 390 ci Engine (4 barrel)

100001 ..... First Unit Built

## MODEL YEAR

The number "4" designates 1964.

## ASSEMBLY PLANT

*Code*      *Location*

Y ..... Wixom Assembly Plant, Wixom, MI

S ..... Pilot Plant, Dearborn, MI

(This is where prototype units were manufactured for testing and research; while these cars were not slated for sale to the public, some may have been used by Ford executives/employees, and later released to dealers for sale/dispersal.)

## MODEL

83 ..... Tudor Hardtop

85 ..... Tudor Convertible

87 ..... Tudor Landau

## ENGINE

Z ..... 8-Cylinder 390 Cubic Inch (4-barrel)

9 ..... 8-Cylinder 390 Cubic Inch (4-barrel)  
(Low Compression Export, 84 Octane)

## CONSECUTIVE UNIT NUMBER

The assembly plant, with each model year, begins with consecutive unit number 100001 and continues on for each unit built.

The highest estimated number is 192465, for 92,465 Thunderbirds of all models being produced in 1964.

## BODY

63A ..... Tudor Hardtop

63B ..... Tudor Landau

76A ..... Tudor Convertible

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### PRODUCTION FOR 1964

<i>Model</i>	<i># Built</i>	<i>% Of Production</i>
Hardtop .....	60,552 .....	65.49%
Landau .....	22,715 .....	24.56
Convertible* .....	9,198 .....	9.95
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>92,465 .....</b>	<b>100.00</b>

\*No special designation was made for Convertibles ordered with the Sports Tonneau Cover and Wire Wheels, as the Sports Roadster option was dropped before the model year, and not carried over as a separate model. At least 45 Convertibles (0.049%) were delivered from the factory with Tonneau and Wire Wheels.

### TRIM (INTERIOR CODES)

Deviation trim sets used existing trim codes plus a suffix. A trim code with a numerical suffix is not serviced, while a trim code with an alphabetical suffix is serviced. Codes with an 'A' suffix may indicate use of reclining passenger seat with moveable headrest.

### CRINKLE ALL VINYL (50 Series)

#### *Seats/Panels/Accents*

50,50A ..... Lt. Rose Beige D/L

51,51A,51B .. Lt. Silver Blue

52,52A ..... Lt. Blue D/L

53 ..... White

54,54A,54B .. Lt. Beige

55,55A,55B .. Red

56,56A,56B .. Black

57,57A,57B .. Lt. Turquoise D/L

58,58A ..... Lt. Aztec Gold

59,59A ..... Med. Palomino

**CRINKLE VINYL & POMPEII  
PATTERN CLOTH (70 Series)**

	<i>Crinkle Vinyl</i>	<i>Pompeii Pattern</i>
	<u>Bolsters/Panels</u>	<u>Cloth Inserts</u>
70 .....	(Not Used)	
71,71A .....	Lt. Silver Blue	Lt. (Med.) Silver Blue
72,72A .....	Lt. Blue D/L	Med. Blue
73 .....	(Not Used)	
74,74A .....	Lt. Beige	Lt. Beige
75 .....	(Not Used)	
76,76A .....	Black	Black
77 .....	(Not Used)	
78 .....	(Not Used)	
79 .....	(Not Used)	

**CRINKLE ALL LEATHER (80 Series)**

	<u>Seats/Panels/Accents</u>
80 .....	(Not Used)
81 .....	(Not Used)
82,82A .....	Lt. Blue D/L
83,83A .....	White Crinkle with Black
84 .....	Not Used
85,85A,85B .....	Red Crinkle
86,86A,86B .....	Black Crinkle
87 .....	(Not Used)
88 .....	(Not Used)
89,89A .....	Medium Palomino

**DATE**

The code letters for the month are preceded by a numeral to show the day of the month when the Thunderbird was completed.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Code</u>
January .....	A	July .....	G
February .....	B	August .....	H
March .....	C	September .....	J
April .....	D	October .....	K
May .....	E	November .....	L
June .....	F	December .....	M

**TRANS (TRANSMISSION)**

4 .....

**AXLE (DIFFERENTIAL)**

1 .....	3.00:1
4 .....	3.25:1
A .....	3.00:1 Equa Lock
D .....	3.25:1 Equa Lock

**COLOR CHART**

**FORD MOTOR COMPANY COLORS**

Listed below are colors used by Ford Motor Company for their entire line (Ford, Ford Truck, Lincoln and Mercury) during the model year. Some Lincoln-only colors were available on Thunderbirds by special order. If a special paint is used, the paint color specs will not be stamped. A special color may be indicated in a five digit DSO/PAO number.

**1964 Exterior Paint Color Codes — SINGLE COLORS**

<u>Code</u>	<u>M32J#</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Sales Name</u>
A .....	1724	Black	Raven Black
B .....	1638	Peacock	Pagoda Green
C .....	1620	Gray Metallic	Princeton Gray <sup>2</sup>
D .....	1625	Lt. Green Metallic	Dynasty Green Metallic <sup>3</sup>
E .....	1446	Lt. Gray Metallic	Silver Mink Metallic <sup>1</sup>
F .....	1226	Lt. Blue	Arcadian Blue <sup>1</sup>
F .....	1622	Med. Blue	Guardsman Blue Metallic <sup>3</sup>
G .....	1636	Buff	Prairie Tan
H .....	1544	Dark Blue Metallic	Caspian Blue Metallic <sup>1</sup>
I .....	1635	Aztec Gold	Florentine Green
J .....	1515	Red	Rangoon Red
K .....	1621	Silver	Silver Smoke Grey Metallic <sup>3</sup>
L .....	1637	Bittersweet	Samoan Coral
M .....	1619	White	Wimbledon White
N .....	921	Platinum	Diamond Blue <sup>1</sup>
O .....	1629	Lt. Green Metallic	Silver Green Metallic <sup>1</sup>
P .....	1738	Palomino Metallic	Prairie Bronze Metallic
Q .....	1624	Med. Blue Metallic	Brittany Blue Metallic <sup>1</sup>
R .....	1633	Yellow	Phoenician Yellow

## COLOR CHART... continued

S	1453	Dk. Green Metallic	Cascade Green Metallic <sup>1</sup>
T	1631	Lt. Beige	Navaho Beige
U	1070	Med. Turquoise Metallic	Patrician Green Metallic <sup>1</sup>
V		(Not Used)	
W	1555	Pink Metallic	Rose Beige Metallic #2 <sup>1</sup>
X	1632	Maroon Metallic	Vintage Burgundy
Y	1623	Lt. Blue	Skylight Blue <sup>3</sup>
Z	1630	Med. Beige Metallic	Chantilly Beige
B	556	Green	Caribbean Turquoise <sup>4</sup>
C	1525	Special White (RPO)	Pure White <sup>6</sup>
E	1448	Medium Blue	Viking Blue <sup>5</sup>
G	1526	Chrome Yellow (RPO)	Chrome Yellow <sup>6</sup>
K	1706	Tan	Bengal Tan <sup>4</sup>
L	1237	Dark Green	Holly Green <sup>4</sup>
V	1024	Dark Blue	Academy Blue <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Thunderbird & Lincoln Continental color

<sup>2</sup> Lincoln Continental color, available on T-bird by special order

<sup>3</sup> Ford/Mercury color, not listed for Thunderbird

<sup>4</sup> Falcon Station Bus and Club Wagon only; Truck color also.

<sup>5</sup> Falcon Econoline Deluxe Club Wagon only

<sup>6</sup> Truck color only

## 1964 Exterior Paint Color Codes

### TWO-TONE COLORS

<u>Code</u>	<u>Lower Color</u>	<u>Upper Color</u>
AM	Black	White
BM	Peacock	White
EM	Lt. Blue Met.	White
FM	Med. Blue	White
GM	Buff	White
HM	Dk. Blue Met.	White
IM	Aztec Gold	White
JM	Red	White
LM	Bittersweet	White
NM	Diamond Blue	White
OM	Lt. Green Met.	White
PM	Palomino Met.	White
QM	Med. Blue Met.	White
RA	Yellow	Black
RM	Yellow	White
SM	Dk. Green Met.	White
TM	Beige	White
UM	Med. Turquoise Met.	White
WM	Lt. Pink Met.	White
XM	Maroon Met.	White
ZM	Med. Beige Met.	White

**TWO-TONE:** If a car hardtop is two-toned, a two-letter code is used: the first letter being the Lower Color; the second letter is the Upper (Roof) Color. Available combinations are listed separately.

**CONVERTIBLE TOPS** - While the data plate does not indicate the color of convertible top installed, the car's ROT (Build) sheet does. Tops available for 1964 included:

- 1 - Black
- 2 - White
- 3 - (Not Used)
- 4 - Blue

**LANDAU VINYL TOPS** - While the data plate does not indicate the color of top installed, the car's ROT (Build) sheet does. Colors available for 1964 included:

- A - Black
- B - White
- C - Dk. Brown
- D - Dk. Blue

**NOTE:** 19 Two-Tone combinations were advertised in the 1964 Thunderbird sales brochure. The above listing has 21, based on the assumption that all single colors were available with a White roof; Black roofs are included from data plate listings in **VTCI** files.

# **1965 Thunderbird**

Identification  
Spec Sheet

# '65 Thunderbird Identification

## SERIAL NUMBER

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Example: ... 5Y83Z100001

5 ..... 1965 Model

Y ..... Wixom Assembly Plant

83 ..... Tudor Hardtop

Z ..... 8 Cyl. 390 ci Engine (4 barrel)

100001 ..... First Unit Built

## MODEL YEAR

The number "5" designates 1965.

## ASSEMBLY PLANT

*Code*      *Location*

Y ..... Wixom Assembly Plant, Wixom, MI

S ..... Pilot Plant, Dearborn, MI

(This is where prototype units were manufactured for testing and research; while these cars were not slated for sale to the public, some may have been used by Ford executives/employees, and later released to dealers for sale/dispersal.)

## MODEL

83 ..... Tudor Hardtop

85 ..... Tudor Convertible

87 ..... Tudor Landau\*

\*Shop Manual incorrectly lists Special Landau as a separate code number (81); it was never used.

## ENGINE

Z ..... 8-Cylinder 390 Cubic Inch (4-barrel)

9 ..... 8-Cylinder 390 Cubic Inch (4-barrel)

(Low Compression Export, 84 Octane)

## CONSECUTIVE UNIT NUMBER

The assembly plant, with each model year, begins with consecutive unit number 100001 and continues on for each unit built.

The highest estimated number is 174972, for 74,972 Thunderbirds of all models being produced in 1965.

## BODY

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63A ..... Tudor Hardtop

63B ..... Tudor Landau\*

76A ..... Tudor Convertible

\*Shop Manual incorrectly lists Special Landau as a separate code number (63D); it was never used.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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### PRODUCTION FOR 1965

<i>Model</i>	<i># Built</i>	<i>% Of Production</i>
Hardtop .....	42,652 .....	56.89%
Landau .....	20,974 .....	27.98
Special Landau .....	4,500 .....	6.00
Convertible .....	6,846 .....	9.13
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>74,972 .....</b>	<b>100.00</b>

## TRIM (INTERIOR CODES)

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Deviation trim sets used existing trim codes plus a suffix. A trim code with a numerical suffix is not serviced, while a trim code with an alphabetical suffix is serviced.

### CRINKLE VINYL & POMPEII PATTERN CLOTH

(10 Series)(w/o headrest) (40 Series)(w/ headrest)

*Crinkle Vinyl*      *Pompeii Pattern*

*Bolsters/Panels*      *Cloth Inserts*

12,12A/42,42A .. Lt. Blue D/L .. Med. Blue

16,16A,46,46A .. Black .. Black

19/49 .. Med. Palomino Med. Palomino

### CRINKLE ALL VINYL

(20 Series)(w/o headrest) (50 Series)(w/ headrest)

*Seats/Panels/Accents*

20/50 .. White (not listed in '65 Soft Trim Catalog)

21/51 .. Lt. Silver Mink Metallic

22/52 .. Lt. Blue Metallic

23/53 .. Burgundy

24/54 .. Lt. Beige Metallic

25/55 .. Red

26/56 .. Black

27/57 .. Lt. Turquoise Metallic

28/58 .. Lt. Ivy Gold Metallic

29/59 .. Med. Palomino

### CRINKLE ALL LEATHER

(30 Series)(w/o headrest) (60 Series)(w/ headrest)  
Seats/Panels/Accents

30/60 ..... White Pearl (not in '65 Soft Trim Catalog)  
32/62 ..... Lt. Blue (Low Metallic)  
33/63 ..... Burgundy  
35/65 ..... Red  
36/66 ..... Black  
39/69 ..... Medium Palomino (Leather Print)

### PARCHMENT CRINKLE ALL VINYL WITH EMBERGLO ACCENTS - D SERIES SPECIAL LANDAU

(7D)(w/o headrest) (XD)(w/ headrest)

Seat/Panels      Accents  
7D/XD ..... Parchment ..... Emberglo

### WHITE PEARL CRINKLE ALL VINYL WITH COLOR-KEYED ACCENTS

G-Series (w/o headrest) P-Series (w/ headrest)

Seat/Panels      Accents  
G2/P2 ..... White ..... Blue  
G3/P3 ..... White ..... Burgundy  
G4/P4 ..... White ..... Beige  
G5/P5 ..... White ..... Red  
G6/P6 ..... White ..... Black and White  
G7/P7 ..... White ..... Aqua  
G8/P8 ..... White ..... Ivy Gold  
G9/P9 ..... White ..... Palomino

### WHITE PEARL CRINKLE ALL LEATHER WITH COLOR-KEYED ACCENTS

H-Series (w/o headrest) Q-Series (w/ headrest)

Seat/Panels      Accents  
H2/Q2 ..... White ..... Blue

H3/Q3 ..... White ..... Burgundy  
H4/Q4 ..... White ..... Beige  
H5/Q5 ..... White ..... Red  
H6/Q6 ..... White ..... Black and White  
H7/Q7 ..... White ..... Aqua  
H8/Q8 ..... White ..... Ivy Gold  
H9/Q9 ..... White ..... Palomino

### DATE

The code letters for the month are preceded by a numeral to show the day of the month when the Thunderbird was completed.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Code</u>
January	A	July	G
February	B	August	H
March	C	September	J
April	D	October	K
May	E	November	L
June	F	December	M

### TRANS (TRANSMISSION)

4 ..... 3-Speed Cruise-O-Matic\*  
C ..... (See Note 1 below)  
6 ..... 3-Speed Cruise-O-Matic\*

NOTE: 1: Code 'C' found on submitted Member Survey. \*The '65 Shop Manual incorrectly lists '6'.

### AXLE (DIFFERENTIAL)

1 ..... 3.00:1      4 ..... 3.25:1      5 ..... 3.50:1  
6 ..... 2.80:1  
A .. 3.00:1 Equa Lock      D .. 3.25:1 Equa Lock  
E ... 3.50:1 Equa Lock      F ... 2.80:1 Equa Lock

### COLOR CHART

#### FORD MOTOR COMPANY COLORS

Listed below are colors used by Ford Motor Company for their entire line (Ford, Ford Truck, Lincoln and Mercury) during the model year.

#### 1965 Exterior Paint Color Codes — SINGLE COLORS

<u>Code</u>	<u>M32J#</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Sales Name</u>
A	1724	Black	Raven Black
B	1450	Dk. Turquoise Metallic	Midnight Turquoise Metallic <sup>1</sup>
C	1736	Med. Ivy Gold Metallic	Honey Gold Poly
D	1625	Med. Turquoise Metallic	Dynasty Green <sup>4</sup>
E	1446	Med. Silver Mink Metallic	Silver Mink Metallic <sup>2</sup>
F	1226	Lt. Blue	Arcadian Blue <sup>2</sup>
G	1743	Lt. Ivy Gold	Pastel Yellow <sup>2</sup>
H	1544	Dk. Blue Metallic	Caspian Blue Metallic
I	1737	Lt. Beige Metallic	Champagne Beige <sup>3</sup>
J	1515	Red	Rangoon Red
K	1621	Silver	Silver Smoke Gray Metallic <sup>4</sup>
L	1740	Lilac Mist Metallic	Heather Metallic <sup>3</sup>
M	1619	White	Wimbledon White
N	.921	Platinum	Diamond Blue <sup>2</sup>
O	1732	Lt. Turquoise	Tropical Turquoise <sup>4</sup>



## COLOR CHART... continued

P	1738	Palomino Metallic	Prairie Bronze Metallic
Q	1624	Med. Blue Metallic	Brittany Blue Metallic <sup>2</sup>
R	1879	Dk. Ivy Green Metallic	Ivy Green Metallic
S	1744	Dk. Gray Metallic	Charcoal Gray Metallic <sup>2</sup>
T	1631	Lt. Beige	Navaho Beige <sup>1,7</sup>
U	1070	Med. Turquoise Metallic	Patrician Green Metallic <sup>2</sup>
V	1921	Emberglo Metallic	Emberglo <sup>5</sup>
W	1555	Pink Metallic	Rose Beige Metallic #2 <sup>1</sup>
X	1632	Maroon Metallic	Vintage Burgundy
Y	1269	Med. Blue Metallic	Silver Blue <sup>4</sup>
Z	1630	Med. Beige Metallic	Chantilly Beige
3	1730	Vermillion	Poppy Red <sup>6</sup>
4	1734	Lt. Aqua	Frost Turquoise <sup>2</sup>
5	1731	Dk. Turquoise Metallic	Twilight Turquoise <sup>4</sup>
7	1633	Yellow	Phoenician Yellow
B	556	Turquoise	Caribbean Turquoise <sup>7</sup>
C	1525	Special White (RPO)	Pure White <sup>8</sup>
G	1526	Chrome Yellow (RPO)	Chrome Yellow <sup>8</sup>
K	1706	Tan	Bengal Tan <sup>7</sup>
L	1237	Dark Green	Holly Green <sup>7</sup>
W	1742	Medium Blue	Marlin Blue <sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Thunderbird color only

<sup>2</sup> Thunderbird & Lincoln Continental color

<sup>3</sup> Lincoln Continental color, available on T-bird by special order

<sup>4</sup> Ford/Mercury color, not listed for Thunderbird

<sup>5</sup> Thunderbird Special Landau & Mustang only

<sup>6</sup> Mustang only

<sup>7</sup> Falcon Station Bus and Club Wagon only:  
Truck color also.

<sup>8</sup> Truck color only

## 1965 Exterior Paint Color Codes

### TWO-TONE COLORS

<i>Code</i>	<i>Lower Color</i>	<i>Upper Color</i>
AM	Black	White
BM	Dk. Turquoise Met.	White
CM	Med. Ivy Gold Met.	White
EA	Lt. Gray Met.	Black
EM	Lt. Gray Met.	White
EN	Lt. Gray Met.	Platinum
FM	Med. Blue	White
GM	Lt. Ivy Gold	White
HM	Dk. Blue Met.	White
JA	Red	Black
JM	Red	White
NM	Platinum	White
PM	Palomino Met.	White
QM	Med. Blue Met.	White
RM	Dk. Ivy Green Met.	White
SM	Dk. Gray Met.	White
TM	Lt. Beige	White
UM	Med. Turquoise Met.	White
WA	Lt. Pink Met.	Black
WM	Lt. Pink Met.	White
XA	Maroon Met.	Black
XM	Maroon Met.	White
ZM	Med. Beige Met.	White
4M	Lt. Aqua	White
7A	Yellow	Black
7M	Yellow	White

**TWO-TONE:** If a car hardtop is two-toned, a two-letter code is used: the first letter being the Lower Color; the second letter is the Upper (Roof) Color. Available combinations are listed separately.

**NOTE:** 24 Two-Tone combinations were advertised in the 1965 Thunderbird sales brochure: all single colors were available with a White roof; Black roofs are included from data plate listings in VTCI files.

**CONVERTIBLE TOPS** - While the data plate does not indicate the color of convertible top installed, the car's ROT (Build) sheet does. Tops available for 1965 included:

- 1 - Black
- 2 - White
- 3 - (Not Used)\*
- 4 - Blue

\*Tan is listed in the 1965 Soft Trim Catalog

**LANDAU VINYL TOPS** - While the data plate does not indicate the color of top installed, the car's ROT (Build) sheet does. Colors available for 1965 included:

- A - Black
- B - White
- C - Dk. Brown
- D - Dk. Blue
- H - Parchment (Special Landau only)

# **1966 Thunderbird**

Identification  
Spec Sheet

# '66 Thunderbird Identification

## SERIAL NUMBER

Example: ... 6Y83Z10001

6 ..... 1966 Model  
Y ..... Wixom Assembly Plant  
83 ..... Tudor Hardtop  
Z ..... 8 Cyl. 390 ci Engine (4 barrel)  
100001 ..... First Unit Built

## MODEL YEAR

The number "6" designates 1966.

## ASSEMBLY PLANT

<u>Code</u>	<u>Location</u>
Y	Wixom Assembly Plant, Wixom, MI
S	Pilot Plant, Dearborn, MI

(This is where prototype units were manufactured for testing and research; while these cars were not slated for sale to the public, some may have been used by Ford executives/employees, and later released to dealers for sale/dispersal.)

## MODEL

81 ..... Tudor Town Hardtop (Blind Qtr. Roof-Ptd.)  
83 ..... Tudor Hardtop (Conventional Roof)  
85 ..... Tudor Convertible  
87 ..... Tudor Town Landau (Blind Qtr. Roof-Vinyl)

## ENGINE

Q ..... 8-Cylinder 428 Cubic Inch (4-barrel)  
Z ..... 8-Cylinder 390 Cubic Inch (4-barrel)  
8 ..... 8-Cylinder 390 Cubic Inch (4-barrel)  
(Low Compression Export, 84 Octane)

## CONSECUTIVE UNIT NUMBER

The assembly plant, with each model year, begins with consecutive unit number 100001 and continues on for each unit built.

The highest estimated number is 169176, for 69,176 Thunderbirds of all models being produced in 1966. However, **VTCI** has recorded higher numbers (169461): more research is needed to verify production figures given.

## BODY

63A ..... Tudor Hardtop (Conventional Roof)  
63C ..... Tudor Town Hardtop (Blind Qtr. Roof-Ptd.)  
63D ..... Tudor Town Landau (Blind Qtr. Roof-Vinyl)  
76A ..... Tudor Convertible

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### PRODUCTION FOR 1966

<u>Model</u>	<u># Built</u>	<u>% Of Production</u>
Hardtop	13,389	19.35%
Town Hardtop	15,633	22.60
Town Landau	35,105	50.75
Convertible	5,049	7.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>69,176*</b>	<b>100.00</b>

\*Production may have exceeded numbers shown, based on recorded Consecutive Unit Numbers higher than the Estimated Highest Serial Number: more research is required to verify.

NOTE: Breakdowns for the optional 'Q' 428/ "7 Litre" engine were not compiled by Ford. More research is needed to compile these figures. 'Q' production may have exceeded 15% of total production.

## TRIM (INTERIOR CODES)

Deviation trim sets used existing trim codes plus a suffix. A trim code with a numerical suffix is not serviced, while a trim code with an alphabetical suffix is serviced. Codes are listed for interiors with and without reclining passenger seat with headrest.

### CRINKLE VINYL & CLOTH

#### 10-Series (w/o headrest) 40-Series (w/ headrest)

	<u>Crinkle Vinyl</u>	<u>Cloth</u>
	<u>Bolsters/Panels</u>	<u>Inserts</u>
12/42	Dk. Blue D/L	Dk. Blue
16/46	Black	Black
17/46	Aqua	Aqua
1D/4D	Parchment	Parchment

### CRINKLE ALL VINYL

#### 20-Series (w/o headrest) 50-Series (w/ headrest)

	<u>Seats/Panels/Accents</u>
21/51	Lt. Silver Mink Metallic

22/52	.....	Dk. Blue Metallic
23/53	.....	Burgundy
24/54	.....	Emberglo
25/55	.....	Red
26/56	.....	Black
27/57	.....	Aqua (Lt. Turquoise)
28/58	.....	Lt. Ivy Gold Metallic

**CRINKLE ALL LEATHER**

**60-Series (w/ headrest)**

Seat/Panels/Accents

62	.....	Dk. Blue
65	.....	Red
66	.....	Black

**PARCHMENT CRINKLE ALL VINYL WITH COLOR-KEYED ACCENTS**

**B-Series (w/o headrest) K-Series (w/ headrest)**

Seat/Panels ... Accents

B2/K2	.....	Parchment	.....	Blue
B3/K3	.....	Parchment	.....	Burgundy
B4/K4	.....	Parchment	.....	Emberglo
B6/K6	.....	Parchment	.....	Black
B7/K7	.....	Parchment	.....	Turquoise
B8/K8	.....	Parchment	.....	Gold
B9/K9	.....	Parchment	.....	Palomino

**WHITE PEARL CRINKLE ALL VINYL WITH COLOR-KEYED ACCENTS**

**G-Series (w/o headrest) P-Series (w/ headrest)**

Seat/Panels Accents

G1/P1	.....	White	.....	Silver Mink
G2/P2	.....	White	.....	Blue
G3/P3	.....	White	.....	Burgundy
G4/P4	.....	White	.....	Emberglo
G6/P6	.....	White	.....	Black and White
G7/P7	.....	White	.....	Turquoise
G8/P8	.....	White	.....	Gold
G9/P9	.....	White	.....	Palomino

**ALL LEATHER WITH COLOR-KEYED ACCENTS**

**L-Series (w/ headrest)**

Seat/Panels Accents

L2	.....	White	.....	Blue
L3	.....	White	.....	Burgundy
L4	.....	White	.....	Emberglo
L6	.....	White	.....	Black
L7	.....	White	.....	Turquoise
L8	.....	White	.....	Gold
L9	.....	White	.....	Palomino

**DATE**

The code letters for the month are preceded by a numeral to show the day of the month when the Thunderbird was completed.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Code</u>		
January	.....	A	July	.....	G
February	.....	B	August	.....	H
March	.....	C	September	.....	J
April	.....	D	October	.....	K
May	.....	E	November	.....	L
June	.....	F	December	.....	M

**TRANS (TRANSMISSION)**

4	.....	3-Speed C6 Dual Range Automatic
8	.....	3-Speed Cruise-O-Matic

NOTE: '66 Shop Manual has notation switched. Code '8' dropped after beginning of November '65.

**AXLE (DIFFERENTIAL)**

1	.....	3.00:1	3	.....	3.20:1	6	.....	2.80:1
A	..	3.00:1 Equa Lock	F	..	2.80:1 Equa Lock			

NOTE: Additional two-digit codes appear on cars built before October 18, 1965 (18K); these include:

01	.....	3.00:1	11	.....	3.00:1	0A	..	3.00:1 Equa-Lock
1A3.00:1	Equa-Lock	6A	..	2.80:1 Equa-Lock				

**COLOR CHART**

**1966 Exterior Paint Color Codes — SINGLE COLORS**

<u>Code</u>	<u>M32J#</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Sales Name</u>			
A	.....	1724	.....	Black	.....	Raven Black
B	.....	1911	.....	Lt. Beige Metallic	.....	Sundust Beige Metallic <sup>2</sup>
C	.....	1900	.....	Dk. Executive Grey Metallic	.....	Coventry Grey Metallic <sup>5</sup>
D	.....	(Not Used)				
E	.....	1446	.....	Medium Silver Mink Metallic	.....	Silver Mink Metallic <sup>2</sup>
F	.....	1226	.....	Light Blue	.....	Arcadian Blue <sup>2</sup>
G	.....	1905	.....	Medium Blue Metallic	.....	Sapphire Blue <sup>1</sup>
H	.....	1912	.....	Light Beige	.....	Saraha Beige
I	.....	(Not Used)				
J	.....	(Not Used)				
K	.....	1903	.....	Dark Blue Metallic	.....	Nightmist Blue Metallic
L	.....	1917	.....	Ivy Yellow	.....	Honeydew Yellow <sup>4</sup>
M	.....	1619	.....	White	.....	Wimbledon White

## COLOR CHART... continued

N	921	Platinum	Diamond Blue <sup>2</sup>
O	1920	Rose Metallic	Silver Rose <sup>2</sup>
P	1910	Medium Palomino Metallic	Antique Bronze Metallic
Q	1624	Medium Blue Metallic	Brittany Blue Metallic <sup>2</sup>
R	1879	Dark Green Metallic	Ivy Green Metallic
S	1744	Dark Gray Metallic	Charcoal Frost Metallic <sup>3</sup>
T	2008	Red	Candyapple Red
U	1070	Medium Turquoise Metallic	Tahoe Turquoise Metallic
V	1921	Emberglo Metallic	Emberglo Metallic
W	(Not Used)		
X	1632	Maroon Metallic	Vintage Burgundy
Y	1269	Medium Blue Metallic	Silver Blue
Z	1915	Medium Sage Gold Metallic	Sauterne Gold Metallic
1	(Note 1)		
2	1907	Dark Turquoise Metallic	Mariner Turquoise <sup>2</sup> (also Mercury)
4	1901	Medium Silver Metallic	Sheffield Silver Metallic <sup>4</sup>
5	2025	Red	Signal Flare Red <sup>6</sup>
7	1633	Yellow	Phoenician Yellow*
8	1955	Yellow	Jamaican Yellow <sup>4</sup>
B	556	Turquoise	Caribbean Turquoise <sup>7</sup>
C	1525	Special White (RPO)	Pure White <sup>8</sup>
G	1526	Chrome Yellow (RPO)	Chrome Yellow <sup>8</sup>
J	1515	Red	Rangoon Red <sup>7</sup>
K	1706	Tan	Bengal Tan <sup>7</sup>
L	1237	Dark Green	Holly Green <sup>7</sup>
W	1742	Medium Blue	Marlin Blue <sup>7</sup>
3	1623	Light Blue (San Jose)	Skylight Blue <sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Thunderbird color only

<sup>2</sup> Thunderbird & Lincoln Continental color

<sup>3</sup> Lincoln Continental color, available on T-bird by special order

<sup>4</sup> Ford/Mercury color, not listed for Thunderbird

<sup>5</sup> Mercury color, not listed for Thunderbird

<sup>6</sup> Mustang only

<sup>7</sup> Falcon Station Bus and Club Wagon only: Truck color also.

<sup>8</sup> Truck color only

(Note 1) The 1966 Thunderbird Shop Manual lists Rose Metallic (#1920) as code '1': paint code charts list it as '0'.

\*Indicates code found on **VTCI** Owners Surey not listed in sales literature.

## 1966 Exterior Paint Color Codes

### TWO-TONE COLORS

<u>Code</u>	<u>Lower Color</u>	<u>Upper Color</u>
AM	Black	White
AL	Black	Ivy Yellow*
BA	Light Beige Met.	Black
BM	Light Beige Met.	White
EA	Med. Silver Mink Met.	Black
EM	Med. Silver Mink Met.	White
EN	Med. Silver Mink Met.	Platinum
FK	Lt. Blue	Dk. Blue Met.
FM	Lt. Blue	White
GM	Med. Blue Met.	White
HA	Lt. Beige	Black
HM	Lt. Beige	White
KF	Dk. Blue Met.	Lt. Blue
KM	Dk. Blue Met.	White
LA	Ivy Yellow	Black
LM	Ivy Yellow	White
LR	Ivy Yellow	Dk. Green Met.
NM	Platinum	White
OA	Rose Metallic	Black

OM	Rose Metallic	White
PM	Med. Palomino Met.	White
QF	Med. Blue Met.	Lt. Blue
QK	Med. Blue Met.	Dk. Blue Met.
QM	Med. Blue Met.	White
RM	Dk. Green Met.	White
TA	Red	Black
TM	Red	White
UM	Med. Turquoise Met.	White
VM	Emberglo Met.	White
XA	Maroon Met.	Black
XM	Maroon Met.	White
ZA	Med. Sage Gold Met.	Black
ZM	Med. Sage Gold Met.	White
ZR	Med. Sage Gold Met.	Dk. Green Met.
ZM	Dk. Turquoise Met.	White

\*Indicates code found on **VTCI** Owner Survey not listed in sales literature.

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**TWO-TONE:** If a car hardtop is two-toned, a two-letter code is used: the first letter being the Lower Color; the second letter is the Upper (Roof) Color. Available combinations are listed separately.

**CONVERTIBLE TOPS** - While the data plate does not indicate the color of convertible top installed, the car's ROT (Build) sheet does. Tops available for 1966 included:

- S - Black
- T - White
- U - (Not Used)
- V - Blue

**LANDAU VINYL TOPS** - While the data plate does not indicate the color of top installed, the car's ROT (Build) sheet does. Colors available for 1966 included:

- 1 - (Not Used)
- 2 - Black
- 3 - White
- 4 - 6 (Not Used)
- 7 - Sage Gold
- 8 - Parchment

# **1967 Thunderbird**

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# '67 Thunderbird Identification

## SERIAL NUMBER

Example: ...7Y81Z10001  
 7.....1967 Model  
 Y.....Wixom Assembly Plant  
 81.....Tudor Hardtop  
 Z.....8 Cyl. 390 ci Engine  
           (4-barrel)  
 10001.....First Unit Built

## MODEL YEAR

The number "7" designates 1967.

## ASSEMBLY PLANT

Code    Location  
 Y.....Wixom Assembly Plant, MI

## MODEL

81.....Tudor Hardtop (Painted Roof)  
 82.....Tudor Hardtop Landau (Vinyl Roof)  
 84.....Fordor Landau Sedan

## ENGINE

Z.....8-Cylinder 390 ci (4-barrel)  
 Q.....8-Cylinder 428 ci (4-barrel)

## CONSECUTIVE UNIT NUMBER

The assembly plant with each model year begins with consecutive unit number 100001 and continues on for each unit built.

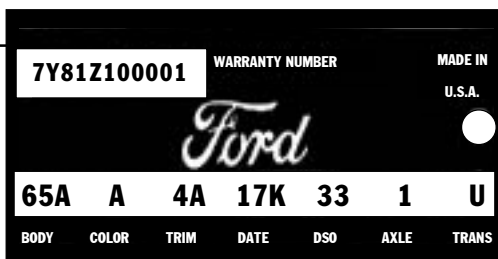
The highest estimated number is 177956, for 77,956 Thunderbirds of all models produced in 1967.

## BODY

65A.....Tudor Hardtop  
           (Painted Roof Coupe)  
 65B.....Tudor Hardtop Landau Coupe  
 57B.....Fordor Landau Sedan

## CHASSIS INFORMATION

The 1967 Thunderbird utilized a body on frame construction with coil springs used at both front and rear. The body was a stiff unit type mounted on a perimeter frame utilizing torque boxes.



'67 Thunderbird Data Plate

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### PRODUCTION FOR 1967

<u>Model</u>	<u># Built</u>	<u>% Of Production</u>
Tudor Hdtp.....	15,567.....	20
Tudor Landau.....	37,422.....	48
Fordor Sedan.....	24,967.....	32

Some early 1967s had 1966 390 engines used as evidenced by the "flattop" squared valve covers. Mid-year 1967 models then went to a rounded "Powered by Ford" valve cover. The specifications of the engines however, remained the same. Obviously during the production changeover, the '66 engines with the square valve covers were simply placed in the then new body/chassis.

## REAR AXLE CODE

<u>Ratio</u>	<u>Locking</u>	<u>Code</u>
3.00:1 .....	A .....	1
2.80:1 .....	— .....	6

## TRANSMISSION CODE

<u>Type</u>	<u>Code</u>
Automatic (C6) .....	U



# '67 Thunderbird Identification

## TRIM (INTERIOR CODES)

All Vinyl	
2A, 5A*	Black
2B	Dark Blue
2U, 5U	Parchment
2F	Saddle
2D	Red (2dr. Models)
2K	Light Aqua
2G	Lt. Ivy Gold

\*denotes trims for optional reclining seat.

## Luxury Cloth and Vinyl

*Bolster/Panels Cloth Insert*

8A, 4A*	Black	Black
8B, 4B	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
8U, 4U*	Parchment	Parchment
8K, 4K*	Lt. Aqua	Lt. Aqua
8G, 4G	Lt. Ivy Gold	Lt. Ivy Gold
8D, 4D	Burgundy	Burgundy
8L, 4L*	Lt. Silver (4dr)	Lt. Silver

## Luxury All-Leather

HA, LA*	Black
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## 1967 EXTERIOR PAINT CODES - Solid Exterior

<u>Code</u>	<u>M-30-J</u>	<u>M-32-J</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Sales-Name</u>
A	1724-A		Black	Raven-Black
B	1734-A		Lt. Aqua	Frost Turquoise
C	1900-A		Dk. Gray	Charcoal Gray
E	2045-A		Md. Beige	Bge Mist Met.
F	1226-A		Lt. Blue	Arcadian Blue
H	2067-A		Dmd. Green	Diamond Green
K	1903-A		Dk. Blue Metallic	Nightmist Blue
M	1619-A		White	Wimbledon White
N	921-A		Platinum	Diamond Blue
P	2065-A		Pewter Metallic	Pewter Mist
Q	1624-A		Med. Blue Metallic	Brittany Blue
R	1879-A		Dk. Green Metallic	Ivy Green
T	2008-A		Red	Candy Apple Red
U	1070-A		Med. Turquoise Met.	Tah. Turquoise
V	2066-A		Bronze Metallic	Burnt Amber
X	1632-A		Maroon	Met. Vin. Burgundy
Z	1915-A		Med. Gold Metallic	Sauterne Gold
2	1633-A		Yellow	Phoenician Yellow
4	1901-A		Med. Gray Metallic	Silver Frost
6	1631-A		Lt. Beige	Pebble Beige

## TWO-TONE EXTERIOR COLORS

### Code   Lower Color   Upper Color

AM	Black	White	KM	Dk. Blue Met.	White
TM	Red	White	KF	Dk. Blue Met.	Lt. Blue
TA	Red	Black	QM	Med. Blue Met.	White
CM	Dk. Gray Met.	White	QF	Med. Blue Met.	Lt. Blue
4M	Med. Gray Met.	White	QK	Med. Blue Met.	Dk. Blue Met.
4A	Med. Gray Met.	Black	FM	Lt. Blue	White
			NM	Platinum	White

## **TWO-TONE EXTERIOR COLORS**

### **Code   Lower Color   Upper Color**

UM.....	Med. Turq. Met.	.....	White
UB.....	Med. Turq. Met.	.....	Lt. Aqua
BM.....	Lt. Aqua.....		White
RM.....	Dk. Green Met.	.....	White
RH.....	Dk. Green Met.	.....	Dmd. Green
RZ.....	Dk. Green Met.	.....	Md. Gold Met.
ZM.....	Med. Gold Met.	.....	White
ZA.....	Med. Gold Met.	.....	Black
HM.....	Dmd. Green.....		White
2M.....	Yellow.....		White
2A.....	Yellow.....		Black
EM.....	Med. Beige Met.	.....	White
E6.....	Med. Beige Met.	.....	Lt. Beige
EA.....	Med. Beige Met.	.....	Black
6M.....	Lt. Beige.....		White
6A.....	Lt. Beige.....		Black
PM.....	Pewter Met.	.....	White
PA.....	Pewter Met.	.....	Black
VM.....	Bronze Met.	.....	White
VA.....	Bronze Met.	.....	Black
XM.....	Maroon Met.	.....	White
XA.....	Maroon Met.	.....	Black

## **DATE**

A numeral will precede the letter code to indicate which day of the month the Thunderbird was built. A second year code was used if the model exceeds 12 months.

<b><u>Month - Yr. 1</u></b>	<b><u>Yr. 2</u></b>	<b><u>Month - Yr. 1</u></b>	<b><u>Yr. 2</u></b>
January.....	A.....N	July.....	G.....U
February.....	B.....P	August.....	H.....V
March.....	C.....Q	September...J.....	W
April.....	D.....R	October.....	K.....X
May.....	E.....S	November...L.....	Y
June.....	F.....T	December...M.....	Z

## **DISTRICT CODES (DSO)**

Units built on a Domestic Special Order, Foreign Special Order, or other special orders will have the complete order number in this space. The two-digit code number of the District which ordered the car. If the unit is a regular production unit, only the District Code will appear.

<b><u>Code</u></b>	<b><u>District</u></b>	<b><u>Code</u></b>	<b><u>District</u></b>
11	Boston	17	Washington
13	New York	21	Atlanta
15	Newark	22	Charlotte
16	Philadelphia	24	Jacksonville

<b><u>Code</u></b>	<b><u>District</u></b>	<b><u>Code</u></b>	<b><u>District</u></b>
25	Richmond	55	St. Louis
27	Cincinnati	61	Dallas
28	Louisville	62	Houston
32	Cleveland	63	Memphis
33	Detroit	64	New Orleans
34	Indianapolis	65	Ok. City
35	Lansing	71	Los Angeles
37	Buffalo	72	San Jose
38	Pittsburgh	73	Salt Lk. Cty.
41	Chicago	74	Seattle
42	Fargo	75	Phoenix
43	Milwaukee	81	Ford of Cnda.
44	Twin Cities	83	Government
45	Davenport	84	Hm. Offc. Res.
51	Denver	85	Am. Rd. Cross
52	Des Moines	89	Trans.Services
53	Kansas Cty.	90-99	Export
54	Omaha		

## **(RPO) REGULAR PRODUCTION OPTIONS**

- Engines- 345 HP 428 CID 4-V
- Power Antenna- Retracting
- Power Deck Lid Release
- Power Seats- 6 way Driver Only
- Power Windows
- Battery, Heavy Duty (80 Amp)  
390 Engine Only
- Limited Slip Differential
- Air Conditioning- Select Aire
- Glass- Tinted with Windshield Band
- Highway Pilot Speed Control with Steering Wheel Controls
- Radio, AM, Stereosonic Tape System
- Radio, AM/FM- Dual Rear Speakers
- Radio, AM/FM Multiplex Stereo
- Reclining Passenger Seat w/headrest
- Convenience Control Panel- Includes: Door Warning Light; Speed Actuated Power Door Locks; Low Fuel Warning Light; Emergency Flashers and Seat Belt Light.
- Shoulder Harness- Front
- Dual Speakers- Rear Seat, AM only
- Accent Stripe, Body Stripe
- Paint, Two Tone
- Protection Group- Includes Color Keyed Mats, License Frames, and Door Edge Guards
- SL Interior- Unique Seat Trim, Woodgrain applique
- Deluxe Wheel Covers- Styled Steel
- Deluxe Wheel Covers- Spinner
- Tires; 8.15 x 15; White Sidewalls w/Red Bands
- Extra Heavy Cooling System (Std. w/AC)
- Suspension- Heavy Duty
- Exhaust Emission Control System

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## SERIAL NUMBER

Example: ...8Y83N10001  
 8.....1968 Model  
 Y.....Wixom Assembly Plant  
 83.....Tudor Hardtop  
 N.....8 Cyl. 429 ci Engine (4-Brl)  
 100001.....First Unit Built

## MODEL YEAR

The number "8" designates 1968.

## ASSEMBLY PLANT

Code    Location  
 Y ..... Wixom Assembly Plant, MI  
 J ..... Los Angeles, CA

## MODEL

83 ..... Tudor Hardtop (Painted Roof)  
 84 ..... Tudor Hardtop Landau (Vinyl Roof)  
 87 ..... Fordor Landau Sedan

## ENGINE

Z ..... 8-Cylinder 390 ci (4-barrel)  
 N ..... 8-Cylinder 429 ci (4-barrel)  
 Q ..... 8-Cylinder 428 ci (4-barrel)  
 8 ..... 8-Cylinder 428 Low Compression  
           (4-barrel for export)

## CONSECUTIVE UNIT NUMBER

The assembly plant with each model year begins with consecutive unit number 100001 and continues on for each unit built.

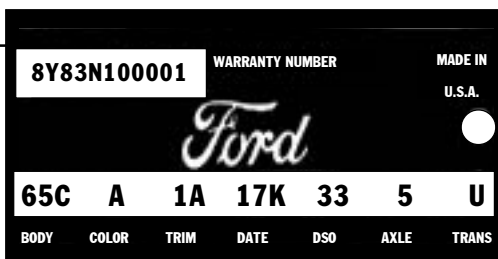
The highest estimated number is 164931, for 64931 Thunderbirds of all models produced in 1968.

## BODY

65C ..... Tudor Hardtop  
           (Painted Roof Coupe)  
 65D ..... Tudor Hardtop Landau Coupe  
 57C ..... Fordor Landau Sedan

## CHASSIS INFORMATION

The 1968 Thunderbird continued the body on frame construction from the previous year.



'68 Thunderbird Data Plate

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### PRODUCTION FOR 1968

<u>Model</u>	<u># Built</u>	<u>% Of Production</u>
Tudor Hardtop.....	9,977.....	15.4
Tudor Landau.....	37,422.....	50.8
Fordor Sedan.....	24,967.....	33.8

While the 390 engine once again appeared as the standard Thunderbird engine, this would be its last appearance. While two 428 engines are listed, some very early '68's may have received what were essentially leftover '67 428's. The 429 made its debut and gave the Thunderbird a better edge against its competition in the late 60's.

## REAR AXLE CODE

<u>Ratio</u>	<u>Locking</u>	<u>Code</u>
3.00:1 .....	E .....	5
2.80:1 .....	C .....	3
2.50:1 .....		0

## TRANSMISSION CODE

<u>Type</u>	<u>Code</u>
Automatic (C6) .....	U

## MISCELLANEOUS

For the first time in its history, the Thunderbird was also assembled at a plant in Los Angeles, California.

Until this time, all Thunderbirds were assembled in Wixom, MI. The LA plant is designated by a "J" rather than a "Y".

# '68 Thunderbird Identification

## TRIM (INTERIOR CODES)

All Vinyl	
1A, 3A*	Black
2B	Dark Blue
2U,4U	Parchment
8F, 4F	Saddle
2D	Red (2dr. Models)
2K	Light Aqua
2G	Lt. Ivy Gold
2Y	Nugget Gold

\*denotes trims for optional reclining seat.

## Luxury Cloth and Vinyl

*Bolster/Panels Cloth Insert*

1A, 3A*	Black	Black
2B, 4B*	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
2U, 4U*	Parchment	Parchment
1K, 3K*	Lt. Aqua	Lt. Aqua
1G, 3G	Lt. Ivy Gold	Lt. Ivy Gold
8D, 4D	Burgundy	Burgundy
1Y, 3Y	Nugget Gold	Nugget Gold

## Luxury All-Leather

8A	Black
8F	Saddle

## 1968 EXTERIOR PAINT CODES - Solid Exterior

<u>Code</u>	<u>M-30-J</u> <u>M-32-J</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Sales-Name</u>
A	1724-A	Black	Raven-Black
B	1734-A	Maroon	Royal Maroon
E	2045-A	Md. Beige	Bge Mist Met.
H	2067-A	Dmd. Green	Diamond Green
M	1619-A	White	Wimbledon White
N	921-A	Platinum	Diamond Blue
P	2065-A	Pewter Metallic	Pewter Mist
Q	1624-A	Med. Blue Metallic	Brittany Blue
R	1879-A	Dk. Green Metallic	Ivy Green
T	2008-A	Red	Candy Apple Red
U	1070-A	Med. Turquoise Met.	Tah. Turquoise
V	1226-A	Lt. Blue	Arcadian Blue
W	2066-A	Yellow	Phoenician Yellow
X	1903-A	Dk. Blue Met.	Nightmist Blue
6	1631-A	Lt. Beige	Pebble Beige

## TWO-TONE EXTERIOR COLORS

### Code   Lower Color   Upper Color

AM	Black	White	RH	Dk. Green Met.	Dmd. Green
TM	Red	White	HM	Dmd. Green	White
TA	Red	Black	WM	Yellow	White
QM	Med. Blue Met.	White	WA	Yellow	Black
QF	Med. Blue Met.	Lt. Blue	EM	Med. Bge. Met.	White
NM	Platinum	White	E6	Med. Bge. Met.	Lt. Bge.
UM	Med. Turq. Met.	White	EA	Md. Bge. Met.	Black
RM	Dk. Green Met.	Dmd. Grn/	6M	Lt. Bge.	White
			6A	Lt. Bge.	Black

## TWO-TONE EXTERIOR COLORS

### Code Lower Color Upper Color

PM .....	Pewter Met. ....	White
PA .....	Pewter Met. ....	Black
VM .....	Lt. Blue .....	White
VA .....	Lt. Blue .....	Black
BM .....	Maroon Met. ....	White
BA .....	Maroon Met. ....	Black

## DATE

A numeral will precede the letter code to indicate which day of the month the Thunderbird was built. A second year code was used if the model exceeds 12 months.

<u>Month - Yr. 1</u>	<u>Yr. 2</u>	<u>Month - Yr. 1</u>	<u>Yr. 2</u>		
January .....	A .....	N	July .....	G .....	U
February .....	B .....	P	August .....	H .....	V
March .....	C .....	Q	September ..	J .....	W
April .....	D .....	R	October .....	K .....	X
May .....	E .....	S	November ...	L .....	Y
June .....	F .....	T	December ...	M .....	Z

## DISTRICT CODES (DSO)

Units built on a Domestic Special Order, Foreign Special Order, or other special orders will have the complete order number in this space. The two-digit code number of the District which ordered the car. If the unit is a regular production unit, only the District Code will appear.

<u>Code</u>	<u>District</u>		
		43	Milwaukee
11	Boston	44	Twin Cities
13	New York	45	Davenport
15	Newark	51	Denver
16	Philadelphia	52	Des Moines
17	Washington	53	Kansas Cty.
21	Atlanta	54	Omaha
22	Charlotte	55	St. Louis
24	Jacksonville	61	Dallas
25	Richmond	62	Houston
27	Cincinnati	63	Memphis
28	Louisville	64	New Orleans
32	Cleveland	65	Ok. City
33	Detroit	71	Los Angeles
34	Indianapolis	72	San Jose
35	Lansing	73	Salt Lk. Cty.
37	Buffalo	74	Seattle
38	Pittsburgh	75	Phoenix
41	Chicago	81	Ford of Cnda.
42	Fargo	83	Government

<u>Code</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>District</u>
84	Hm. Offc. Res.	89	Trans. Svcs
85	Am. Rd. Cross	90-99	Export

## (RPO) REGULAR PRODUCTION OPTIONS

- Engines- 345 HP 428 CID 4-V (early)
- Engines- 360 HP 429 CID 4-V (std. Mid yr.)
- Power Antenna- Retracting
- Power Deck Lid Release
- Power Seats- 6 way Driver Only
- Flight Bucket Seats and Console
- Front Cornering Lights
- Power Windows
- Battery, Heavy Duty (80 Amp) 390 Engine Only
- Limited Slip Differential
- Air Conditioning- Select Aire
- Glass- Tinted with Windshield Band
- Highway Pilot Speed Control with Steering Wheel Controls
- Radio, AM, Stereosonic Tape System
- Radio, AM/FM- Dual Rear Speakers
- Radio, AM/FM Multiplex Stereo
- Reclining Passenger Seat w/headrest
- Brougham Cloth Interior Trim
- Brougham Leather & Vinyl Interior (Bucket Seats)
- Convenience Control Panel- Includes: Door Warning Light; Speed Actuated Power Door Locks; Low Fuel Warning Light; Emergency Flashers and Seat Belt Light.
- Dual Speakers- Rear Seat, AM only
- Accent Stripe, Body Stripe
- Protection Group- Includes Color Keyed Mats, License Frames, and Door Edge Guards
- Deluxe Wheel Covers- Styled Steel
- Deluxe Wheel Covers- Spinner
- Tires; 8.15 x 15; White Sidewalls w/Red Bands
- Extra Heavy Cooling System (Std. w/AC)
- Suspension- Heavy Duty
- Exhaust Emission Control System

## OTHER CHANGES

The Thunderbird for 1968 received a new grill and half front bumper with a painted valance below with air inlets. Front side markers were standard, with a cornering light option available.

Bucket seats were now optional to move the Thunderbird into a 6 seater to compete with the likes of the Riviera and Toronado along with new floating caliper front disc brakes replacing the '65-67 discs.