

Elvis and his cars



Elvis Presley had a fondness for cars, especially Cadillacs, and his collection included a pink 1954 Fleetwood Series 60, a 1956 Cadillac Eldorado, a 1977 Cadillac Seville, and a Stutz Blackhawk, among others.

Here's a more detailed look at some of Elvis's notable cars:

- **Cadillacs**
 - **1954 Cadillac Fleetwood Series 60 (Pink):** This was one of his most iconic cars, a gift to his mother and a symbol of his early success.



- **1956 Cadillac Eldorado:** He had this purple Cadillac customised, and it's on display at Graceland's Auto Museum.



- **1977 Cadillac Seville:** He bought this two-tone maroon and silver Seville as a gift for his father.
- **Cadillac DeVille station wagon:** Elvis had a pink Cadillac DeVille station wagon that became his daily driver at Graceland.

- **Other Notable Cars**

- **1957 BMW 507:** Elvis owned a BMW 507, a rare and valuable car.



- **Stutz Blackhawk:** He was the first person to own a Stutz Blackhawk and his favourite car of the 1970s was his 1973 Stutz Blackhawk III.
- **Rolls-Royce Phantom V:** In January 1961, Elvis signed a 5-year contract with Hal Wallis. To celebrate he went out and bought a Rolls Royce

Phantom V from a Beverly Hills dealer only to bring it home and have his mothers' chickens peck away at their reflections in the elegant finish. Most people would have just shot the birds but Elvis just chose to have the car repainted four or five times.

- **Mercedes-Benz 600:** It was intended to be driven primarily by a chauffeur, not the owner, thus a power divider window separating the front seats from the rear bench seat was available.



- **De Tomaso Pantera:** Elvis bought a 1971 De Tomaso Pantera for his girlfriend Linda Thompson.
- **Ferrari Dino 308 GT4** purchased second hand in October 1976 on a payment plan with one instalment at \$20,583. This car is currently on display at Graceland.



- **1960 Lincoln Continental Mark 5** was specially ordered by Elvis in the summer of 1959 while in the Army and stationed in Germany.
- **1956 Messerschmitt KR200:** Elvis owned a Messerschmitt KR200, a small two-seater car.



Interesting fact: “It isn't clear how Elvis acquired his KR200, but he resisted the temptation to return to sender and instead swapped it with a menswear shop owner called Bernard Lansky in exchange for a shopping spree. Presley got a set of new duds, Lansky kept the Messerschmitt from 1957 to his death in 2004.”

Stories about Elvis and cars

The story of how Elvis dealt with a rude car salesman.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ui6OC9TcOwk>

Elvis's abandoned limo found in junkyard! 1963 Pink Cadillac: Will it run?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ulOHdCUXz6s>

Elvis stories with his mechanic, Billy Strawn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8wC1uOXfe1w>

A Cadillac from Elvis!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4rev24nfbwE>

Is Elvis' Limo still haunted?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O9tl-AyPvWg>

Interesting reads

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